

COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE
Thursday, January 7, 2010
Secretary's Minutes

Our new officers are as follows:

President – Karen Kittle Vice President – Nick Emanuele
Secretary – Zandra Boice Treasurer – Tricia Thiebault
Legislation – Prospector
Sgt. Of Arms – Rich Blass,
Road Captain – Bob Mayo; Assistants: Allen Archer, Tony Braham

In the absence of the new 2010 president, Vice President, Nick Emanuele presided over the meeting, held at the Whitestone Café, and called to order shortly after 7:00 pm. The pledge to the flag was recited, and Nick asked if there were any new members present; a welcome was made to Dan and Charlotte Papineau, and to Jennifer Archer, Allan Archer's wife.

MOTION #01-2010 made by Pete, with second to waive the reading of the previous monthly minutes. Vote passed, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nick read a letter from our president Karen Kittle urging more participation from members. She had just come home from the hospital and stated that she needed more help and cannot do everything that she does. She asked that we all step up to help with events, and spend money this year as we do have it, consider radio and tv advertising, and have high school programs for motorcycle awareness.

Columbia County ABATE received a thank you letter from AnimalKind for the \$863.60 donated to them from the annual 2009 Bozo run.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer gave her report as follows: beginning balance: \$7,650.99 with income of \$1,026.00, and expenses paid out of \$3,545.30, leaving an ending balance of \$5,131.69. The savings account (200 Club) is \$238.78. Report was accepted as read.

MEMBERSHIP: Pete stated that there was no formal report on membership at this time. Jen Ross, will be taking over membership.

LEGISLATION: Prospector said that he will be trying every week if necessary to catch up with members of the State Assembly Other bills still pending, are license registration, enforcement of helmets, tires, noise and exhaust, etc. He will stay on top of matters regarding the federal grant money being used for roadblocks. He will be meeting with Donna Luppardo next Tuesday about the confiscation bill, and it's reintroduction; and will also contact Senator Saland to sponsor a Senate bill again this year. All around, everything's been off to a "slow start, but business as usual".

He said he's been talking with Bill Dutcher regarding Americade, to try and get him on board with ABATE and the roadblock issues. Prospector wants to set up a meeting with him soon, as Dutcher has mentioned to take the Americade event somewhere else, which would not be good for Lake George economy and summer tourism.

NEWSLETTER: Karen's note said we are still looking for a volunteer for the newsletter and asking for someone to step up. Gus is supposed to be taking on the webmaster position for this year; she will check with him.

PRODUCTS: Paula said we have plenty of product available at about \$800 worth; see her after the meeting to look it over and buy.

SGT. AT ARMS: Jack stated everything's okay.

ROAD CAPTIAN: Bob Mayo reported: "ready when you are". It was mentioned that we have assistants now, Allen Archer and Tony Braham. Nick brought up that we should have a safety officer for the runs, and asked for someone to step up. This will also be put in the newsletter and website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Christmas Party: The party was held at Kozels and was a success; the restaurant was nicely decorated.

MOTION #02-2010 by Pete with second --to keep the annual Christmas party at Kozels. Vote was unanimous.

Cabin Fever Party: Paula reported that Meadowgreens is booked for Saturday, March 27, with the usual food available buffet style at \$10 per person. Party will start at 6:00 pm with food being served at 7:00 pm.

Flag Day Parade: Tricia said she would be on the committee, but we still need more members to co-chair and help out. This event will be Saturday, June 12. Thank you's need to be made to Butch,(John Cotte) for last year. Also a thank you to Dick Levitt for the Toy Run donation.

200 CLUB: Frank reported that tickets need to be made up with letters to all members to buy and sell tickets. The event will be pretty much the same as last year, and he and Denise asked if anyone wanted any changes. Tricia stated that she needs to be in charge of all the money for the event, including deposits and expenses paid out, so she has more accurate figures of the 200 club monies. Paula stated that the cooler wasn't working and needed to be fixed; cooker is "aged", slicer works, music is pending.

MOTION #03-2010 - By Bob DiRuzzio, with second to have the 200 club event proceed as usual. Vote was unanimous. Membership was reminded that 500 tickets can be made for free by Price Chopper, with the request being made on letterhead. Frank urged everyone at the meeting to sell tickets.

Chapter Memorial Run: The run will be on Sunday, May 16, with the Freedom Rally on Monday the 17th. Pete mentioned the Columbia County chapter was not hosting a state meeting this year. There had been discussion about moving the run to Saturday instead, but it will stay on Sunday. Pete further reported regarding State elections> nobody cast a ballot, so all present ran un-opposed; he doesn't think the meeting was run according to Roberts Rules of Order. The secretary is to cast one ballot; this was not done. He's unsure of what's going on, but will report back at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Joel stated he belongs to the AMA; and talked about a new decimal meter device, which is easier to use. The AMA has grant money available if chapters, groups, clubs, etc. wish to buy this device for their use. There was discussion about applying for grant money. Member stated that any change on a bike from a stock muffler is considered modified, and automatically illegal. There is discussion in the Legislature about having decimal meter devices at bike inspections, and possibly a bill would be passed on this.

Karen's note stated that former member Lynn Hyland has been guiding her with the website, and she is trying to get it back up. Karen asked for a motion to be made to pay for her due renewal and reinstate her membership, and also give her a \$50 Staples gift card for supplies as a thank-you from the chapter.

MOTION #04-2010 –Made by Denise, with second, to pay for Lynn's dues to reinstate her ABATE membership, and provide her with a \$50 Staples gift card. Vote unanimous.

Pete brought up the use of a credit card machine for events, fair, and for sale of product, and asked about looking into doing this. Paula stated that she would not be comfortable using one and with the low volume of sales, probably not worth the cost of buying one.

Frank Sabo mentioned the Rolling Thunder run to Washington, DC. Our group number is #3072 if anyone wants to sign up to go. He asked that members please call him to sign up, and the deadline for sign-up is April 1st.

There being no further business to come before the meeting,

Motion#05-2010 – made to adjourn the monthly meeting. Vote was unanimous.

CONGRATS were made to Tricia and Pat, and to Bob DiRuzzio Sr. and Jackie on their engagements over the holidays.

PAC HAT collected \$31;

Respectfully submitted by, Zandra Boice, Secretary