

March Meeting of Oahe ABATE Chapter
March 8, 2014 – Bill's Garage

President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm with 18 members and 1 guest present.

Treasurer Steve Schwellenbach gave the Treasurer's Report and was accepted.

Membership Secretary Bonnie London was absent so there was no membership report. Secretary Marcia Kaup asked if anything needed corrected in last month's minutes and nobody spoke up so the minutes were accepted as submitted.

State Representative Lori Butler was absent but Brandon reported that the next BOD meeting is March 15 at 1:00 pm at the Legion Cabin.

Road Captain Dennis Bruce reported that he will be working on a route for the Awareness run to be held in May.

Old Business:

ABATE of South Dakota is looking to purchase 'look twice' yard signs that will be sold to chapters at cost, these should be available by March so that members can display them for Motorcycle Awareness Month in May. After some discussion Brad made a motion to spend up to a specific amount and sell what we get to members at cost. Kip seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Lilly Park has been reserved for the gathering after the Awareness Run in May. Anyone wishing to go on the Dice Run should meet at the Capitol at noon. The ride will begin at 1:00 pm. The menu was discussed for the gathering after the Dice Run and decided upon and members who attend are encouraged to bring a dish. Jolene, Tina, Marcia and Bill said they would all make something. There will not be a keg this year but beer will still be available. Kevin will order the buns. Lori will make posters to be distributed.

Bill & Sherri reported the Memorial Patches for Tony Deters have been ordered and should arrive in 3-4 weeks and should be here for the Awareness Run.

It was reported that Bonnie had gotten the scholarship applications to the schools. Riggs moved up the date they want them turned in so there is more time before Awards night. Some scholarships have already been received. A committee will be put together next month to choose the recipient.

The stage and trailer will be evaluated to see what needs done on Saturday, March 22 at 10 am at the Kelly Construction building. Monte volunteered the Medicine Creek Band members to come help with the renovations as they have used the stage on several occasions. This needs to be done in time for the Fun Run or sooner so please mark your calendars and try to be there.

New Business:

The St. Patrick's Parade will be held on March 17 and Oahe ABATE will be in the parade. Anyone wishing to participate should meet by the courthouse at 4:30 to decorate and get in line. The parade will start at 5:15. It would be nice to have a good turnout of members in the parade.

Discussion was held as to whether anyone would go to the bar out on Grey Goose Road if they were to become an ABATE bar. Most agreed it would be a good ride out there and it is not that far that people go. Brandon will talk with the manager to see if he would want to be an ABATE bar and report back at next months meeting.

The Fun Run will be held June 27th & 28th (last weekend of June). Two bands and prices were discussed and a show of hands chose one to be the winner. Jolene will contact a member of the band to make sure they are available on Saturday, June 28th. Kozmedics and Schmitgen's Powder Coat pledged to pay to pay for part of the cost. A committee will be set up by next meeting to begin organizing and planning the Fun Run and to determine who will do what. It was mentioned that Gary still wanted to have a Ride in Bike Show again on Friday evening.

Black Hills Chapter is planning a "Meet in the Middle Ride on July 27th. More information will be coming and will be sent out via email when received.

Discussion was held on whether there will be Supper Rides this summer. It was decided that evenings don't work well for anyone and someone mentioned Lunch rides on Sunday. Members are asked to think about it and more discussion will be held at the April meeting.

Brandon thanked Bill Poppenga for the continued use of his garage for the meetings.

Kevin Flottmeyer who is a motorcycle safety course instructor spoke to the group about the Basic Rider Course (BRC) and the Experienced Rider Course (ERC) and had the BRC schedules for anyone who wanted them. He announced that there is an Experienced Rider Course scheduled for Saturday, May 17th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm; which clashes with the Awareness Run. He offered to have a ERC course from 7:00 – noon if enough interest is shown. Several members in attendance expressed interest. The ERC is for anyone who has the motorcycle endorsement and frequently ride. Individuals under 18 are also welcome but will need parental consent to attend. You will need to provide a safe, street-ready motorcycle and proof of insurance. Contact Kevin by email at racegnr@pie.midco.net if interested in taking the ERC course. The cost will be \$65.

A discussion was held on how our chapter could encourage people to take either the BRC or ERC. The topic will be discussed more at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 12th at 6:30 pm at Bill's garage (202 S. Madison St). Donations will be accepted for the Top Rider prize for the Fun Run, a 50/50 drawing, SOL drawing and a Potluck will take place after the meeting. Bring a dish to pass if you like. Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend. Changes of meeting place will be posted at <http://oaheabate.com>.

With no further business to discuss Marcia made a motion to adjourn with Brad seconding. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:52.

Marcia won the 50/50 drawing. Chris Novotny was drawn for SOL but was not present so was SOL. The pot continues to grow and you can't win if you don't attend!

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