

Oahe ABATE meeting minutes, Saturday, January 11, 2025, Lonnie & Sarah Dozier's house.  
Thank you Doziers for hosting our meeting

Call to Order by Chapter President Lori "Sugar" Maxwell at 6:45 pm  
Pledge of Allegiance led by Lori Butler  
Members present: 13

Treasurer's Report: Gina Morris gave a report of all accounts for the month of December 2024. Specifics of this report can be found in the official record. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Brandon Butler, seconded by Ashley Olson, approved.

Secretary's Report: Nancy "Snowflake" Dewell reported no changes to the previous meeting's minutes. Motion to accept the Secretary's report made by Lori, seconded by Clint Namanny, approved.

Membership Report: Jess LaMie was excused.

State Representative: Lori reported that the next state meeting is on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Moose Lodge, Fort Pierre. She hit on a couple points of interest during Legislative Days (agenda was handed out to the group). We will need help serving the Friday night meal, come around 6-6:30 to help. Lori stated that even if you can't attend, try to be there for the group picture. Also, the second vote on the dues increase will be held during this meeting.

Road Captain: Clint Namanny says it's slippery and cold, so put your training wheels on, or don't ride!

#### Committee Reports

Christmas Party Committee final numbers are \$6186 raised, \$6177.62 in expenses. Approximately \$5300 was spent on gifts for the Angel Tree. There was a smaller turnout than expected but everyone had fun.

Fun Run Committee will be Sugar, Ashley, and Snowflake. We will get a band for Saturday night. Friday night will be a fun night with games and food. Thursday, for family night, it will be potluck and games. If you have an idea for a T-shirt design for the 2025 Fun Run, please get it to one of the committee members or bring it to the February 2025 meeting.

#### Old Business

Legislative Days agenda was made available to all those in attendance. It is also in the Freedom Flyer.

Heartland Steam is April 4-5, 2025, in Bettendorf, Iowa. March 11 is the cut off date for early registration, and March 21 is the cutoff date for reservations. So far, Sugar, Ashley, and Snowflake are planning on attending. If you want to go to Heartland Steam, we will be discussing that further at the February meeting.

We have developed a “welcome” letter for all new members and renewed members in Oahe ABATE Chapter. These will be sent out to all current members and to new members.

A discussion was held regarding more community exposure for Oahe ABATE.

#### New Business

Bank Accounts: Brandon Butler made a motion to add Gina Morris and Ashley Olson to our official bank accounts; and to remove Brad Bruns, Sarah Burger, William Poppenga, Brandon Butler, and Roman LaMie from said bank accounts. Motion was seconded by Ashley Olson, unanimously approved.

Ashley asked if Oahe ABATE wanted to donate to the silent auction for Legislative Days or make a cash donation. It was decided to donate to the silent auction.

Reminder to check out our Facebook pages. One is for the general public, and the other is for members to keep up with happenings in the chapter.

Discussion of memorial patches for James Hicks was held. Tara said that Weston has a design which will be given to the group for approval.

Ashley will be getting ABATE stuff from Bill’s garage so that we can use it at other meetings.

Reminder that we are an awareness, education and training organization so give us some ideas. Some that were discussed were bicycle safety and maintenance; safety inspections; donation of bike helmets; and inclusion of kids in games during bike nights.

Sugar will try to get our activities calendar on the SD Rides website.

Gina told the group that the Sick Breed Biker Gala will be March 8, 2025, at the Community Youth Center in Fort Pierre. There will be games, a silent auction, and live auctions. Meat & Sweet will be a meat cook off and a desert cook off. Money raised is for donations to community members in need. All are welcome to attend.

Our next meeting will be held on February 8, at Prairie ATV & Cycle in Fort Pierre at 6:30 pm.

With no other business to come before the Chapter, Ashley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brandon, approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

There was no interest in the 50/50 drawing.

Drawing was held for the SOL: Jeff Ice was drawn but was not in attendance.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy “Snowflake” Dewell

Chapter Secretary

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