

Oahe ABATE meeting minutes, Sunday, December 1, 2024, WestSide Bar. Thank you, Ashley, for hosting our meeting.

Call to Order by Chapter Treasurer Lori “Sugar” Maxwell at 6:31 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lori Butler

Members present: 12

Treasurer’s Report: Lori “Sugar” Maxwell gave a report of all accounts for the month of November 2024. Specifics of this report can be found in the official record. Sugar also reported that as of today, Oahe ABATE spent \$5,280 on gifts for 100 children from the Angel Tree. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made by Dave Mann, seconded by Jamie Werner, approved.

Secretary’s Report: Nancy Dewell had no changes to the previous minutes. Motion to accept the Secretary’s Report was made by Jessica LaMie, seconded by Ashley Olson, approved.

Membership Report: Jamie reported that State says we have 96 members.

State Representative: Lori Butler reported the following: New state website is abatesd.org, Mark Miller from Those Guys Chapter is running this. There will be more Accident Scene Management classes next year so watch Facebook for those announcements. Jiggs will act as Interim MRF Rep and will look to add more assistant reps. Angie Hill was appointed as the new State Secretary. We renewed the lobbyist contract with Dianna Miller who was present to give a preview of what to expect this legislative session: state budget will be a big issue, our current Lt. Gov Larry Rhoden will step up as our new Governor, and all the new legislators will have a big learning curve this session. Dist. 24 had no changes but please reach out to Sen. Jim Mehlhaff, Rep. Will Mortenson, and Rep. Mike Weisgram to keep them friendly to ABATE issues. Our own Jessica LaMie will join the IMPAC committee and help with Legislative Days. Legislative Days will be Jan. 16-18, Oahe will provide Friday supper as usual and will help with Friday lunch, but details are not set yet. By-Law changes were not voted on yet as some Chapters did not receive copies, will wait until all Chapters have reviewed before voting. The Finance Committee had more discussion on dues increase, there were suggestions to form a budget, ideas to raise funds and increase members, and continue to encourage members to receive the newsletter by email to help reduce expenses. Dues vote will happen at the State BOD meeting January 18, 2025.

There was also a discussion that Oahe ABATE voted in November against the dues increase.

Road Captain: It’s cold! Put your battery charger on your battery!

Old Business

Committee Reports

Christmas Party is Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the WestSide Bar, Fort Pierre. We spent \$5,280 on gifts for 100 kids. There were 522 kids on the tree this year. Sugar suggested that after the Christmas Party we have an officers meeting to discuss possibly purchasing gifts for whichever cards have not been picked up from the Angel Tree. Sugar said she has been going

through storage to find items for the silent auction, and suggested everyone do that. All items for the silent auction need to be dropped off at the WestSide Bar by Friday. There will be a chili cookoff, and the winner will receive \$50. The Grinch suit has been purchased and will hopefully be worn by Farley at the party.

Don't forget to purchase your Raffle Tickets and 50/50 Tickets. If you have tickets and money to turn in get them to Snowflake.

It is time to get the Fun Run Committee started. Sugar, Ashley and Snowflake will co-chair the committee. Jess and Jamie both volunteered to help. We are looking for bands for the event. If you have suggestions, please contact a committee member with information. Discussion was held to have Friday be an adult fun night, Saturday we will hire a band. Ashley suggested a food truck for breakfast and supper on Saturday. Lonnie was reminded that he will be in charge of games.

New Business

Heartland Steam will be in Bettendorf, IA, April 4-5, 2025. Pre-registration deadline is March 11; motel rates are \$120 per night. Several people are interested in attending and we will discuss this further in January.

Discussion was had regarding the Facebook page and group. We would like to make one for public information and one for members only.

Sugar will be updating the bank in January with new officers. Those changes will be discussed during the January meeting.

Oahe ABATE next meeting will be January 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm., hosted by Lonnie and Sarah Dozier.

Jess made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ashley, approved.

Sugar adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

50/50 - tickets were sold to all patrons at the bar, the winner donated part back to the Chapter.
SOL - Chad Christensen was drawn but he was not in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy "Snowflake" Dewell
Chapter Secretary