

September Meeting/Pajama Party of Oahe ABATE Chapter

September 12, 2014 – Okobojo Point

President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm with 15 members present. Treasurer Steve Schwellenbach gave the Treasurer's Report and was accepted.

Membership Secretary Bonnie London was not able to be present and nothing was reported.

Secretary Marcia Kaup reported that there was no formal meeting in August so there were no minutes to review or revise. Donations of \$50.00 each was received from Lorri Rathbun & Dale Hartman in memory of Chet Hartman to be put toward the upcoming Toy Run in December. Jiggys Cressy also donated \$20.00 to the Toy Run fund.

Brandon reported that there was an unofficial meeting was held with officers to discuss paying registration and hotel accommodations for 2 people to attend the Meeting of the Minds conference to be held in Kansas City MO September 25-28. It was decided that Oahe ABATE will pay for 2 people to attend. Marcia & Lori will be going.

State Representative Lori Butler reported that the current Membership for the state is 1554 members. The beginning of 2014 membership was 1387. Gail reported she's seeing more members coming back. IMPAC committee recommended introducing a handlebar height repeal bill during the next legislative session. The board approved. Jiggs reported he's talking with the Department of Public Safety to possibly film routes in the Black Hills for the SD Rides website. Meeting of the Minds will be held in Kansas City MO the end of September and Lori and Marcia will be attending. Lori and Marcia will figure what if anything to take to donate to the silent auction at MOM. Jan will continue as Treasurer for now but will not be able to attend meetings until her work schedule changes which may happen in January. The next state meeting is September 19 at the Legion Cabin in Pierre.

Road Captain Dennis Bruce was absent.

Old Business:

The Meeting in the Middle Ride was held the last Sunday in July. We met for lunch in Wall then rode through the Badlands as a group. A good time was had by all. We hope to do it again next year.

The old Beer wagon was purchased by Dave Kleaveland. Brandon reported the new Beer wagon cooled down to operating temperature in an hour compared to 24 hours to cool down the old Beer wagon so it was a good economical decision to replace the old Beer wagon.

Brandon reported he hasn't acquired any information on the new tent to be used on the stage. Messages were left but the company hasn't called back. Hopefully by the next meeting there will be more information.

Any member is welcome to borrow items from the storage trailer but please use the sign-out sheet that will be put in the trailer so if something isn't there when someone wants it they know who had the item last. Borrowing ABATE items is an honor so help keep track of what you use!

There was some talk last December that the person who organizes the toy drive could be retiring this year. Marcia will check on the status of the toy drive being done and who will be the contact and report back next month. Discussion was held on options and there were some good ideas shared. More discussion will be held as necessary at the next meeting.

The stage needs one more coat of sealant applied. Brandon will get some people together to get this done before the weather gets to cold.

New 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 – no nomination yet; Membership Secretary – Jolene J.; Sergeant-at-Arms – Kip E.; Road Captain – No nomination yet. Secretary position doesn't open until 2016.

Jeff Ice has a collection of Circus Circus stuffed animals that he would like to donate to use as a fundraiser. The collection is considered to be collectable so Steve and Monte will do some

research on different ways to sell them and the worth. An officers meeting may be held to determine the outcome before the next meeting.

The application for decorating a Christmas tree at the Capitol has been received and will be submitted by Marcia. The theme is "125 Years of Christmas in South Dakota". Be thinking of decorating ideas in case Oahe ABATE is selected!

Welcome to Winston Agneau who became a new member prior to the meeting! We're glad to have you!

With no further business to discuss Marcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Lori seconding. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Monte won the 50/50 drawing. Tina Flynn's name was drawn for SOL and WAS present so was a WINNER of a pot that hadn't been won since December 2012! Congratulations Tina!

Marcia Kaup - Oahe ABATE Secretary

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