

Oahe ABATE meeting minutes, Prairie ATV, Fort Pierre, SD, February 11, 2023

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Members Present: 29 + 1 guest

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ashley Olson

Roman introduced new members in attendance.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: January 2023 report of all accounts for balances, debits and credits was given by Brandon Butler. Specifics of this report can be found in the official record. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Jamie, seconded by Dave, approved.

Secretary: No corrections or additions to the January meeting minutes. Members will start receiving meeting minutes via email again. Motion to accept the Secretary's Report made by Brandon, seconded by Rachel, approved.

Membership: Jamie reported that the State official membership count is 96. She received 2 renewals and 3 new memberships tonight. Oahe ABATE received a Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition for Achieving a membership growth rate of 32.35% at Legislative Days.

State Representative: Lori thanked everyone who attended and helped out at Legislative Days! Jiggs reported that the SD Highway Safety Department will use the Motorcycle Safety fund for improvements to safety courses and funding Accident Scene Management and Two-Wheel Trauma courses. Carl reported he has new license plate decals and will work on new Awareness signs. He is planning to step down from Products in May. Lori encouraged anyone interested in taking over Products to speak up. Sydni, the State Treasurer, reported it currently costs the State \$31.45 per member to operate. Only \$15 of each membership funds the State activities. Jiggs want Chapters to discuss if they support raising the Chapter affiliate dues, which are currently \$50, to \$100. Lori remarked that Oahe could afford the increase to \$100, but worries that other chapters may not be able to afford the increase. The State Fundraiser discussion continues. The options are down to cash or guns. Oahe continues to support a gun raffle. ABATE of North Dakota is hosting HEARTLAND STEAM for 2023 in Bismarck, April 21-23, 2023. Registration is online. New motorcycle awareness signs are in the works and should be finished by May. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2023, 1:00 pm at the Moose in Fort Pierre.

Road Captain: Chris was excused from meeting. His message is that the weather is warming up, time to get out and ride!

Committee Reports

Fun Run Committee:

Jamie commented that we need to have shirt designs by the March meeting. Lori will set up ordering through Fox. Discussion of bands was had. Options discussed were the Highway 212 band, Dead End Band, Homestretch; Roman stated that he'd be happy with play lists on Friday. Jamie asked for a budget for the Fun Run. Brandon will be getting with Roman to discuss budgets before the next meeting. Supper will be pork, beans, cheesy hashbrowns, and deserts provide by whomever wants to contribute. Games will be weinie bite, jousting, tire toss, slow race, keg push, and plank race. Lori will provide the awards for the games, and Brad will provide awards for the bike show. Discussion of the budget for the Saturday meal was tabled until the March meeting. Reminder that the dates for the Fun Run are June 23-24, 2003, with June 22 being member night. No campers are to be parked at the site before Thursday.

Awareness Run: Chris and Roman are in charge of this, which will be May 20, 2023, at West Side, Fort Pierre. Meal will be burgers and dogs, and we will provide drinks. We need to get a notice into the Freedom Flyer.

Old Business

Legislative Days: Brad said that he got good feedback regarding the food served. He also received good feedback concerning the number of local members in attendance. Brad commented that it was nice to see lots of new people in attendance. The committee is working on next year already.

Christmas Party Committee: Jamie provided the final report of the committee. Profits will be placed in the savings account for kids.

Roman remarked that he would like to see more participation in the Sleep in Heavenly Peace program. Jamie researched our ability to participate in the Chase the Ace at West Side, but we are not set up to be able to help with that fund raiser.

Ashley said that the swap meet went great at the West Side and wants to do it again. We should publicize it on the Oahe ABATE Facebook page. She is looking at March or April for the next swap meet. Roman has a design and quote for the challenge coins and will present those in March.

Brad sent the design for the memorial patch for Kip to Marsha, who is getting quotes for production from All Around Graphics and Lila Briggs. 50 patches will be produced initially.

There was more discussion on a yearly memorial run for deceased members.

Brandon stated that as Treasurer he cannot transfer funds between the savings and checking account without going to the bank, and would like the Chapter's recommendation that he be able to transfer funds via the web. Jamie made a motion that the Treasurer be allowed to transfer funds between the savings and checking account online; seconded by Kevin, approved.

Kip's memorial ride will be to Valentine, Nebraska, so it will be a helmet run. Dates will be announced at the March meeting.

Roman thanked Prairie ATV for hosting our Chapter meeting and for the great food that was served.

Brad let the Chapter know that Jamie was recognized at the State meeting as Oahe ABATE Chapter 2022 Member of the Year.

Bonnie said that scholarship applications are due March 25, 2023.

The next meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter is March 11, place TBD.

Brad made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jamie, approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

50/50 Lisa Young won

SOL Kevin Cook's name was drawn, he was in attendance and won the SOL.

Drawing for a year's membership dues, Lori Butler received this.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy Dewell

aka Snowflake

Oahe ABATE Chapter Secretary