

Oahe ABATE Chapter Meeting, Lonnie & Sarah Dozier's house, March 9, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lacey, Lonnie was our flag bearer

Members present: 21

Treasurer's Report: Sugar gave a report of all accounts for the month of February 2024. Specifics of this report can be found in the official record. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Lilly, seconded by Jess, approved.

Secretary's Report: Nancy had no changes to meeting minutes, but did ask if anyone had read them. Motion to accept the Secretary's report made by Jess, seconded by Jamie, approved, Brandon abstained.

Membership Report: Jamie reported that there are 97 members according to the State report, and 95 for the Chapter report, although she has some renewals. Jamie has updated the officers' spreadsheet with new email addresses.

State Representative Report: Brandon gave the report for Lori. He hit the highlights of the State meeting minutes which are printed in the March 2024 Freedom Flyer. Reminder that Heartland STEAM is April 12-13 and that it is requested that each Chapter provide a centerpiece. Bonnie will be making the centerpiece for Oahe ABATE. The State Board of Directors meeting is Saturday, March 16, 1:00 pm at The Moose Lodge, Fort Pierre.

Road Captain: It's nice outside, you should have ridden today!

The Awareness Run is Saturday, May 18, 2024. The ride starts at the State Capital Building, kickstands up at 12:00 pm. Stops on the run will be Zesto, Moose Lodge, Raven's Roadside Tavern, Grey Goose Store & Social Club, back across the Oahe Dam to the WestSide Bar, Fort Pierre. Hot dogs and burgers will be served. A list of stops with addresses will be available on the back of the Dice Game sheets.

Fun Run Committee will meet on Thursday, March 14. First priority is to find a band.

Old Business

Reminder that Oahe ABATE will be providing security for Oahe Days on June 14.

Brisket has been purchased and will be cooked, sealed, and delivered for Heartland STEAM.

New Business

Roman inquired as to who plans to attend Heartland STEAM. Sugar, Ashley, Jess, Brandon, Lori, Roman and Brad will be attending. Brandon made a motion for Oahe ABATE Chapter to pay \$150 per person for reimbursement of expenses to attend Heartland STEAM, seconded by Jamie, approved. Brad will not need reimbursement from the Chapter. The Early Bird

registration deadline is Monday so get your registration in. Brad suggested that you make your motel reservations as soon as possible.

Doug is getting donations, but they are still in need of silent auction and live auction items. They are also looking for business sponsors.

Roman suggested that we put a cap on our yearly donations. Everyone should think about it and we will discuss it again. The reasoning is that we don't want to bankrupt the Chapter. We can also donate time: building beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which will get some community exposure for the Chapter. We have donated lately to the schools for unpaid lunches, and need to keep our reserve in the savings account which is dedicated to kids' donations.

Announcements

Dennis "Mr Asshole" Bruce is in Mary House Hospice Care and is not doing well. Please go visit.

Since our meeting, Dennis lost his fight with cancer. We are sad to say goodbye to Mr Asshole, but ride like the wind and we'll see you again!

Ashley reported that the Accident Awareness class was a good class to take. Sugar shared the emergency kit they received that will fit on a bike. We should look into getting an emergency kit for the Chapter that could be hauled in a cage when we are on a run.

Our next meeting will be April 20, 2024, 6:30 pm at Lonnie & Sarah Dozier's house. Thanks again for letting us meet there!

Jess made a motion to adjourn seconded by Lacey approved. Roman adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

50/50 won by Dave Kleveland, who donated part of it back to the Chapter. SOL was drawn for Bill Popinga, who was not in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy "Snowflake" Dewell
Oahe ABATE Chapter Secretary