

Oahe ABATE meeting minutes, April 8, 2023, Roman's House, Pierre

Call to Order: Called by Chapter President Roman LaMie at 6:30 pm

Members present: 35

Pledge of Allegiance led by LaCrista

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Brandon gave a report of all accounts for the month of March 2023. Specifics of this report can be found in the official record. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jamie, seconded by Brad, approved.

Secretary: Nancy proposed that she add a note to the end of the minutes to help collect email addresses. No corrections or additions to the March meeting minutes. Motion to accept the report made by Jamie, seconded by LaCrista, approved.

Membership: Jamie reported that as of the March report from State, Oahe ABATE has 103 members. She mentioned that it is important to get an email address from new members so information from the Chapter can be sent to them. Jamie reminded everyone that getting new members is what keeps our organization going, but we must also retain current members.

State Representative: Lori reported that Heartland STEAM is April 21-22 in Bismarck, still time to register. Accident Scene Management classes scheduled for April 15th in Rapid City and May 13th in Sioux Falls. Motorcycle Safety Funds are being used to put these classes on. New license plates decals can be ordered through the mail, look in your Freedom Flyer for the form. Carl will also be getting Awareness signs made again. The State Fundraiser decision was tabled because several chapters couldn't attend due to weather. Nominations were opened: Coordinator - Brad Bruns; Membership Secretary - Karline Clark; Secretary - Geri De Vries. Nominations open again in May with elections in July. We also tabled changing chapter dues to the state (currently \$50) and had some discussion on membership dues (currently \$25). Changing either is a by-laws change so it will take a couple meetings before anything would change. Chapters should discuss what they would support. Next State meeting is May 20th at The Moose in Fort Pierre.

Road Captain: Chris suggested that everyone get their bikes out while the weather is nice and the snow is melting. He is tentatively scheduling Friday, April 28 for our first supper ride. The mileage award registration will be at the Awareness Run.

Committee Reports:

Awareness Run: May 20 beginning at the State Capitol Building in Pierre. Meet at the Capitol Building at 11:00 am, pictures will be taken right before Kickstands Up at 12:00 pm. If you are going to enter the mileage challenge, bring the bike you want mileage entered for the mileage award, be there by 11:00 am.

Fun Run Committee: The shirt site is up at foxpromosd.com/store/Oahe-Abate-23-c148254839. This link is available on Facebook on the Oahe ABATE page. Please make sure that you get all of your sponsorships collected so we can complete the flier. Raffle tickets are available so take what you think you can sell. The rifle for the raffle was presented by JB Arms to the Chapter. Everyone liked it. Posters will be printed and ready for distribution at the next Chapter meeting.

Old Business

The challenge coins ordered by Roman are being made and may be available by the end of April.

Kip's patch is available tonight, cost is \$5.00.

Oahe Days' security. Jimmy from Sick Breed spoke to the group. They will be taking care of the security on Friday night which leaves Saturday night to Oahe ABATE. Roman discussed the need for 7-8 people for Saturday night. Volunteers were signed up from the membership in attendance. Roman stated that he would get times from Julie, and reminded the volunteers that they will need to remain sober during the security detail.

New Business

Grey Goose Roadhouse Bike Night. Riverbottom Militiamen President Yosemite spoke to the Chapter about the Bike Night activities. The general idea is to get more people to attend and more groups involved throughout the summer. There will be another meeting on May 4 to finalize plans, which may include such things as bike games, ladies' night, kids' night, a chili cook off, and consideration of any ideas brought to the meeting. He also said that the MM will not be putting their bikes in the bike show.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Oahe ABATE Chapter is May 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm in Bill's Garage.

Jamie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dennis, approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

50/50 drawing - Dennis Bruce aka Mr. Asshole

SOL drawing - Dennis Bruce aka Mr. Asshole, won the SOL and was present at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy Dewell

aka Snowflake

Chapter Secretary

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