

**COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE**  
**Thursday, March 4, 2010 Secretary's Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at the Whitestone Café by President Karen Kittle. The pledge was recited, and President Karen Kittle thanked everyone for attending, and asked if there were any new members present. There were 26 members in attendance.

**MOTION #11-2010** – Motion was made by Prospector and seconded to waive the reading of the February minutes, with all present in favor.

TREASURER-- Report is as follows: Beginning balance was \$5,043.17 with income of \$995.00, which included rebate of membership, product sales and donations; expenses of \$169.64, which included postage/envelopes, and 200 Club tickets; leaving an ending balance of 5,868.53. Savings account balance (200 Club account) is \$741.08.

MEMBERSHIP

Members Past Due

James Farina  
Marc Martino  
Matt Shook  
Cindy Tracy  
Rick Tracy Sr.

Member Dues in March

Mike Burch  
Don Coe  
Judy Coe  
Nola DalGallo  
Joel Dyslin  
Melissa Finn  
Joe Finn  
Tim Folmsbee  
John Hogan

Tom Law  
Fred Leicht  
Pat Mayo  
Nicole McCagg  
Scott McCagg  
Jill Pelletier  
Christopher Rice  
Robert Schell  
Pete Shufelt  
Robert Smith  
Member Dues for April  
Antonio Abitable  
Nicola Bennet  
Zandra & John Boice  
Butch Cotte  
Tony Cotte Jr.

Susan Dean  
Carl Decker  
Bobby DiRuzzio  
Lauren Eigenbrodt  
Dean Fisher  
April Keyes  
Bob Klien  
Gerald Lasher  
Howard Maxon  
Larry Meyer  
Eric Nelson  
Roddy Neisen  
Sandra Testani  
Katrina Wallin

LEGISLATION- Prospector reported as follows: Senator David Valesky (D-Oneida) is sponsoring **S6789 /A10014** “Brenda’s Law” for an Onondaga County Chapter, ABATE of NY, Female Sgt.-At-Arms, Brenda Love Force, who was killed in an YROW accident on August 1, 2009. This would amend the current vehicle and traffic law and toughen the penalties for a failure to yield right of way violations; in relation to requiring the suspension of a driver's license for an accident caused by the failure to yield the right of way and such failure which results in the death of a person. Bill **A720** is a helmet bill sponsored by Assemblyman Gantt, requires motorcycle users to wear helmets that meet the federal motor vehicle safety standards and which have been impact-tested by the U.S. department of transportation, the commissioner of motor vehicles or by an independent laboratory approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles. Also mentioned were speed-cameras on I84, so be careful.

NEWSLETTER Karen said that the newsletter will go out to members this week, which will include both January and February 2010 minutes, with information on the Cabin Fever party, Rolling Thunder in May, and Beast of the East event in April. The newsletter is also available on-line at our new website [www.columbiaabate.org](http://www.columbiaabate.org).

PRODUCT No report given.

SGT of ARMS Ready for the first ride, quiet right now. With spring weather soon coming, be careful on the roads when riding.

ROAD CAPTAIN Assistant Allen Archer reported that he has to clock the mileage for the first run, which is the Spring Fun Run, but he’s guessing it will be more than 100 miles, going into

Connecticut and Massachusetts. Karen stated the flyer will be on the website as well as in the next newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Cabin Fever Party The party is all set for Saturday, March 27, at the Whitestone Café; it will run from 5 to 9 pm, cost is \$10 cover per person, which includes wings, pizza, salad, drinks are not included.

Chapter Memorial & Freedom Runs Joel wanted to know if he could proceed with getting more information to possibly have the event at the Spencertown Fire Department and will get pricing information.

Annual Toy Run-- Pete said that even though he is not chairing this event this year, he said that volunteers are needed to help out. The venue will probably change from the Chatham Firehouse, and will check on other places to have this event.

OLD BUSINESS Tricia reported that we are good to go for Flag Day. Dick Leavit reported that the theme is “Vets and Volunteers”. He said that there will be a coin drop to raise money at the Burger King/McDonalds intersection on Saturday, April 3, and anyone who is available to participate can show up to help out.

Karen mentioned, as reported in the last newsletter, that were new licensing laws made effective February 22, which provides for increased hours to 50 hours of driving time from 20 hours for junior operators; they also have to have a junior license for six months before getting a senior license; and the number of passengers allowed in a vehicle with a junior operator is decreased – All laws to make young drivers on the road safe and responsible drivers. Karen also mentioned that we will be watching a DVD from the Iowa ABATE about safety and awareness of motorcycles on the roads. It is a classroom style demonstration that is used in driver education classes, which are mandatory in Iowa.

NEW BUSINESS Jim Williams read an email to the club about solicitors having access to your cell phone numbers. He provided the telephone number: 888-382-1222 which any one can call—from their cell phone—in order to remove/block your cell number from access by phone solicitors for five years.

Denise reported that 200 Club tickets are available. She also said there are only four rooms left for those who wish to attend the Rolling Thunder event in May; and she said to contact either her or Frank if interested in booking a room.

Beast of the East will be in Greenville, South Carolina, April 9 through 11. It provides helpful ABATE and MRF information. Karen said pre-registration is necessary by March 10, at a cost of \$60 for members, and \$70 for non-members; cost after March 10 goes up to \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members.

The meeting broke for the Iowa ABATE DVD and a short video on the Camp Erin that Nick and Sue brought. Our chapter has received \$300 in donations to sponsor a child to attend the camp; the additional \$200, will be raised at the Spring Fun Run on April 24. Following the presentation of the ABATE of Iowa presentation, Karen asked if members would like to see this video available for statewide ABATE organizations, and everyone was in agreement.

Pete Shufelt reported on State matters; everything is quiet and the “turmoil has decreased”. The state will not be holding a state party for budgeting reasons.

**MOTION #12-2010** was made by Denise and seconded, with all in favor, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Prospector reported that the PAC hat collected \$60.

Respectfully submitted,  
Zandra Boice, Secretary