

November Meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter  
November 9, 2013 – Marcia's Garage

Vice President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:44pm with 15 members and 2 guests present. Thanks for coming Mark & Diane Boudreau! Brandon also announced that President Shelly Schaefer is in Rochester and to keep her in your prayers.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Steve Schwellenbach and accepted.

Membership Secretary Bonnie London reported there were 4 renewals and 69 total members. Welcome to Travis Duffy who became a member last month! Very glad to have you aboard Travis! Bonnie will be contacting those who need to renew by phone or post cards. Please check the label on your Freedom Flyer for your date to renew! Save her some time and get your renewal in early!

Minutes of last meeting were accepted as submitted.

State Representative Lori Butler was not present and Brandon reported that the next State Meeting is November 16 at the Pierre American Legion at 1pm. Members are encouraged to attend.

Road Captain Dennis Bruce had nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

Oahe ABATE has been selected to decorate a tree at the Capitol this year. The decorating committee consisting of Bonnie, Kurt and Marcia and they will be decorating at 1:00pm on November 23. The theme is "Christmas in the Great Outdoors".

Christmas Party/Toy Run fundraiser will be held Friday, December 6 beginning at 6 pm at Whiskey River. There will be a Soup Cook Off. Bring soup or something else if you wish. Minnow sales will start at 6 pm and races will begin at 8 pm. There will be a Mystery Prize for ABATE members who attend and another Mystery Prize that will be auctioned off that evening. Tickets will be sold for the Mystery Prizes beginning at 6pm for a limited time that evening. Marcia will put together the Mystery Prize boxes. Raffle tickets to sell and posters (Thanks to Dawn for designing and printing them!) to distribute were given out at the meeting. The drawing for the Raffle Tickets that are being sold will be held that evening for the Flat Screen TV, \$200 beef bucks and \$100 gas card. If you want to sell Raffle Tickets or put posters out and weren't at the meeting contact Marcia. Marcia also requested the sold and unsold tickets be returned to her by Thursday, December 5. Please do not separate the ticket stubs. Tickets will also be sold for 50/50 tickets that evening. Burger King will be participating this year. Details will be emailed out once they are available and listen to the radio for more information. We're hoping to have some good PR for this event. It's sure to be a good time so come on out and help raise some money for a worthwhile cause!

Pie Day will be held Saturday, December 14. Toys were purchased and donated by Bill Meagher and Sherri Wiechmann to be handed out at the Capitol. Thank you for your generosity! Interested parties will meet at Bubba Ray's at 11 am then all will proceed to the Capitol as a group. Kip & Robbie were nominated to be Santa. Kip was chosen to be Santa and he agreed (unless he could talk Robbie into being Santa)! Brandon motioned for Oahe ABATE to pay for the cleaning of the Santa Suit. Kip 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and was unanimously carried. Brad will get this taken care of before Pie Day. Shortly afterwards we will be going toy shopping.

Brad Bruns had a lead on a trailer that could be modified for use as a Beer Wagon but another was found that met the need. After some discussion Brad made a motion to purchase the trailer up to a specific amount. Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was carried. Brandon will contact the owner to try to purchase the trailer.

A Memorial patch for Tony Deters was discussed last month. Brad hasn't gotten any information gathered due to personal reasons but Sherri and Brad will have more information on design and price by the next meeting.

Nominations submitted last month for new officers were:

Vice President – Brad Bruns

Secretary – Marcia Kaup

Event Coordinator – Kurt Bowers

Membership Secretary – Bonnie London; Julie Roussel & Jolene Juneau;

Sergeant-at-Arms – Kip Eickoff

Brandon nominated Ryan Ellerton for Sergeant-at-Arms

With no further nominations being made Marcia made a motion to cease taking nominations

Bill seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

### **New Business:**

Legislative Days are January 16, 17 & 18. Any discussion was tabled until the December meeting. A tentative agenda is Thursday, January 16 a meet and greet with legislators and senators will be held. Friday Oahe ABATE will provide breakfast at the Capitol. Please plan on coming to the Capitol on Friday and wear your leathers! Friday night Oahe ABATE will provide and host the meal. Kip mentioned that if there is a band that evening to consider a DJ. The entertainment is provided by ABATE of South Dakota so Brandon will make sure Lore takes that suggestion to the State Meeting later this month. Bring any meal suggestions/ideas to the December meeting.

Election of officers was held and will begin their duties at the January 2014 meeting:

President: Brandon Butler (1 year)

Vice President: Brad Bruns (1 year)

Treasurer: Steve Schwellenbach (1 year remaining)

Secretary: Marcia Kaup (2 years)

Membership Secretary: Bonnie London (1 year)

Event Coordinator: Kurt Bower (1 year)

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ryan Ellerton (1 year)

State Rep: Lori Butler (1 year remaining)

Congratulations to the new officers and those who are continuing with their officer position.

Thanks for making the commitment of being an officer!

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 14th at Bill's garage (202 S. Madison St). We will be wrapping Christmas gifts so would like a good showing! A 50/50 drawing and SOL drawing along with a Potluck will take place after the meeting. Bring a dish to pass if you like. Changes of meeting place will be posted at <http://oaheabate.com>.

With no more discussion to be held Marcia motioned the meeting adjourn; Bill seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Kevin Schaefer won the 50/50 drawing. Koz was drawn for SOL but was not present so was SOL and the pot continues to grow!! You can't win if you don't attend!

Marcia Kaup - Oahe ABATE Secretary

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