

May Meeting Oahe ABATE Chapter

May 9, 2015 - Bill's Garage

President Brad Bruns called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm with 15 members present.

Treasurer Bill Poppenga gave the Treasurer's Report and accepted as read. Brad noted that flowers were sent to Warren Dozier's mom's funeral since the last meeting.

State Rep Lori Butler reminded everyone to go to our Awareness Run next Saturday while she attends the State meeting at the Legion. Also a continual reminder that the 2016 STEAM will be hosted by South Dakota on April 1-3 at the Ramkota in Sioux Falls - be there!

Road Captain Dawn Trapp reported that everything is set up for the Awareness Run next Saturday.

Secretary Marcia Kaup was unable to attend the meeting as she was attending STEAM in North Dakota along with Vice President Brandon Butler. Lori Butler gave the Secretary report, there were two corrections to the April minutes. First, the President's Challenge should be clarified so that only current Oahe Chapter members who sign up new members to the Oahe Chapter are eligible for the challenge. Also, the money collected from the Easter ham raffle will help defray the cost of the band at the Fun Run.

Membership Secretary Jolene Juneau reported we had two new members sign up, that brings total membership to 58.

Old Business:

Awareness Run will be held next Saturday May 16th. Lori reported on behalf of the committee that the hot dogs are ordered and hamburger was donated by Brandon Butler and Craig Andre, thank you to them for the donation! Anyone planning to bring a side or dessert should let Tina Flynn know. Several members are already planning on camping at Lily Park on the 15th so people are invited to come out and help patty up the hamburger on Friday.

Lori also reported on behalf of the Fun Run committee that things are coming together. Posters and business cards with the event information were handed out. The committee asked for any ideas for a third raffle prize, let someone on the committee know if you have any suggestions. Brandon continues to work on the upgrade to the electrical panel.

The Scholarship committee met and decided to award this year's scholarship to Derrick Travis Smith who graduates from Stanley County School.

The Meet in the Middle ride was discussed, nothing new to report at this time but Marcia will be getting a date from Darlene soon.

Mother's Day flowers were picked up from East Side Landscaping and anyone wishing to help will meet at East Side Pub at 11 am on May 10th. It was discussed how we haven't had a lot of participation in this event in recent years. If you've never done it before please come, it only takes a couple hours to brighten the day of some very sweet ladies.

Dinner Rides were discussed and it was decided to begin these in June and we'll have them the day after the meeting is held.

The Pink Ladies Dart Team had approached Brad about assisting them with a poker run in June. Because of the timing of their event and our Fun Run, it was decided we wouldn't be able to offer our assistance. Brad will let them know and give them some other options.

New Business:

Last meeting we brought up the dates for rider safety courses and encouraged members to participate. Brad brought up the idea of having our Chapter offer some level of reimbursement of the fees to our members who completed a course. After some discussion Joe Kelley made a motion to offer for any Oahe Chapter member who takes and completes a Basic or Experienced Rider Safety Course and provides proof of completion, our chapter will pay them \$25. Dennis Bruce 2nd the motion. After further discussion the motion was voted on and passed.

Brad discussed some of the awareness day ideas that Jiggs listed in his latest article in the Freedom Flyer and talked about how several years ago our Chapter went to the interstate rest stops and washed windows to bring awareness to motorcycles and ABATE. He hopes next year we can try to put some of these ideas and others into action.

Craig asked about the condition of the stage. It will be looked over so if there are any necessary repairs it can be done prior to the Fun Run.

Joe announced the Kevin Disburg Memorial Poker Run is all set up and posters were distributed. It will be held May 30th with a pancake and sausage feed from 8-11 am at the transit building, poker run sign up at 11am and will leave at noon. All vehicles are welcome on the run. Proceeds will go to Kelly Thompson to help with her ongoing medical expenses.

The next meeting will be held Saturday June 13 at the Fun Run site at 2pm. Brandon will let people know what they may need to bring to help get the site cleaned up so be watching for announcements.

Mike Wells made a motion to adjourn, Bill Poppenga second, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38.

Brad Bruns won the 50/50 drawing and Martha Hieb's name was drawn for SOL but sadly was not in attendance so she's sh*t out of luck and the pot continues to grow for the June meeting - you can't win if you don't attend!