

Oahe ABATE Chapter meeting minutes, March 9, 2025, Fun Time Adventures. Thank you, Derek & Julia, for hosting our meeting

Call to Order by President Lori “Sugar” Maxwell at 6:37 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Brandon Butler

Members present 23

A moment of silence was had for Joe Kelley and Kim Hallock.

Secretary Report: Brad Bruns suggested a correction in the February minutes for the moment of silence. Ashley Olson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Jessica LaMie, approved.

Treasurer Report: Gina Morris gave a report of all accounts for the month of February 2024. Specifics of this report can be found in the official record. Ashley made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Jess, approved.

Membership Report: Jessica stated that State shows us at 98 members. She has several renewals to send in. Also, dues renewal reminders will be on Facebook and in the Freedom Flyer.

State Representative report: Lori Butler reminded us that the State Board of Directors meeting is March 15, 1:00 pm at the Moose Lodge in Fort Pierre.

Road Captain: It’s nice out, go ride! Watch out for cars!!

Committee Reports

Fun Run Committee. T-shirts will be available through FoxPromo in April. There are 2 designs for the shirts – one is ABATE and the other is Fun Run. Jessica made a motion to defer looking at getting sweatshirts from FoxPromo, seconded by Ashley, approved.

T-shirt designs were discussed. Jessica made a motion to approve the designs, Lonnie seconded the motion, approved.

Bands for the Fun Run were discussed. John Swanson will play Saturday night for \$1,200. Someone needs to talk to Jim Mehlhaff to see if he is interested in playing on Friday.

Jessica made a motion to lock in John Swanson at \$1,200 for Saturday, playing 8 to midnight, seconded by Clint, approved.

Prizes for the raffle are: 2 passes to the Buffalo Chip in 2026; \$250 gift certificate from Meier Meats; and \$150 gift certificate from Fun Time Adventures.

Supper for Saturday after the run will be hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings.

Nystroms have been very cooperative with the electrical situation at the Fun Run Site. Our electrical people will work with Oahe Electric and John to get the power on. Also Nystrom said

that we can use spray paint to lay out camping spots and parking. They are cleaning up around the trees and will remove the old broken spools. We can bring in new spools.

Old Business

Heartland Steam is April 4-5, 2025. Sugar, Ashley and Nancy are attending. Jessica made a motion to reimburse up to \$1,000 total for all attending in 2025; seconded by Lori Butler, approved.

Memorial patches for James Hicks have been designed. They will be \$5 each and Sugar will put in an order for 125.

The Accident class has 17 people in attendance. Everyone who attended said it was a good class.

New Business

The Awareness Run is May 17. Clint will set up the ride to include stops. Snowflake will make the poker hands for the run as soon as Clint has finalized the stops. Discussion was held regarding costs for billboards and that we need to get the word out.

Brent Campell told us about the Bull Ride in memory of James Hicks scheduled for August 30 in Fort Pierre. James patches would sell at the bull ride. He stated that this could easily become a yearly event with the intent of having scholarships.

If anyone has any old ABATE pictures, please get them to Abe.

Our next meeting is Saturday, April 12, 6:30 at Grey Goose.

Jessice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ashley, approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

There was no 50/50

SOL was drawn for Abe Elder, who was in attendance.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy "Snowflake" Dewell
Chapter Secretary