

February Meeting Minutes of Oahe A.B.A.T.E. Chapter
February 11, 2012 ~ Mowers & More

President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. with seven officers and twelve members in attendance. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Steve Schwellenbach and accepted. Membership Secretary Jolene Juneau reported there are 55 current members. Eight members renewed. There were no new members to report. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. State Rep. Joe Kelly reported that the new email address to submit anything that should be published in the Freedom Flyer is sdfreedomflyer@gmail.com.

MRF would like to obtain new members. The cost is \$25.00 per year. Contact Joe if you would like more information.

SB140 (Windshield bill regarding glazing on windshields) has gone through the House and Senate Transportation. It was repealed and is currently waiting for Governor Daugaard's signature.

The next couple of years the vertical license plates and handlebar statutes will be evaluated. A statewide study group will be formed. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the study group is to contact Joe.

SD A.B.A.T.E. would like to see chapter member retentions of 85% for all chapters. Membership Secretary Jolene Juneau will mail out renewal reminder post cards. Black Hills riding skill maps are becoming available. The maps are marked to help riders determine if their skill of riding matches the skill necessary to navigate the road safely.

Brandon is the Road Hazard contact. More information will be available at the March meeting.

Legislative Days went very well. There was a great turnout at the banquet. Thanks to all who attended. Legislative Day can be a great learning opportunity. Please consider attending next year! Joe thanked everyone who helped with the event. Joe received the Oahe A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Member of the Year award at the Banquet. Congratulations Joe!

Old Business:

- Heartland Steam is in March in Omaha, NE. Oahe A.B.A.T.E. is sponsoring 2 people. There is one spot remaining. Let Brandon know by the end of February if you would like to attend to obtain a reduced rate.
- St. Patrick Day Parade will be Saturday, March 17. There are no details to disclose at this time. More information will be available at the March meeting.
- Brandon will contact the schools in regard to the \$300 scholarship that will be given. A committee will be formed to review the applicants and select the recipient.

Road Captain Monty McNaught reported the Awareness Run will be held May 19. The State Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. More discussion will be held at the March meeting.

The Black Hills and Rushmore A.B.A.T.E. Chapters will be having their Bike Rodeo again on August 18. Monty said last year was a great weekend and he encourages more members to participate in the Ride for the Hills. Monty thanked Joe for taking over the Road Captain responsibility for last year's Fun Run and hopes he will be back at the helm this year.

Dinner Rides will be held the 3rd Thursday of the months of May through September.

May: Blunt Bar & Grill, Blunt

June: Busted Nut, Draper

July: Bob's Steakhouse, west of Gettysburg

August: Rusty Spur, Murdo

September: Hot Rod's, Kennebec

Hopefully this year the weather will cooperate so more than 2 rides can be completed!

New Business:

- Fun Run will be held June 22-23. Things to think about include: Medicine Creek Band furnishing equipment for music on Friday and having a band only on Saturday night, holding non-bike games, walking poker run on Friday night. Kevin Schafer is the event coordinator and please consider offering to help him out. There is a lot of time and work involved in coordinating the Fun Run events so please consider offering your help to Kevin!
- Nystrom's Goose Camp will be the site for the event for as long as needed.
- Tony volunteered to be a stop for the walking poker run. More stops will be discussed at the March meeting. If anyone has any ideas for a new T-shirt design for the Fun Run bring ideas to the March meeting.
- Tony is relinquishing his hold on the Dinner Triangle. He would like to thank everyone for the years he had possession but thinks it is time for someone else to take over. That person will be chosen at the March meeting.
- Marcia will email the Freedom Flyer to have the Fun Run dates added to the calendar. The National Helmet law was defeated! Great job in contacting the representatives to ask for opposition of the law!

Sergeant of Arms Kip Eickhoff would like to see more rides this summer. Be thinking of places to go and let Marcia know the time and place by Tuesday so an email announcement can be sent. If anyone sees a Poker Run being held by other clubs try to get a poster. Marcia will email the information to members. It would be good to partake on other Poker Runs. It may be reciprocated!

Next meeting will be held Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Mowers & More at 6:30 p.m. A potluck will follow the meeting.

Motion made by Joe Kelly, seconded by Kevin Schaefer to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Marcia won \$31 in the 50/50 drawing. Tim Waters was drawn for the SOL (\$54) but was SOL because he was not in attendance.

Marcia Kaup
Oahe A.B.A.T.E Secretary

'Tis the season for PMS: Parked Motorcycle Syndrome!!