

Oahe ABATE meeting minutes, Sunday, November 10, 2024, Raven's Roadside Tavern. Thank you Jamie for hosting our meeting.

Call to Order by Chapter President Roman LaMie at 1:22 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Mann

Members present: 29

Treasurer's Report: Lori "Sugar" Maxwell gave a report of all accounts for the month of October 2024. Specifics of this report can be found in the official record. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Dave Mann, seconded by Ashley Olson, approved.

Secretary's Report: Nancy Dewell had no changes to the previous minutes. Motion to accept the Secretary's Report was made by Jessica LaMie, seconded by Sugar, approved.

Membership Report: Jamie Werner reported that State shows Oahe Chapter at 96 members. With recent renewals and new membership apps, Jamie shows us at 107 members.

State Representative Report: Lori Butler reminded the group that the State ABATE meeting is Saturday, November 16 at 1:00 pm at The Moose, Fort Pierre. Documents being submitted for approval are in the recent Freedom Flyer for review.

Road Captain: Ashley informed the Chapter that we lost James Hicks on November 8. Oahe ABATE will lead the funeral procession on Friday morning. A wake will be held at James & Tara Hicks' house. Please watch facebook for more information.

Old Business

Committee Reports

Christmas Party Committee

The Christmas Party will be held on December 7 at the WestSide Bar in Fort Pierre. If you have entries for the Chili Cookoff you can start dropping them off at 4:00 pm. The Party will begin at 5:00 pm, with good food, good fun, and good friends. Raffle Tickets and 50/50 Tickets are for sale. We have 100 names from the Angel Tree to shop for. Shopping will be Sunday, November 17 at 9:00 am at Walmart, and December 1 at 9:00 am at Walmart. Present wrapping will be at Lonny & Sarah's house after shopping on November 17, and at the WestSide on December 1. Everyone is welcome to come shopping and wrapping. Keep asking for donations whether it be cash or silent auction items.

Trick or Treat downtown went very well. Stickers and candy were handed out to lots of children.

Brad Bruns was asked if there was anything new on the proposed dues increase. He stated that it would be voted on at the State ABATE meeting in January. A discussion was held by the Chapter regarding the dues increase. It would put Oahe ABATE at \$30.00 per year, a \$5 increase. With so many members in attendance, President LaMie requested that we take a vote

now, and again in December if needed. The Chapter voted against the dues increase, instead wanting to see how the newly created budget process works regarding state funds.

President LaMie call for the annual election.

Lonny Dozier was nominated as honorary Sergeant at Arms to hold the place of James Hicks in memorium.

Lori "Sugar" Maxwell was the nominee for President, the Chapter voted a unanimous yes.

Ashley Olson was the nominee for Vice President, the Chapter voted a unanimous yes.

Gina Morris was the nominee for Treasurer, the Chapter voted a unanimous yes.

Lonny Dozier, was the nominee as Honorary Sergeant at Arms in memorium of James Hicks, the Chapter voted a unanimous yes.

Lori Butler was the nominee for State Representative, the Chapter voted a unanimous yes.

Two nominees were on the ballot for the following positions:

Secretary: Nancy "Snowflake" Dewell and Samantha Lawson. With a secret ballot, Snowflake was elected.

Membership Secretary: Jamie Werner and Jessica LaMie. With a secret ballot, Jessica was elected.

Road Captain: Clint Namanny and Brad Morris. With a secret ballot, Clint was elected.

Congratulations to the new officers of Oahe ABATE who will all be sworn in at the January 2025 meeting.

Pie Day at the State Capital will be December 14.

Discussion was had of purchasing a Grinch Suit, and having Farley wear it, as was Dennis Bruce's vision of equal representation at the Christmas party. It was unanimously approved by the Chapter. Prairie ATV offered to purchase the suit. Thank you Abe & Randi.

Doug Decker told us of the great representation that ABATE has in the State Legislature.

Our next membership meeting will be on December 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the WestSide Bar in Fort Pierre, SD.

With no other business to come before the Chapter, Jessica made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jamie, approved.

President LaMie adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy "Snowflake" Dewell
Oahe ABATE Secretary

50/50 drawing was won by Bill and donated back to the Chapter. Thanks Bill!
SOL was won by Jim Bruce, who was in attendance. Congrats JB!