

February Meeting Oahe ABATE Chapter
February 11, 2017 – Bill's Garage

President Bonnie London called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance with 14 members present.

Treasurer Bill Poppenga gave the Treasurer's Report which included account balances and a detailed list of money taken in vs. money spent Marcia motioned to accept the report. Brandon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

State Rep Report – Our Vertical License Plate Bill-SB79 passed the Senate Transportation Committee and full Senate with no votes against it. It now moves to the House Transportation Committee and no hearing date has been set. In the future the state will be working on a Share the Road program. The State Awareness Run will be held May 20 (3rd Saturday) ending at noon at the State Capitol with a Bike Blessing. A photo will be taken on the front steps of the Capitol. Heartland S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar To Educate And Motivate) is coming up on April 7 & 8 in Sioux City, IA. The Road Hazard Program had 10 reports in 2016 and we voted to continue the program. The number to call is on the back side of your membership card. The next State Board of Directors meeting will be held March 18th at the SD Municipal League Building (208 Island Drive; Fort Pierre) beginning at 1:00pm.

Road Captain Dawn Trapp reported that it is still winter.

Secretary Marcia Kaup asked if any changes were noted regarding the January minutes. An error of who gave the Road Captain report was brought forth. Weiner Menning was called upon when it should have been Dawn Trapp. Brad motioned to accept the error and approve the remainder of the minutes and Brandon seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Secretary Brad Bruns reported that the renewal/new members will be mailed tomorrow so the number didn't change. Brad has a personal goal to retain our members to become the top in the state for member retention at legislative day next year. He encourages the general membership to be talking to others to encourage people to renew AND to join.

Old Business:

The Valentine Bear raffle fundraiser for Dakota Horse Stars Therapeutic Riding Center concluded. Discussion was held on the possibility to hold another raffle for the center and it was the general consensus of the membership to not do so. Brad motioned for OA to write a check to contribute what was needed to meet the amount of one scholarship to attend the Dakota Horse Stars Therapeutic Riding Center when the operator is ready for it. Brandon seconded and the motion carried.

Bands for the 2017 Fun Run was discussed. Dawn had contacted the No Worries band and reported the amount they charge. A Fun Run committee was formed. Brandon will be the chair with Brad assisting. They will recruit other members to help. Contact Brandon or Brad with anything Fun Run related (the offer to help, bands/prices, food ideas, games, etc.) and they will bring anything needing a vote or more discussion to future meetings. A report will be given at every meeting until the event is held.

Nothing was done with the Policies and Procedures. A meeting of officers will be held before the next meeting to get them written.

New Business:

Heartland S.T.E.A.M. (A Seminar to Educate and Motivate) is being held at the Howard Johnson in Sioux City IA on April 7 & 8. Members are encouraged to attend. Early registration will save \$10.00 and closes on March 1. Discussion was held in regard to reimbursing members who do attend. Brandon made a motion to contribute a specific amount to be evenly distributed among those who attend. Dennis seconded and the motion carried. Bring registration and hotel receipts to the April meeting to be reimbursed.

ABATE Bar discussion was held. Bonnie appointed Sherry Johnson as the ABATE Bar Jar Chairman. She will meet with other members to learn how the ABATE Bar Jar operates. It was noted 2 other bars are interested in supporting OA by having a jar in the establishments. Brad motioned to have a plaque made to present to Eastside Pub & Casino for being an ABATE Bar Jar supporter. Bill seconded. Marcia will check with All-Around Graphics to see if they can do it.

St. Patrick's Day Parade participation is encouraged. The parade has been held on the day in the past. More details will be available at the March Meeting.

The Awareness Run being sponsored by OA again. It will be held on Saturday, May 20. Lori had contacted the City of Ft. Pierre to pencil us in for the shelter at Lily Park and will confirm that date. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Announcements:

A thank you letter was received from the office of Governor Daugaard for participating in the 2016 Christmas at the Capitol and was passed around for those who wanted to read it. The next meeting will be Saturday, March 11th at 6:30 at Bill Poppenga's in the garage. (202 S. Madison Ave, Pierre) There will be drawings for 50/50 and SOL and a Pot Luck after the meeting bring a dish to pass if you want.

With no more announcements were brought forward Marcia motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Tina seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Kip won the 50/50. Lonnie Bales was drawn for SOL and was NOT in attendance so did NOT win the pot so the amount increases for the next meeting. You can't win if you don't attend!

Marcia Kaup - ABATE Oahe Chapter Secretary