

February Meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter  
February 9, 2013 ~ Mower's & More

President Shelly Schaffer called the meeting to order at 6:38pm with 14 members present. The Treasurer's Report was given by Steve Schwellenbach and accepted. Membership Secretary Bonnie London reported there are 77 members. Welcome Shawn Laird, Dennis Stout and Ryan Ellerton as new members. January minutes were accepted as submitted.

State Representative Lori Butler reported that ABATE of SD ended 2012 with 1456 members. The State tracked the membership retention rates for all Chapters in 2012. It was a goal for all Chapters to have at least an 85% retention rate. Lake Chapter won the award for Most Retention of Members with a 90.91% retention rate. Oahe ABATE Chapter was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state with an 83.05% retention rate. Oahe ABATE had 59 members in 2011 and ended with 74 members in 2012. Five thousand tri-folds will be printed and distributed.. There were 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts sold during Legislative days along with other new items. MRF membership is at 85 statewide. Members are encouraged to become a member of MRF also. There were 52 books sold for the Statewide Poker Run for 2012 and \$260 went to IMPAC. Sales for 2013 have begun and are \$10 each and only available for purchase by ABATE members. Contact Lori if you want any. Turtle Creek Chapter has officially been dissolved. On the subject of Legislative Days Lori thanked all from the Oahe ABATE Chapter who came and helped with Legislative Days. Overall attendance seemed to be up with just over 100 people that signed in over the two days. There were about a dozen Legislators that attended the Thursday evening social and notepads and pens with the ABATE of SD logo were given to all Legislators. Friday at the Capitol went over well and Governor Dugaard was present for the group photo. Friday afternoon sessions covered living wills and experienced rider instruction. Oahe ABATE served dinner that evening. Thanks to the food committee for putting the dinner together (Joe Kelley, Steve Schwellenbach, Jolene Juneau, Marcia Kaup, Brandon & Lori Butler). Special thanks to Tina Flynn for making the potato salad. Jiggs presented the State Coordinator's Award to Linda Askren. Lori Butler received the Oahe ABATE Member of the Year Award. Medicine Creek Band provided the evening entertainment. As reported at the last meeting regarding the Vertical Plates bill, certain issues were brought up in the Legislature about our vertical license plate bill. Our lobbyist Dianna Miller listed the issues: 1) readability by law enforcement; 2) can everything fit on a vertical plate; 3) the plate has to be re-designed, 3M does this and it would need to be bid out; 4) question of volume – would there be enough requests to justify it. Dianna will continue to work on these issues, if it doesn't happen this year, it will be brought back next year. Lori also had MRF Reports, hand outs that explain the Legislative process in SD, Best of the West registration papers and new tri-folds that contain the new website address.

There was no Road Captain report.

**Old Business:**

- The Awareness Run is scheduled to May 18. Lori will check to see if a spot at Lilly Park will be available and if a special permit is needed if it is decided to have alcohol on the premises.
- Lori reported that with Brandon's help Thank You cards have been sent to those that helped make the Toy Run a success.
- Heartland STEAM will be held March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> at Peoria, IL. Oahe ABATE has sponsored 2 people to go in the past. Because of the distance there was no interest expressed in attending.
- Best of the West will be held in Billings, MT on June 8 & 9. Cost will be \$60 for MRF members and \$70 for non-MRF members. Registration is required by May 8 to receive this discounted registration price. Brandon & Lori expressed interest in going.

- St. Patrick Day Parade is thought to take place on Sunday, March 17 but there has been no information received so there will be more discussion at the next meeting.
- Bonnie London reported she has tried to contact the schools regarding the Scholarship application but has not been successful. She will have a report and copy of the application at the next meeting.
- The Oahe ABATE website is up and running. Check it out!

#### **New Business:**

- Brandon said we should be thinking about music for the Fun Run in June so the band can be booked soon. Kevin and Marcia will check with a few bands to ask what would be charged and availability.
- The by-laws regarding nomination month was read. Brandon made a motion for a change to the by-laws regarding moving election nominations from the October meeting to the November meeting. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion carried. The second reading will be held at the March meeting.
- Rushmore ABATE is sponsoring a Accident Scene Management (ASM) Training on March 23 at 10am at TREA-1981 East Centre Street in Rapid City. Lori expressed interest in going. If any one wants to go contact Lori. It's possible to car pool to the training. Marcia will add the poster to oaheabate.com.
- Joe Kelly has had some medical problems and went home today. Discussion was held on a benefit to help with medical costs. Tina, Jolene, Bonnie, Marcia, Brandon & Lori will get some ideas together for the benefit and have details and the next meeting.
- Lori brought the scrapbook to the meeting. If anyone has pictures of Oahe ABATE events they would want to share please get them to her.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9 at Mower's & More and will begin at 6:30. A Potluck will follow the meeting. Bring a dish to pass if you want.

With no more discussion to be held Marcia motioned the meeting adjourn; Steve seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Steve Schwellenbach won the 50/50 drawing. John Crain was drawn for SOL but was not present so missed out on winning \$25.

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