

October Meeting Oahe ABATE Chapter
October 11, 2014 – Brandon's Man Cave

President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm with 12 members present. Treasurer Steve Schwellenbach gave the Treasurer's Report and was accepted.

Membership Secretary Bonnie London reported that there are 5 new members: Mike & Bonnie Wells; Brett Warkenthein, Michael Uhrig and Chris Helsa. Welcome! There was also one renewal for a total of 67 members.

Secretary Marcia Kaup reported that Abate Oahe Chapter Facebook has 273 "friends". Nobody asked for changes to the minutes so the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Brandon reported that there was an impromptu officers meeting held to discuss the Christmas Party. There will be more information in the New Business section.

State Representative Lori Butler reported Legislative Days will be Jan. 15-16, 2015. Oahe will provide supper as usual. The State gave us money to print maps which we then distributed before the rally. Heartland STEAM will be held May 8-10, 2015 in Bismarck, ND and in 2016 it will be April 1-3 in South Dakota. The Whitewood Social was attended by 170 people from 15 states this year. We're still looking for someone to take over the Business Supporter program. Meeting of the Minds was held in Kansas City Sept. 25-27. The MRF needs financial help, more people should consider becoming members. Next State meeting is November 15th.

Road Captain Dennis Bruce had nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nominations for new officers were submitted as follows: President Brad B. who moves up from Vice President. Vice President – no nomination yet; Treasure – Bill P.; State Rep- Lori B.; Event Coordinator – Kurt; Membership Secretary – Jolene J.; Sergeant-at-Arms – Kip E.; Road Captain – No nomination yet. Secretary position doesn't open until 2016.

The Christmas Party/Toy Run Fundraiser will be held on December 12th at Eastside Pub (formerly Bogey's Pub). There will be a chili cook off but other types of soup would be welcome but won't be in the contest. Members who don't bring soup are encouraged to bring anything that goes good with soup. Joe will be in charge of getting the 2 Mystery prizes together. One Mystery Prize will be raffled off to members who are present that purchase tickets that night and the other will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Minnow Races will also be held. Raffle tickets were passed out. This year the raffle tickets will be sold to win a 32" Smart HD TV; a \$200 Running's Gift Card and a \$100 gas card. The price for purchasing tickets is 1 ticket for \$5.00 or five tickets for \$20. This is for a very worthy cause so get a lot of tickets sold! You do not need to be present to win! We are raising money to purchase toys for the less fortunate in the area.

Jeff Ice has a collection of Circus Circus stuffed animals that he would like to donate to use as a fundraiser. The collection has been deemed to not be as collectable as thought. Bring any ideas you have to the next meeting. The proceeds would still go to Oahe ABATE to be used as necessary.

The application for decorating a Christmas tree at the Capitol has been submitted by Marcia. The theme is "125 Years of Christmas in South Dakota". Be thinking of decorating ideas in case Oahe ABATE is selected! Marcia hasn't heard anything yet, but should know by the November meeting.

A sign-out sheet has been put in the storage trailer. Make sure if you borrow something to use the sheet!

New Business:

Due to Lori's earlier report of the financial status of MRF discussion was held in regard to being a sustaining member of MRF (Motorcycle Rider Foundation) MRF is the watchdog for the Federal Government in regard to motorcycle laws that could impact the freedom of our choice of how we ride. Koz made a motion to become a sustaining member of MRF. Bonnie seconded the motion and the motion carried. Steve will submit the check to MRF.

Legislative days will be held on January 15 & 16. This is important to attend so mark your calendars and take the day off if possible to attend. It's a great learning experience and a good time to meet the people who are responsible for our laws. More planning will be done as time gets closer.

The donations we give to IMPAC was discussed. A decision on the amount that will be given to IMPAC will be made according to what direction IMPAC takes in regard to the handlebar height bill.

Warren Dozier had surgery last week and is back in Pierre recovering. Bonnie will get flowers sent to him.

The stage needs to be moved out to MCM for storage as the building where it was being stored has been sold. Steve and Joe will take care of getting it moved. It's getting to late in the year to get the additional coat of sealant on so it will be done in the spring.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, November 8th at Bill Poppenga's garage beginning at 6:30PM.

With no further business to discuss Marcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Kip seconding. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Dennis Bruce won the 50/50 drawing. Brandon Butler was drawn for SOL and was present. Brandon donated the whole amount back to the chapter. Thanks for your generosity Brandon!

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