

Oahe Abate Chapter
April 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm. Lori led the Pledge of Allegiance. Six officers and thirteen other members were in attendance.

Tara advised the minutes were in the newsletter and on the website. Brett made a motion to approve them. Abe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lori read Gina's Treasurer's Report. Abe made a motion to approve it. Angie seconded it. Motion carried.

Angie provided the membership report. We have one renewal and 2 new memberships for a total of 87.

Clint, as Road Captain, encouraged the group to get out and ride. He is planning a couple of rides to be announced a little later.

Lori provided the State Representative report. She thanked Jamie for subbing for her at the State Board of Director's meeting. Lori advised the members the State is looking for a products manager. She reminded the members who want to receive the newsletter by email instead of mail just need to let her know. The next State Rep meeting will be May 16, 2026, at The Moose in Ft. Pierre.

Abe advised he received an insurance quote for the Fun Run in the amount of \$667.39. Jess has submitted the Fun Run shirt designs and will soon be sharing the link to website where they can be ordered. Jim Mehlhaff advised Oahe Abate his band is unable to play for us this year, so we are still looking for a band to play Sat. night. The Fun Run route is yet to be determined. We will call to reserve the portapotties and dumpsters closer to the event. The planning committee will get together again to finish finalizing plans.

Clint asked if we should fix up the picnic tables this year. The members agreed we should. Having a meeting at the site was recommended so we could make the repairs at the same time. Tara made a motion to allow spending up to \$500 to fix the tables. Abe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Members discussed where to get firewood for the Fun Run. Lonnie offered wood from his place if we are willing to cut dead trees down. Clint offered to get prices from someone he knows who sells and delivers firewood too.

Brandon will visit with Chris about building/setting up some kind of bar for the Fun Run.

Old Business

Brandon provided a quote for the Joe Kelly (2x3) badges, which is 25 badges for \$207. Lonnie made a motion to order 25 and do pre-orders if more are needed. David seconded it. Motion carried.

Clint provided handouts for the Awareness Run on May 16th. The plan is to have people get a stamp at each stop, and participants will be encouraged to support the businesses they stop at. He also provided a copy of the waiver we will be requiring. As previously agreed, the end stop will be Fun Time Adventures. Angie has the rules drawn up and will make copies of them once they are finalized.

Lori and Brandon provided a brief summary of the Heartland STEAM Conference. Things of interest included Minnesota adding a new "bike" class for eBikes, bringing the number of bike classes to 4. Abe also attended and said he was intrigued by the way Minnesota is holding their safety training courses. The next conference will be in Nebraska on April 2-4, 2027.

Using our scholarships to pay for the safety course for young members was suggested and the members liked the idea. They will have to decide what age group to offer them to. The safety courses this year begin May 23, July 24, Aug. 1. We need to figure out how to withdraw money from our investment account.

Bonnie announced scholarship recipients need to be selected by April 24th, and she needs help selecting our recipients. Brandon, LaCrista, Clint, and Angie volunteered.

New Business

Brett and Denicka announced the 2nd Annual James Hicks Memorial Bull Riding will be Saturday, September 19, 2027. They are looking for volunteers to gather donations. They are also looking for band recommendations. They plan to release the flyer and start getting the word out next month. They said money raised by the memorial will be given to the local rodeo club. Abate was invited to donate and/or help find sponsors. Brett and Denicka will keep Abate posted on any updates.

The next meeting will be May 9th at Ravens at **5:30**.

Lori made a motion to adjourn. David seconded it. Motion carried.

50/50 was won by Lori Butler. SOL was won by Randi Spaid.