

December Meeting Oahe ABATE Chapter

December 13, 2014 – Bill's Garage

President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm with 14 members present. Treasurer Steve Schwellenbach didn't give a Treasurer's Report due to the amounts would not be correct due to the Fundraiser receipts and expenses haven't been tallied yet. Expect a complete report in January.

Membership Secretary Bonnie London reported that there are 67 members and gave a list of those needing to renew and contact status. There were 5 total renewal or new memberships received at the fundraiser last night.

Secretary Marcia Kaup reported that there was a typo regarding the date of the meeting being the 13th not the 12th as November minutes stated and the Road Caption position that Dawn Trap was voted in was omitted. Marcia apologized for the errors in the minutes and stated the corrections were put on OaheABATE.com.

State Representative Lori Butler reported that the total state membership is at 1351 as of the November. This meeting was Gail's last after 17+ years of serving as the State Membership Secretary. Thank you Gail for your service!. The new State Membership Secretary is Karline Clark. Susan, the newsletter editor, will start including more event details on the Good Times Calendar. Rep. John Thune is up for the Science, Commerce and Transportation Committee. If he becomes the chair, we'll need to build a strong relationship with his office. ABATE Legislative Days will be held Jan. 15-16 and the schedule is in the latest Freedom Flyer. Chapters are encouraged to bring auction items. Once again our chapter will host dinner on Friday. We'll also be holding minnow races Friday night after awards. STEAM in 2015 will be held in Bismarck, ND on May 8-10. South Dakota will host STEAM in 2016 in Sioux Falls on April 1-2. In this upcoming Legislative Session, we WILL be pursuing the handlebar height repeal! We need every member to be a part of this by talking with their local Legislators. Read and know the talking points the state has put together. Come to Legislative Days and talk with them. They need to hear our voices and see our support for this legislation. The next state meeting is Saturday, Jan. 17 at the Legion. The Zzen Chapter will be hosting a breakfast at the meeting.

Road Captain Dennis Bruce had nothing to report.

Old Business:

New officers will begin their duties at the January meeting. Brandon agreed to be Vice President but will not become President in 2016. Brand Bruns will step up to President; Marcia has one more year as Secretary. The new officers and their positions are: Treasurer-Bill Poppenga; Membership Secretary-Jolene Juneau; State Representative-Lori Butler; Road Captain-Dawn Trapp and Sergeant-of-Arms-Kip Eickhoff. President Brandon thanked all the outgoing officers for their service and special thanks to Brandon for being President 6 out of 7 years and Steve Schwellenbach for his 7 consecutive years as Treasurer. Members were thanked for the increased attendance. Members were encouraged to invite past members to attend a meeting again. Maybe they will decide to be members again.

The tabled discussion on the Vice Presidency was opened. Brandon was elected VP for 2015 by majority vote. Discussion was held on changing the event coordinator to an event management committee. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The Christmas Party/Toy Run Fundraiser was held on Friday, December 12 at Eastside Pub & Casino. We had a very good turnout and raised an awesome amount of money that was used on Saturday to purchase gifts for 75 kids in area communities. The winner of the Minnow Races was "Dick" who was raced by Trent Darth. Derek & Julie Diedrich won the first mystery prize and Jeff Ice was high bidder of the mystery prize that was auctioned. There were several items that were either auctioned or raffled off also. The 50/50 drawing was won by Koz and \$100 given back with a challenge to match the donation. Bill Meagher and Joe Kelley met the match and donated a total of \$100 each. Travis Duffy earned bragging rights for winning the Chili Cook-off. Winners of the Raffle Prizes were: 1st place – Smart TV was Mark Heier; 2nd

Place – Running Gift Card was Misty Siedlascha; 3rd Place - \$ 100 gas card was Cal Christie. Congratulations to all! Thanks to the members for selling tickets and a bigger thank you to those who purchased tickets! Rich & Wendy Trujillo donated \$100 to purchase toys for the kids. A bag of stuffed animals were donated by Gene & Linda Dickson. The Moose Lodge in Ft. Pierre collected toys and donated them. Thank you all! Thank you to every member who helped in any way to organize and worked that night to pull off a successful fundraiser and Christmas Party. Thanks also to Rob and Bridgett at Eastside for allowing us to hold the event there.

Saturday, December 13 was Pie Day at the Capitol. A dozen or so members meet at Bubba Ray's. There were eight elves on motorcycles with Santa on a trike that did a cruise around town before heading to the Capitol where toys were handed out to the kids and Santa had his picture taken with kids of all ages. Some of the group then headed to Kmart to meet others to purchase the gifts for the 75 kids. Wrapping and sorting according to family was scheduled to take place after the meeting and delivery to the agency in charge of the names we had on Sunday.

Legislative Days is January 15-17. Since there will be action taken to repeal the handlebar height limit law it is important for members to attend the Meet & Greet on Thursday evening and go to the Capitol on Friday to talk to the legislators about supporting the appeal. The agenda will be in the Freedom Flyer. Oahe ABATE Chapter is in charge of the supper on Friday evening. Jolene reported that Travis Duffy of Last Call Heroes BBQ will be cooking the meat. A meeting of the committee will be planned in the next few weeks to iron out the rest of the details.

New Business:

The donation amount to give to IMPAC was discussed. Kip motioned to donate the amount of \$500. Koz seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, January 10th. The location will be announced in the reminder email and will be put on oaheabate.com as soon as it is determined. The meeting will begin at 6:30PM. Drawings and donations will be taken and pot luck will follow the meeting. Bring a dish to pass if you want.

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

Dennis Bruce won the 50/50 drawing. Jean Kelley was drawn for SOL and was not present so the pot increases for the next meeting.

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