

October Meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter
October 12, 2013 – Marcia's Garage

Vice President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:42pm with 14 members present.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Steve Schwellenbach and accepted. Steve also reported there are Oahe ABATE long sleeve T-shirts available if anyone wants one.

Membership Secretary Bonnie London reported there are 69 total members. Minutes of last meeting were accepted as submitted.

State Representative Lori Butler reported that the State membership is at 1580 members. Oahe has gained 11 new members so far this year; we have to get our current members to renew!

Legislative Officer discussed the handle bar height and vertical plate issues. It's been difficult collecting info on tickets for the handle bar height. We've distributed 5,000 of the cards but not one email has come in. We still may be able to pursue the vertical plate issue again thru administrative action and not legislation; IMPAC has work to do with our lobbyist on how to present this again in a better way. If anyone is interested in serving on IMPAC get a hold of John Steele as there will be an IMPAC meeting in November.

Grant money is available but we need to come up with new ideas, Jiggs is looking into causation studies, other ideas brought up included safety training for junior high students. Any ideas are welcome.

Freedom Fighter Memorial work continues, research is being done for a sign. Work also continues on selling advertising spots on the skills maps to help fund the printing costs. Jiggs, John Steele, and Al Luze attended MOTM; we agreed to donate some state products to their fundraiser as well as our annual donation to the MRF. The Two-Wheel Trauma course was not well attended but those that attended enjoyed the presentation. Another course of this kind may be held again next year but possibly in Spearfish.

South Dakota is two years out from hosting Heartland STEAM.

Next State meeting will be November 16th at the Pierre American Legion at 1pm. Members are encouraged to attend.

Road Captain Dennis Bruce had nothing to report.

Old Business:

The age of attendees at the Fun Run reviewed as anyone under the age of 18 can go on the Poker Run on Saturday but come 6pm anyone that doesn't have an armband that was received at the gate will be asked to leave with all members checking for armbands.

Brad Bruns had a lead on a trailer that can be modified for use as a Beer Wagon but hasn't gotten any more information but the trailer is still a possibility. He hopes to have more information at the November meeting.

All repairs to the stage will be put off until spring to prevent weathering over the winter.

Nominations of last month were:

Vice President – Brad Bruns

Treasurer – Steve Schwellenbach

Secretary – Marcia Kaup

Event Coordinator – Kurt Bower

Membership Secretary – Julie Roussel

More nominations were submitted for:

Membership Secretary – Bonnie London & Jolene Juneau.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Kip Eickoff

Road Captain – Dennis Bruce.

Nominations can still be submitted next month before voting takes place.

Christmas Party/Toy Run committee members consisting of Kevin, Marcia, Kurt, Brandon, Bill, Sheri and Bonnie will meet Monday, October 15 at 7:30pm at Whiskey River to begin

planning for the event. Bring any ideas you have to the meeting on Monday or call Brandon or Marcia. Prizes will be 1st place – Flat Screen TV; 2nd place – Beef Bucks; 3rd place – 100 Gas Card. There will be a raffle for a “Mystery Prize” open to ABATE members in attendance. We should begin selling as soon as possible. Contact Brandon and Marcia for tickets.

Map Box is at Steve’s and he will get it painted.

New Business:

Oahe ABATE was selected to decorate a tree at the Capitol this year. Bonnie, Marcia and Sheri offered to decorate and will be doing that on November 23 or 24th. If you have any ideas or items that can be used (will be returned to you) for the theme of “Christmas in the Great Outdoors” let any of us know!

Brad mentioned having patches made in memory of Tony Deters. Brad will form a committee to research design and cost and will report back at the November meeting.

Legislative Days are January 16, 17 & 18. Some discussion was held. Joe won’t be in town at that time and said the only person who needed to be following up with is Pier 347. Lori has all the information.

Toy Drive was discussed with several ideas of how to promote the event. Sheri will try to get some ahead of time promoting at Capitol Journal. Several other ideas were mentioned regarding different businesses in town. Any ideas can be made to the Christmas Party/Toy Run committee members listed above.

Marcia will contact the AG office to see how Oahe ABATE can be added to the “Charity List” that Joe was told about at the last Pie Day at the capitol.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 9th at Marcia’s garage at 6:30pm. There will be a 50/50 drawing and SOL drawing along with a Potluck after the meeting. Bring a dish to pass if you like. Changes of meeting place will be posted at <http://oaheabate.com>.

With no more discussion to be held Kip motioned the meeting adjourn; Bill seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Joe Kelley won the 50/50 drawing and donated a portion back to ABATE. Thanks Joe! Ryan Ellerton was drawn for SOL but was not present so missed out on winning the pot. The SOL pot continues to grow to a more impressive amount! You can’t win if you don’t attend!

Marcia Kaup - Oahe ABATE Secretary

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