

February Meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter
February 8, 2014– Bill's Garage

President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:42pm with 14 members present. Treasurer Steve Schwellenbach gave the Treasurer's Report and was accepted.

Membership Secretary Bonnie London reported there are 63 members according to ABATE of South Dakota count and there is still some names missing on the membership list that she is working on getting straightened out. There was also a problem with a membership that was fixed. Bonnie will continue contacting members who need to renew. Please save her from having to contact you by checking your membership card for your renewal date and get it sent in ahead of time. You can also find the renew date listed on the address label of the Freedom Flyer.

Secretary Marcia Kaup corrected Dennis Schmidt's name to David Schmidt. There were no other corrections so the minutes were accepted with the correction.

State Representative Lori Butler reported that Jiggs reported that the meeting with state officials went well and Dianna will set up quarterly meetings with this group so we can continue to work on our issues. Next year we may have a good opportunity to address vertical plates. There was also good discussion on the handle bar height issue and we'll continue on this at future meetings. Dianna brought up HB1038 which will set up a motorcycle training facility in Rapid City, part of the funding for this will come from our motorcycle registration fees. The state is looking to purchase 'look twice' yard signs that will be sold to chapters at cost, these should be available by March so that members can display them for motorcycle awareness month in May. With the money raised from the skills map chapter challenge and the additional money from the state, we will be printing 10,000 maps for this riding season. We'll also be working to apply for grant money to turn this map into a phone app. Work continues on the proposed memorial in Whitewood, the board has been asked to discuss with the chapters about support there is for this project.

Road Captain Dennis Bruce reported that he will be working on a route for the Awareness run to be held in May.

Old Business: A donation was given to Shelly last month to help with medical/travel expenses.

Brandon gave thanks to the food committee who consisted of Marcia, Tina, Jolene and Bonnie for the great job done with the potato bar. There were many favorable comments.

Brandon also congratulated Marcia Kaup for being awarded the Member of the Year award at the Awards Ceremony at Legislative Days and congratulated Joe Kelley for being awarded the State Coordinator's award. He also thanked them for all they have done for Oahe ABATE and ABATE of South Dakota.

Brandon also thanked Sherri Wiechmann for getting the advertising in place for the week of Legislative Days in the Capitol Journal that is given to the legislators. There were many positive comments heard.

Lilly Park has been reserved for the gathering after the Awareness Run in May. Sherri will get an ad in the Capitol Journal and Reminder. Further discussion postponed to future meetings.

Bill & Sherri gave information on the cost for the Memorial Patch for Tony Deters. Dennis Bruce made a motion to proceed with ordering of the patches. Joe Kelley seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A Scholarship will be available for one person from Riggs or Stanley County High Schools. Others are also allowed to apply. The scholarship is awarded to the student based on need for help financially with their education and not necessarily based on academic excellence or participation in extra-curricular activities. Bonnie will get the new application form to the schools.

Brandon has talked to several people regarding getting the beer wagon ready for use. He also has one more person to contact. Discussion was held on the prices and the work to be done. More discussion to be held next meeting after more information is gathered.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the "Look Twice" yard signs that Lori talked about in her report but a decision wasn't made due to the price wasn't known. Lori should have that information by the next meeting so more discussion will be held then. .

The Fun Run will be held June 27th & 28th (last weekend of June). Several bands were discussed and some prices were tossed out. More discussion will be held at the next meeting when there are more definite prices available.

Jeannie Simpson had surgery last week and get well wishes are extended to her. Gary Schmitgens' grandmother passed away last week. Our sympathy is extended to him and his family.

Brandon thanked Bill Poppenga for the continued use of his garage for the meetings.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8 at 6:30 pm at Bill's garage (202 S. Madison St). Donations will be accepted for the Top Rider prize for the Fun Run, a 50/50 drawing, SOL drawing and a Potluck will take place after the meeting. Bring a dish to pass if you like. Guests are welcome and encouraged. Changes of meeting place will be posted at <http://oaheabate.com>.

With no further business to discuss Marcia made a motion to adjourn with Lori seconding. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:33.

Sherri won the 50/50 drawing. Deb Greer was drawn for SOL but was not present so was SOL. The pot continues to grow and you can't win if you don't attend!

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