

December Meeting of Oahe A.B.A.T.E Chapter
December 8, 2012 ~ Kozmedic's

President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:43pm with 22 members and 3 guests present. This was a great turnout to help wrap all the gifts that were purchased from the Toy Run fundraiser! The Treasurer's Report was given by Steve Schwellenbach and accepted. Membership Secretary Jolene Juneau reported the membership is 70; which included five new members, Steve Nolte, Terry Jensen, Bernice Hackett, Mark Halvorson & Jamie Werner. Glad to have you all as a new members! November minutes were noted to have an incorrect date for the Fun Run. The date was noted to be June 28 & 29.

State Representative Joe Kelly reported that a bill will be introduced to allow the option of horizontal or vertical license plates. New SD ABATE patches are available for purchase for \$5.00 each. Contact Joe if you would like to purchase one. Donations for IMPAC are down. More donations were requested. The State Wide Poker Run will be done next year. Members are encouraged to participate. Legislative Days activities include a Meet & Greet on Thursday, January 17 at 8:00 pm at the Legion Cabin. Come meet the Legislators! Joe will bring pictures and names to the next meeting so we all will be able to recognize them. Friday, January 18 anytime after 7:30 am will be spent at the Capitol to attend Committee Meetings and to talk to Legislators. More Oahe ABATE members are encouraged to attend. That evening there will be a banquet. Saturday, January 19 the State ABATE meeting will be held at 10:00 am at the Legion Cabin. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings as well. Heartland STEAM will be held March 22nd – 24th at Peoria, IL. Best of the West will be held in Billings, MT next year. This will be the closest it will ever be held. Consider making the trip. More information will be given later. A new chapter - South Central LA - was formed in Lake Andes. A big welcome to them! Discussion was held on a donation to be given to IMPAC & State ABATE. Joe made a motion to make a \$500.00 donation to IMPAC. Seconded by Shelly Schaefer. Motion carried.

Joe, Lori, Brandon, Steve, Marcia and Jolene will meet to plan more for Legislative Days. Joe Kelley dressed up as Santa for Pie Day at the Capitol on December 8. Brandon & Lori Butler, Joe and Koz braved the weather and rode their bikes! Jeanie Simpson was on hand to photograph the activity at Bubba Rays and outside the Capitol. Jeanie Kelley, Kevin Schaefer, Dave Kleaveland and Marcia Kaup also were at the Capitol to pass out toys and candy canes to the children. Young and old posed with Santa for photos. Joe, Jeanie, Brandon, Lori, Marcia, Steve Schwellenbach and Derek & Julie Diedrich all met at Kmart afterwards to shop for toys.

Old Business:

- New officers will begin their duties at the January 12 meeting.
 - President – Shelly Schaefer
 - Vice President – Brandon Butler
 - Treasure – Steve Schwellenbach
 - State Representative – Lori Butler
 - Membership Secretary – Bonnie London
 - Road Captain – Dennis Bruce
 - Sergeant at Arms – Joe Kelley
 - Event Coordinator – Kevin Schaefer
 - The Christmas Party and Toy Run fundraiser was held Saturday, December 1. Winners of the Raffle were:
 - 32" HD Television - Merrill Greg
 - \$200 Beef Bucks – Lynn Marshall
 - \$100 Gas Card - Kathy Posprsil
- Other winners:

1st Mystery Box – Tina Flynn

2nd Mystery Box was auctioned off with Jeff Ice being the high bidder.

Thirty-two minnows were sold with Lilly Deters having the fastest minnow. Lilly donated part of her winnings to Oahe ABATE. Thanks Lilly! Everyone had a good time!

Tina Flynn won the vote for the best Chili.

A huge thank you went to Burger King for running their promotion and getting a lot of toys collected!

Good support was shown for the Toy boxes that were placed in the following businesses: Whiskey River, Petersen's, Dakota Motor Sports, Bogey's, Morris, Inc. and the Moose Lodge. Thanks to all!

Thanks to the Red Knights who presented a donation to Oahe ABATE for the Toy Run.

Enough money was raised to spend \$70 on each of the 50 children! With this amount we were able to get each child the items they wished for! Way to go everyone who donated and sold tickets for this great cause!

New Business:

- Marcia Kaup put together a website for Oahe ABATE. Hosting still needs to be found. It is thought the cost will be around \$50 per year. More details to come.
- Discussion was held of selling tickets at the Mall for upcoming Raffles. Marcia will check with the Mall Manager to get more details.
- Running's Farm & Fleet in Pierre has agreed to have a toy box placed there for toy donations next year.
- Jeff Ice thanked the chapter for the flowers given for his father's funeral this past week.
- Hot Rod's of Kennebec will be holding a Memorial Poker Run next year. More details as they become available.
- Golden Isle donated a sign to ABATE. It will be perfect to use for the Fun Run and possible other events.
- Please email oaheabate@gmail.com to have your address added to the mailing list.

Next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12 @ 6:30 pm at Mower's and More or Kozmedics. Pot Luck will follow the meeting. Feel free to bring a dish to pass.

President Brandon thanked outgoing officers for their past work and wished the new members luck in there positions.

With no more discussion to be held Kip Eickhoff motioned the meeting adjourn; Julie Diedrich seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Julie Diedrich won \$68 in the 50/50 drawing. Jeff Ice was drawn for the SOL (\$302) and WAS in attendance! The SOL now is back to \$0.00 but don't let that stop you from coming to the next meeting!

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