

December Meeting Oahe ABATE Chapter
December 12, 2015 – Bill Poppenga's Garage

Vice President Brandon Butler called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm with 9 members present.

Treasurer Bill Poppenga gave the Treasurer's Report which included account balances and a detailed list of money taken in vs. money spent.

State Rep Lori Butler reported that the Highway Bill has been signed by the President and contains several pro-motorcycle items. Jeff Hennie, the MRF Lobbyist, has resigned and new applications are being taken. Work continues on STEAM, still looking for sponsors and auction items. It is being held April 1-3, 2016 at the Sioux Falls Ramkota; registration is \$50 before March 1st. Discussion continues on a possible 3-Year Membership option. And remember to plan on attending ABATE Legislative Days Jan. 14-15 in Pierre, our Chapter will be serving the meal Friday night and running Minnow Races. Next State BOD meeting is Jan. 16th at the Legion in Pierre.

Road Captain Dawn Trapp had nothing to report.

Secretary Marcia Kaup asked if any changes were noted regarding the October minutes. Nothing was brought forward for changes so minutes stand as written.

Membership Secretary Jolene Juneau reported we there are 67 total members. Welcome to Lori Niehoff and Scott Ziebert who became new members since the last meeting! We're happy you joined!

Old Business:

Discussion was held on whether to pay part of the cost for members to attend Heartland S.T.E.A.M. in April. No decision was made and the discussion was tabled until January.

The menu was finalized for Legislative Days on January 15. OA will provide workers for Minnow races during Legislative Days.

The Christmas Party/Fundraiser was held December 4th at Eastside Pub & Casino. The 1st place Raffle Ticket was Amie Miller and she donated her winnings back to the Toy fund upon hearing she won. Thank you Amie Miller! Eric Reeves was drawn as the 2nd prize winner and Don Sandal was drawn as the 3rd prize winner. Jolene Juneau won the Mystery Prize drawing and Bill Meagher was the top bidder for the Mystery Prize auction. There were several other items auctioned off. A great time was had by all! Thanks goes to everyone who helped in any way and those who purchased tickets, donated prizes and spent money to support the effort of providing Christmas for some of the kids in the area that may not have had a Christmas without our help.

On December 12 Brad Bruns, Brandon Butler and Koz braved 32-34 degree temperatures to escort Santa (Joe Kelley) to the Capitol on December 12 to give toys and stuffed animals that were donated by member of the Moose Lodge in Ft. Pierre. Those who chose not to rode drove and tried to keep up with the bikes! A couple of hours were spent handing out toys and Santa having his picture taken with youngsters and those older folks that have never grown up. Attorney General Marty Jackley thanked the group for coming and brightening up the day. Afterwards we met up with others to purchase the gifts for 75 children in the area. Brandon commented that the shoppers did a very good job keeping within the limit of what was to be spent. The gifts will be wrapped after the meeting and will be delivered to the Angel Tree coordinator on Sunday, December 13. Joe commended the committee and helpers for a successful fundraiser. Brandon thanked everyone who spent the day helping everything. It was a long but fun day!

New Business

Brandon announced he was contacted by the Jade Monkey Band. They are interested in

playing for the Fun Run. Brandon said to be thinking of other bands and have prices gathered as we need to be thinking of booking someone soon.

Policies & procedures will be worked on in January, 2016.

Scholarships will need to be discussed as well soon.

The following will take their offices at the January meeting. President Bonnie London; Vice President Joe Kelley; Secretary Marcia Kaup; Interim Membership Secretary Marcia Kaup; Road Captain Weiner Menning; Sergeant at Arms Winston Agrew.

The next meeting will be held on January 9 at Bill's Garage (202 S Madison Ave; Pierre, SD) beginning at 6:30pm. There will be drawings for 50/50 and SOL and a Pot Luck after the meeting bring a dish to pass if you want.

Kip motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Bill 2nd the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Kurt Bowers won the 50/50 drawing again! Dave Kleaveland was drawn for SOL and was NOT in attendance so was SOL. The amount increases for the next meeting.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Marcia Kaup

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