

September Meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter
September 14, 2013 – Okobojo Point
Camping Weekend and PJ Party

President Shelly Schaefer called the meeting to order at 6:36pm with 17 members present.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Steve Schwellenbach and accepted. Steve also reported a Thank You note was received from Kaiden Karst who won the scholarship. The Incorporation Charter fee was paid to the Secretary of State.

Membership Secretary was absent but the latest member sheet shows 64 total members. Secretary Marcia Kaup noted there was one change to the July minutes and that was for the winner of the Walking Poker Run at the Fun Run. The correction was made to the minutes that were published in the Freedom Flyer. No other changes requested so they were accepted with the one change.

State Representative Lori Butler reported that the State membership is at 1662 members, overall for the year we're up 208 members. Oahe has only gained 7 new members so far this year, it's very important that we get our current members to renew.

HR1861, the bill to stop motorcycle only checkpoints, now has 32 sponsors signed on but more are needed for it to be seriously considered. Rep. Noem has still not signed on as a sponsor so please continue to contact her office and ask for her support – DC Office# 202-225-2801.

The chapter challenge for donations to print more skill maps has so far been met by Oahe, Those Guys, and the Lewis & Clark chapters. We're also working on getting sponsorships/advertising money from the large campgrounds around Sturgis to help pay for another large printing of maps.

Elections were held, all were unopposed. Results: State Coordinator – Jiggs Cressy; Secretary – Bobbie Matthews; Legislative Officer – John Steele

Next State meeting will be September 21st at the Pierre American Legion at 1pm. Members are encouraged to attend.

Road Captain Dennis Bruce was absent.

Old Business:

Age of attendees at the Fun Run was discussed. Tina motioned that 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. Motion was seconded by Kevin. Motion carried.

Brad Bruns has a lead on a trailer that can be modified for use as a Beer Wagon. More discussion will be held at the October meeting.

All repairs to the stage will be put off until spring to prevent weathering over the winter. The stage has been rented out twice in the coming weeks.

Discussion on fundraising was held. More ABATE T-shirts have been ordered. Candle sales and Minnow Races were discussed with no decision made at this time. Whiskey River and Bogey's have "ABATE" jars. Please support these places.

New Business:

Nominations were submitted for:

Vice President – Brad Bruns

Treasurer – Steve Schwellenbach

Secretary – Marcia Kaup

Event Coordinator – Kurt Bowers

Membership Secretary – Julie Roussell

Also up for nominations is Sergeant-at-Arms and Road Captain. There were no nominations for those positions at this time.

Discussion was held on how to attract more members. Everyone should use whatever tactic they choose to encourage more members to join.

Discussion was held on the Christmas Party in December. A motion was made by Monte that the Event Coordinator put together a committee to organize the Christmas Party. Kip seconded and the motion carried. Several volunteered to help. 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.

Map Box painting and what can be put inside will be discussed next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12 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 Brandon motioned the meeting adjourn; Kip seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Kurt Bowers won the 50/50 drawing and donated a portion back to ABATE. Thanks Kurt.

Steve Rhode was drawn for SOL but was not present so missed out on winning the pot.

The SOL pot has grown to a pretty impressive amount! You can’t win if you don’t attend!

Marcia Kaup - Oahe ABATE Secretary

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