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## Oahe ABATE December Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 9th, 1pm at the Chateau

President Deters called the meeting to order with 5 officers and 5 members present. Membership Secretary reported that we have 65 members. We have four renewals – Lori Butler, Brandon Butler, Brad Bruns, and Steve Schwellenbach. Treasurer was given and accepted. Secretary's report was given and accepted. State Rep reported on the upcoming Legislative Days. There will possibly be a tour on Friday, lunch will be at the Legion and hosted by the Sioux Falls Chapter. They are trying to get the gubernatorial candidates to come. Our chapter will again be hosting the evening meal which will be around 7pm.

Old Business: The Christmas Party was a great success – thank you to everyone that helped sell or bought raffle tickets and came to the party! We were able to purchase gifts for 87 kids this year. For the evening meal for Legislative Days, we discussed serving soup and sandwiches.

New Business: Brandon and Tony will choose the recipient of the Member of the Year award to be presented on Friday night of Legislative Days. Joe made a motion to donate \$300 to the State at Legislative Days, Lori 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. Tonna thanked the chapter for the help while her mom was in the hospital in Sioux Falls last week. Kip brought up an idea to help raise money for us – traveling minnow races. There was some discussion on some different places out of town to hold this, concerns with cost and time involved, and ways to raise money for us. Kip will chair the committee created to work on this idea, also on the committee is Joe, Tina, and Cody.

Upcoming Event Reminder: Next Meeting is Saturday, January 9th at the Chateau in Ft. Pierre. Legislative Days will be held on January 14-16, 2010 in Pierre. The 21<sup>st</sup> Heartland STEAM meeting will be in Cleak Lake, Iowa on April 23-25, 2010.

Brandon made a motion to adjourn, Tonna 2nd motion passed. Steve won \$12 on the 50/50 drawing and donated \$2 back to the SOL; Mike Wells was drawn for the SOL for \$15 but wasn't present.

We hope to see everyone at the Legislative Days on January 14-16<sup>th</sup>!!

Lori Butler  
Oahe ABATE Secretary  
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