

April Meeting Oahe ABATE Chapter

April 11, 2015 – Bill's Garage

President Brad Bruns called the meeting to order at 6:47pm with 13 members present.

Treasurer Bill Poppenga gave the Treasurer's Report and accepted as read.

Membership Secretary Jolene Juneau was absent and Tina Flynn reported that there are 56 members.

State Representative Lori Butler reported the skill maps are being updated and should be printed by June 1st. We received \$10,000 from the state to help pay for this. Susan Lettau will be taking over the Business Supporter program. Jiggs will be attending Bikers in the Beltway, an MRF event in DC in May. He will set up meetings with our congressional reps and has asked IMPAC for talking points regarding the checkpoint bill. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month so be sure to put out your look twice signs if you have them. The State will once again have their poker run to Pierre and everyone has been invited to our dice run and cookout at Lilly Park. Jiggs will pursue getting a texting app program that Wisconsin ABATE has successfully used as another method to share information with our members. It's free and members will be able to choose if they want to participate. Officers up for election are State Coordinator (Jiggs was nominated and accepted), Secretary (Bobbie was nominated and accepted), and Legislative Officer (no nominations yet). Remember that Heartland STEAM is coming up May 8-10 in Bismarck. The next state meeting is May 16th at the Legion. Rider Education courses should be available soon at available at www.southdakotasafetycouncil.org, if you've never taken one you should take a look - there's always something you can learn. Ride safe!

Road Captain Dawn Trapp reported she is working on the route for the Awareness Run in May.

Secretary Marcia Kaup requested comments for any deletions or corrections to the minutes. Brandon requested a correction to Bill P being on the Fun Run committee and requested his name be removed from the Awareness Run committee.

Old Business:

Awareness Run will be held May 16 in conjunction with the May BOD meeting. Brandon reported on behalf of the Awareness Run committee that hot dogs and burgers will be served. Craig and Brandon will be donating the burger. Members are asked to bring salads or desert and to let the committee know at the next meeting what they will be bringing so there will be a variety.

Brandon reported on behalf of the Fun Run committee he had talked to a representative of Nystrom's Goose Camp regarding upgrading the electrical and it was indicated the existing panel needs replaced and possibly Nystrom's Goose Camp will absorb that cost. It was decided a new panel will be added to the east side for 6 more hookups. Brandon will be meeting with Gary later to work out details. Joe made a motion that Oahe ABATE should absorb up to \$500 for adding a new panel. Dennis seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Onslaught Band will be playing Saturday night and Craig reported that Medicine Creek Band will be willing to play on Friday night. Nystrom's also would like to have the brush pile cleaned up. Bill, Brandon, Kevin, Bonnie and Marcia will meet before the next meeting. Be prepared to volunteer to help!

Mike Wells was the lucky winner of the Easter Ham. The amount raised will go into the general fund.

Bonnie discovered that the By-laws have to mirror the state so some more work needs to be done. The reading of the new By-laws was deferred to the May meeting. The committee will meet prior to then to go over them.

Heartland STEAM will be held May 8-10 in Bismarck ND. Oahe will pay for 2 registrations for \$50.00 and 1 hotel room for two nights at \$98.00 per night. Brandon and Marcia are planning on attending and will pay their own way if there are others that would go. If anyone

else is interested in going, contact Brad. Get your registration in by April 17 to take advantage of the Early Registration discount. The form is available on <http://oaheabate.com>.

Marcia will contact Darlene to see if the Meet in the Middle Ride is still being planned.

Bonnie reported the Riggs applications have been received and Stanley County applications will be turned in on Monday, April 13. The Scholarship committee will be meeting on Tuesday at Brandon's to choose the recipient.

New Business:

Motorcycle Safety Training dates for BRC (Basic) and ERC (Experienced) have been put on <http://oaheabate.com>. The ERC class will be June 20 from 1:00-6:00pm. Register online. It's a great refresher course and members are encouraged to attend.

Another Chapter of ABATE has put out a \$100 challenge for sending Jiggs to DC for the Bikers in the Beltway. Joe made a motion to match the amount of \$100. David S. seconded the motion and it carried. A check will be sent directly to Jiggs.

President Brad Bruns is starting a Presidents Challenge effective at this meeting and runs until the September meeting. The challenge is any member who signs up 5 new members (past members have to be expired for over one year) will receive their next year membership free. Any members that sign up 10 new members will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card from Running's.

Oahe ABATE logo is due for renewal.

The ABATE jar was collected at Eastside and the jar could barely hold any more money! Members are reminded to go to Eastside. The 2nd drink you purchase ask to "ABATE" it and Eastside donates \$1.00 to the ABATE jar.

Mother's Day flowers will be delivered on Mother's Day (May 10) again this year. Joe will arrange for the flowers from Pierre Floral. Meet at Eastside on Sunday, May 10 at 11:00 to prepare the flowers. Delivery will commence at noon.

Discussion was held on dinner rides and it was decided to hold them on the Sunday following the meeting. Most agreed that it worked better to have the rides the day after the meeting. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

The Pink Ladies Dart Team would like to have Oahe ABATE hold a poker run to raise money for "Pennies for Robert." Discussion tabled until next meeting.

On May 30 the first annual Kevin Disburg Memorial Run will be held. Proceeds of the run will be donated to a charity that will be decided at a later date.

The next meeting will be held May 9 at 6:20 at @ Bill's Garage. SOL & 50/50 drawings will be held. Donations for the Top Rider cash prize will be taken and a Pot Luck will follow the meeting. Bring a dish to pass if you wish.

Tina made a motion to adjourn, Bonnie seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Craig Andre won the 50/50 drawing. Sheri Wiechmann was drawn for SOL but was SOL due to not being present.

Marcia Kaup - Oahe ABATE Secretary

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