

December Meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter  
December 14, 2013 – Bill's Garage

Vice President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:48pm with 14 members present.

Treasurer Steve Schwellenbach reported there was quite a bit of banking and gave a run down on what the activity was along with balances. Report accepted.

Membership Secretary Bonnie London reported there are 63 members according to ABATE of South Dakota count. Bonnie shows a different amount and has noticed some names missing from the report she is given. She will research this to see what is amiss and report findings at the January meeting. Bonnie will be contacting those who need to renew by phone or post cards. Please check the label on your Freedom Flyer for your date to renew. It is printed above your name. If your name isn't on the address label check you ABATE membership card for the date.

Secretary Marcia Kaup pointed out there was an error in last months' minutes that stated that Oahe ABATE provides the breakfast for Friday morning breakfast at the Capitol during Legislative Days. Oahe ABATE hosts the breakfast and ABATE of South Dakota pays for the breakfast. Other than that the minutes of last meeting were accepted as submitted.

State Representative Lori Butler was not present and the report was emailed to Marcia to give at the meeting but the attachment would not open. Marcia apologized and said the report will be in the minutes. Here is what Lori reported from the November BOD meeting held on November 16: State membership is at 1413 members, we started the year at 1454 so we need to make sure people are renewing. Oahe has gained 15 news members so far this year but total membership is down about 10, be sure to renew! If you don't have your membership card to remind you of when to renew, you can also look at the mailing label on your Freedom Flyer that shows the month and year your membership expires.

MRF Rep Report: John Steele reported on the letter the CDC is planning on sending to all states recommending a mandatory helmet law. The CDC Committee that is making this recommendation has had success with past recommendations so this is something we need to watch. \*\*Handout of document John gave with arguments against this recommendation. IMPAC met and will propose an addition to our policy statement regarding our support of additional studies on E15. Work continues on speakers for Legislative Days. Sioux Falls will provide Friday lunch and Oahe will provide the supper. Sioux River volunteered to provide music Friday night. The Zzen Chapter will provide breakfast Saturday morning before the BOD meeting. Our lobbyist's contract was approved (Dianna Miller), she will begin on setting up a meeting with a small group of state officials and law enforcement to have a discussion about vertical plates and the handle bar height issue. The purpose will be to gather information from them that we can use. We have to make sure we have a good argument and our ducks in a row before we attempt to bring forward any legislation again but we are still working on both of these issues. There was a lot of good discussion about different arguments we can try. This year we will be giving to each legislator an abate pen, pad of paper and mouse pad with the state logo. Trudy was also given permission to put in an order so there will be a good selection of products at Legislative Days.

Grant: Jiggs is working with someone about turning the skills map into a phone app and trying to get grant money to fund this.

Maps: Jiggs is looking into pricing for printing the map two ways, first is the way it's been printed in the past and the other is similar to the pads of maps of the hills that you can tear off. So far \$900 has been gathered for map printing.

Meeting of the Minds: Jiggs went over a session he attended about how to perform an accident report study. He's going to look into the possibility of conducting our own study of South Dakota accident reports.

Awareness Run: Phil Holm will organize the state run again this year, he has asked for more

participation from the west side of the state.

Tennessee Proposal: Tennessee is going to present a bill at their legislative session in January to try to pass a helmet reciprocity type bill that would allow riders from states that don't have a helmet law to be able to ride in Tennessee without a helmet. They're asking other states to send a letter of support. Jiggs will draft a letter and send it to them.

Heartland STEAM 2014 will be held in Wisconsin on March 28-30, 2014. Because of increasing costs, they've asked the 8 supporting states to increase our yearly donation, approved to send \$500 (doubled from past years); which will match what Minnesota and another state have already donated. STEAM in 2015 will be in North Dakota and 2016 will be in South Dakota. At our March 2014 BOD meeting we'll be looking for a STEAM Committee Chair and committee members and will begin the process of finding a location. We'll most likely be looking at a location on the east side of the state.

Sioux River Chapter brought forward an idea for the state to purchase 'look twice' yard signs that would be sold to chapters. Jiggs said we'll start a bid process for black & white and color signs.

Statewide Poker Run will continue again for next year. It begins at Legislative Days so if you're interested in participating please attend and buy your book there!

Next State meeting will be January 18th at the Pierre American Legion at 10am. Members are encouraged to attend. Zzen Chapter will serve breakfast before the meeting. Road Captain Dennis Bruce had nothing to report other than it was too cold to ride.

