

Oahe ABATE Chapter Meeting, Grey Goose Social Club, April 13, 2025

Call to Order: Called by Chapter Lori "Sugar" Maxwell at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Lonnie

Members present: 23

Secretary's Report: Nancy had no changes to meeting minutes. Motion to accept the Secretary's report made by Dave, seconded by Jess, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gina was excused. Sugar gave a report of all accounts for the month of March 2025. Specifics of this report can be found in the official record. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jess, seconded by Ashley, approved.

Membership Report: Jess reported that the State shows we have 91 members. There are renewals received tonight that will be submitted. Check Facebook for monthly updates of dues renewals needed.

State Representative Report: Nominations opened for 3 officers, Coordinator: Brad Bruns was nominated and accepted, Secretary: Angie Hill was nominated and accepted, Membership: Karline Clark was nominated but has not accepted. Elections are in July. Bikers Inside the Beltway – Jiggs and Bill Wellnitz are going and will set up meetings with Thune, Rounds and Johnson. Still looking for a Products Manager. Finance Committee is working on a budget and Syndi found someone to conduct an audit. Motorcycle Awareness Month is May, Hilary will get a proclamation from the Governor. Next meeting is May 17, 2025, 1:00 pm at The Moose in Fort Pierre.

Road Captain: Ride safe. Watch out for debris on the highway as feed lots are being utilized.

Old Business

Fun Run Committee

Jim Melhaff will play Friday night. We will be encouraging decorating your campsite as we will have a competition for the best decorations. You will also be judged on the alcohol you serve at your site. A potluck meal will be available on Friday night.

Saturday Concerned Behavior will be playing. Hamburgers will be served by Oahe ABATE after the poker run.

T-shirts are on sale at FoxPro, this ends April 30. We will be purchasing extra shirts. We need to check the inventory in the war wagon, which we will do tonight after the meeting. The roof needs fixed and other maintenance needs done on the war wagon. Raffle tickets are available to purchase, also please grab a couple extras to sell to your friends. We will try to mark the field at the Fun Run site for easier camper parking and vehicle parking. We are counting on our member electricians to help get our electricity straightened out at Nystroms.

Awareness Run is Saturday, May 17. Clint gave a run down of the rules and guidelines for this year's run. Kickstands up at noon at the State Capital. Please check Facebook for more details. The State did not print awareness signs this year so we will have to get some from members.

Doug Decker has talked to Governor Rhoden, who will try to be at the Capital for the group picture.

Heartland Steam was attended by Sugar, Ashley, and Nancy. Sugar stated that the best information she received was during the Roberts Rules of Order meeting. She also attended the informative meeting regarding impact groups. Getting more kids involved was a class that gave some good information. Also the profiling class was very informative. Please check your insurance policies to make sure if you have an accident it will actually cover your needs. Check with your insurance agent. 2026 Heartland Steam will be in Alexandria, Minnesota in March.

The E-billboard on the top of Euclid is available at a cost of \$460 per month, which includes a 7.5 second flash every minute throughout the day. Jess will help design something for the Awareness run. If you know of an e-billboard, contact the owner and see what it would cost for us to advertise the Awareness Run.

Jess made a motion to rent the full billboard, with an advertisement every minute for \$460, with the final design to be approved by the Executive Committee, Lori seconded the motion, approved, with one dissenting vote.

Brett Campbell filled us in on the Bull Riding event being held to honor James Hicks. If anyone has any good James stories, write it down and contact Brett. They will need help with the concession stand, ticket taking, and security. Ashley offered to help with their liquor license. There was a suggestion made to Brett that he also contact Sick Breed to see if they are interested in helping.

New Business

There was no new business.

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Nothing.

Announcements

Next chapter meeting is May 10, 2025, 6:30 pm at Lonnie & Sarah's house.

Jess made a motion to adjourn seconded by Dave approved. Sugar adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

50/50 won by Lori Butler.

SOL was drawn for Nathan Cross, who was not in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy "Snowflake" Dewell
Oahe ABATE Chapter Secretary