

September Meeting Minutes of Oahe A.B.A.T.E.
Sept. 11, 2011 • Okobojo Recreation Area

President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with seven officers and 11 members in attendance. Lori Butler was designated recorder. The Treasurer's Report was given and accepted. Membership Secretary Tina Flynn reported we currently have 67 members and noted that the new motorcycle safety coordinator, Laura Snow, has joined our chapter.

Old Business: Road Captain Monty McNaught reported that the Run to the Hills went great; six people went on the ride. They were able to join up with the Rushmore and Black Hills chapters for their Ed Netterberg weekend and even participated in some of the bikes games. John Crane won the poker run. Monty thanked Joe for helping with the poker run at the Fun Run since he was not able to make it. Just a reminder that the last dinner ride will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15, going to Hot Rod's in Kennebec.

State meeting will be next week so State Representative Joe Kelley will have more to report in October. He noted that the Freedom Flyer editor, Al Luze, has resigned and Jen Boerger has picked up those duties. The switch caused the delay in receiving the Freedom Flyer over the summer but things should get back on schedule now.

We still have Flood Run coozies for sale as well as Fun Run t-shirts. Contact Brandon if you would like to purchase anything. Joe is still planning on checking on the availability of the Fun Run site for next year. Joe also noted that the Moose Lodge raised \$165 for our Toy Run!

New Business: Nominations will happen in October and elections will be in November!! We will be taking nominations for all officer positions except for President and State Representative at the October meeting.

There was some discussion about getting started on ideas for the Toy Run fund-raising. If you're interested in helping with the Toy Run/Christmas Party, please contact Brandon. We've received a letter from the Christmas at the Capitol Committee about remaining on the mailing list for tree decorating. It was decided to remain on the mailing list and to be included in the pool of organizations that want to decorate a tree this year. We're not committed yet to decorating a tree; they still have to make their selections on who gets to decorate this year. We also received some information from the Spur Campground in Piedmont that ABATE members can receive a 10 percent discount.

Next meeting will be Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chateau in Fort Pierre. There will be no potluck at this meeting since the Chateau serves food.

A motion was made by Tonna Finch, seconded by Kip Eickhoff and Tina, to adjourn. Motion carried. Deb Greer won \$38 in the 50/50 drawing. Lawrence Burtts was drawn for the SOL (\$38) but was SOL because he didn't come to the meeting.