

January Meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter
January 11, 2014– Bill's Garage

President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:39pm with 12 members present. Treasurer Steve Schwellenbach gave the Treasurer's Report and was accepted.

Membership Secretary Bonnie London reported there are 63 members according to ABATE of South Dakota count.

Secretary Marcia Kaup asked if there were any changes to last months' minutes. None were reported so the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Brandon reported for State Representative Lori Butler that all members are encouraged to attend ABATE Legislative Days January 16-18. The agenda can be found on our chapter's website at www.oaheabate.com. On Thursday the 16th, Jiggs Cressy, John Steele and Dianna Miller will meet with state officials from Highway Safety, law enforcement and the licensing division to discuss the grant, handlebar height and the vertical plate issues. The result of this meeting will be discussed at the Thursday social so plan to attend the social and hear about this. The next state meeting is Saturday, January 18th at 10am at the Legion, all members are encouraged to attend. The Zzen Chapter provides a nice breakfast prior to the meeting and you'll be sure to hear about a lot of important legislative issues at this meeting so it's a good one to attend. The 89th Legislative Session begins on January 14th, be sure to check out the Legislative page on the state website (www.abatesd.com) for updates on bills of interest to our organization.

There was no Road Captain report.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on getting the stage re-planked this spring with prices discussed and to get the new trailer modified to become the beer wagon. Different methods were discussed and will be discussed more when the weather gets warmer and the work can be done.

Legislative Days are January 16, 17 & 18. There will be a Meet & Greet for the Legislators on Thursday evening. Friday members are encouraged to partake in activities at the Capitol from 7 to 10 am. A group picture will be taken with Governor Daugaard at 10 am and tours of the Capitol will be given to anyone interested. Lunch will be served by Sioux Falls Chapter at 11:30 am. Opening ceremonies will take place in the Senate and House chambers at 1 pm. Auggie & Sunshine will be delivering the opening prayers. There will be sessions held at the Legion beginning at 2:30. The menu for Friday night will be a potato bar with different toppings and condiments. Marcia, Tina, Jolene and Bonnie will taking care of it. Awards will be given following supper and a social hour will follow. Breakfast on Saturday will be provided by the Zzen Chapter and the State BOD meeting will start at 10 am. Members are welcome to attend any and all activities. For more information see <http://oaheabate.com>. Joe motioned to donate like amounts to the SD ABATE general fund and to IMPAC. Dennis Schmidt seconded the motion and it carried. State dues will also be paid at the BOD meeting on Saturday. Everyone was encouraged to attend and wear your leathers.

Brad reported that he hasn't had the time to work on the memorial patch for Tony Deters. Sheri & Bill have gathered the information and Brad said he will let them handle it.

Nothing has been heard about another benefit planned for Shelly. Brad made a motion to give a certain amount directly to her. Kip seconded and the motion carried.

New Business:

The scholarship was discussed and there will be a \$300 scholarship given to one person who will be graduating from high school from the Ft. Pierre and Pierre schools. Bonnie will contact the schools and get a new application to them.

The Awareness Run will be held on May 16 along with the State Poker Run and BOD Meeting. Brandon will check with the city of Ft. Pierre to see if Lily Park would be available to hold a picnic after the dice run and BOD meeting. More discussion will be held at future meetings.

Brad Bruns asked if ABATE would make a donation to the St Patrick Day Dart Tournament in return for advertising. Joe motioned to give a donation for the dart tournament. Marcia seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8 at 6:30 pm at Bill's garage (202 S. Madison St). A 50/50 drawing and SOL drawing along with a Potluck will take place after the meeting. Bring a dish to pass if you like. Guests are welcome and encouraged. Changes of meeting place will be posted at <http://oaheabate.com>.

With no more discussion to be held Marcia motioned the meeting adjourn; Ryan seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

Koz won the 50/50 drawing. Dennis Stout was drawn for SOL but was not present so was SOL and the pot continues to grow!! You can't win if you don't attend!

Marcia Kaup - Oahe ABATE Secretary

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Only 67 days until the first day of Spring!