

April Meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter

April 11, 2013 ~ Brandon's Man Cave

President Shelley Schafer called the meeting to order at 6:37pm with 18 members and two guests present. The Treasurer's Report was given by Steve Schwellenbach and accepted. Membership Secretary was absent but it was reported that there are 74 members. March minutes were amended to clarify the change in the by-law regarding nominations to cease the nominations in November and election of officers will be in November.

Marc Hoelscher and his son Cole came to ask if the chapter would like to help and/or participate in a Poker Run for Relay for Life. No decision at this time, Marc will keep in touch when more details become available.

Shelley thanked those who stepped up to organize and help serve the lunch for Tony Deters' funeral this past week.

State Representative Lori Butler reported from the BOD meeting on March 16 that the Membership Secretary reported that we have 1482 members. We've gained 88 new members so far this year and most of them are completely new members. We've been able to get non-profit postage rates for the newsletter so that will be saving us money. There was a discussion about giving new members a window decal (static cling type so it can be moved) that looks like the state patch. If we do this, everyone that is a current member would get one when they renew and any new members from this point forward would get one. The price quoted was for a black background and we will get a new price quote for ones with a clear background at the May meeting. Work continues on options for a 'Freedom Fighters Memorial' at the Whitewood City Park, nothing new to report yet on this. Legislatively nothing came out this year that affected motorcycles. Work will continue on the vertical plate issue for next year. New state tri-folds were printed and are being distributed.

The State Awareness Run will have the same set up as last year; the April Freedom Flyer will have info. They will draw the hands before the State BOD starts at 2pm. The Oahe Awareness Run will leave from the Capitol at 1pm and end at Griffin Park for a picnic. Everyone is invited! 2014 Legislative Days have been scheduled for January 16-18. Election nominations have been opened up. Three officers are up for election: Coordinator (Jiggs has been nominated); Secretary (Bobbie has been nominated); Legislative Officer (no nominations yet). Nominations continue in May and elections are in July.

Road Captain Dennis Bruce had nothing to report.

Old Business:

- The Awareness Run is May 18. Meet at the Capitol at 12:30pm. The Dice Run will begin at 1:00pm and the cost is \$10.00 per hand. A picnic will be held at Griffin Park in the RV parking area. The menu has been decided on and Brandon will take the ABATE trailer to Griffin Park ahead of time to secure a spot. A grill was donated to the chapter to keep and use for this event and any time needed in the future by Marcia. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish of some sort. In the past there have been 60-70 people who attend. The poster for the Awareness Run will be on <http://oaheabate.com> soon. If you want posters to distribute contact Lori.

- The chapter will distribute flowers to mother's residing in assisted living and nursing homes in the area. Jolene will get a count of how many flowers will be needed. Anyone who would like to participate should be at Bogey's at 11:00am on Sunday, May 12.

- Fun Run will be held June 28 & 29 at Nystrom's Goose Camp. Second Wind will be playing on Saturday night. One T-shirt design has been submitted. If anyone would like to submit a design please do so by the May meeting. Raffle tickets and poster will be available soon. Menu for Saturday has been decided. A potato salad committee will be formed. Vendors can set up a space at the Fun Run with a paid gate admission. There will be a Ride in Bike Show and trophies will be awarded. Brandon and Marcia offered to have a stop for the Walking Poker Run on Friday evening. Members are encouraged to have a stop. The more the merrier! Kevin & Brandon will pay a visit to Nystrom's to make sure the site is still available for the Fun Run. Jeff will talk to Con-Ag about spraying for bugs. Other members offered to contact others to get details worked out for the event. Contact Kevin at 280-2745 if you want to help out!

New Business

- An announce was made regarding a fund raising event will be held on April 25 from 5-8 pm at Pizza Ranch to help Donna Whitaker with ongoing medical expenses.

- The chapter was contacted to participate in a law enforcement training session on May 14 at 11:00am and 4:00pm. No decision made on participating. Marcia will get more information from the person asking and will email it to members for consideration.

- A scholarship committee was formed with Shelley, Brandon, Jolene and Marcia to review application by May 2. Date will be decided at a later date.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11 at the gazebo at Steamboat Park and will begin at 6:30. There will be a 50/50 drawing and SOL drawing along with a Potluck after the meeting. Bring a dish to pass if you want. In case of bad weather check <http://owaheabate.com> for the location.

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

Doug Decker won the 50/50 drawing and donated a portion back to the chapter. Thanks Doug!

Buddy Sterling was drawn for SOL but was not present so missed out on winning the pot.