### **Old Business:**

Legislative Days are January 16, 17 & 18. Joe will check with Pier 347 to see if they are still planning on catering the Friday breakfast. A cooking committee was formed consisting of Marcia, Bonnie, Jolene & Tina. The menu for Friday night was discussed briefly and the food committee will meet to discuss more at a later date. They will also take care of the Meet & Greet on Thursday evening. The Freedom Flyer will contain more information in the December issue and <http://oaheabate.com> will be updated when available.

The Oahe ABATE Christmas Party was held at Whiskey River on Friday, December 6. There was a good turnout and a substantial amount of money was raised to purchase toys. Instead of purchasing gifts for 50 unfortunate children the amount was increased to 60. Winners of events that evening were:

Minnow Races 1<sup>st</sup> place – Lily Deter with Scooter Trash; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jaren (non-ABATE member) with Fish of Death; 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Brandon (non-ABATE member) and Najart. The top seven fish were in a Calcutta. Winnings of the Calcutta were donated back.

Mystery Prize winner for ABATE members – Deb Miller

Mystery Prize auction winner – Jeff Ice

Gary Smitgen donated a painted toilet lid to be auctioned off which was won by Jolene.

Deb Miller donated back part of her prize to be auctioned and Bill Megher donated a set of Harley Davidson collectable motorcycles that was auctioned off. Sheri Wiechmann & Bill Meagher "unofficially" sold the most raffle tickets and was given a Motorcycle Wine Bottle Holder and Stopper for their efforts.

Raffle winners:

1<sup>st</sup> prize - 32" Flat Screen TV – Clayton Krieger

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - \$200 Beef Bucks – Brandon Tedford

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - \$100 Gas Card – ABATE member Bill Poppenga

Thanks to all who sold tickets and to all who purchased raffle tickets!

Tina won the soup cook off with her pot of chili and donated her winnings back to the Toy Run Fund.

Brandon thanked all who had a part in decorating the tree at the Capitol, those who planned and executed the Christmas Party and Fund Raiser.

On Saturday, December 14 a group of people met at Bubba Rays to join up with Santa to proceed to the Capitol on Saturday, December 14 to hand out toys to the kids during Pie Day.

After spending a little over an hour of handing toys out and Santa having numerous photos taken with Attorney General Marty Jackley, youngsters and "not so young" youngsters the group headed to Kmart to meet others to shop for gifts for the 60 kids.

A trailer was purchased since the last meeting to be converted to a new beer wagon. Discussion was held on what to do with the old beer wagon and was decided to table discussion until a future meeting. Discussion will be held on what to do to get the new trailer ready and more ideas will be brought to the next meeting. Work will be done when the weather gets warmer.

Long sleeve black membership shirts are available for \$20.

Discussion was held on a memorial patch for Tony Deters. Prices were gotten online and locally. The prices are \$50 different and the local business uses the same online company. More discussion will be held later after more options are considered. A design for the patch is still in the planning stage. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

New officers will begin their duties at the January 2014 meeting. The new officers are:

President – Brandon Butler – 1 year term

Vice President – Brad Bruns – 1 year term

State Rep – 1 year left of 2 year term

Treasurer – 1 year left of 2 year term

Secretary – Marcia Kaup – 2 year term

Event Coordinator – Kurt Bowers – 1 year term

Membership Secretary – Bonnie London – 1 year term

Sergeant-at-Arms – Ryan Ellerton – 1 year term

Good luck and thank you to the new officers, to the officers that will continue with their commitment and those leaving officer positions. Your commitment for being an officer is appreciated!

### **New Business:**

Congratulations to Brandon & Lori Butler on the birth of their daughter, Anna Kay who joined them on December 10, 2012. Brandon reported mom and baby are doing well.

Discussion on a benefit being held in January for a member of ABATE. Brad made a motion to hold off until more information is available and if it is being planned before the January meeting there will be an officer meeting to determine an amount that will be given. Tina seconded the motion and it was carried.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 6:30 pm at Bill's garage (202 S. Madison St). A 50/50 drawing and SOL drawing along with 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 more discussion to be held Marcia motioned the meeting adjourn; Kip seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Marcia won the 50/50 drawing. Mel Jones was drawn for SOL but was not present so was SOL and the pot continues to grow!! You can't win if you don't attend!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Marcia Kaup - Oahe ABATE Secretary

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