

**COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE**  
**Thursday, April 1, 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 coming to the meeting on such a nice evening; she also asked if there were any new members present—there were none. There were 35 members in attendance.

SECRETARY-- **MOTION #13-2010** – Motion was made by Susan Emanuele, and seconded to waive the reading of the March minutes, with all present in favor.

TREASURER—Treasurer Tricia Thibault gave her report as follows: Beginning balance was \$5,868.53 with income from membership of \$50.00; Expenses for postage, newsletter and membership of \$193.03, leaving an ending balance of \$5,725.50. The savings account balance (200 Club account) is \$1,041.08. Report accepted as read.

MEMBERSHIP-- Jennifer Ross reported

<u>Member Dues Outstanding</u>	Tony Cotte Jr.	Fran Abitabile
Don & Judy Coe	Susan Dean	Bob & Vicki Daviis
James Farina	Carl Decker	Tim Esselstyn
John Hogan	Bobby DiRuzzio	Katrina Groboski
Fred Leicht	Lauren Eigenbrodt	Andy Monell
Marc Martino	Dean Fisher	Chris Osswald
Pat Mayo	April Keyes	Ron Perez
Scott & Nikki McCagg	Bob Klien	Stan Rustick
Robert Schell	Gerald Lasher	Frank & Denise Sabo
Matt Shook	Howard Maxon	Mark Sigler
<u>Member Dues for April</u>	Larry Meyer	Richard F Tracey
Antonio Abitabile	Eric Nelson	Jack Wrigley
Nicola Bennet	Sandra Testani	Dave Wrigley
Zandra & John Boice	Katrina Wallin	
Butch Cotte	Member Dues for May	

LEGISLATION— Prospector reported that the State budget is due today, but nothing is happening with the budget, legislation, or motor vehicle department, as every one is away or off for the Easter holidays. He said everything is quiet, and he currently has no meetings or appointments. He mentioned that he will not be at our May meeting, as he will be attending the NCOM convention in Orlando, Florida. Not much else to report; all is quiet.

Karen said she received an email from member Bob DiRuzzio who said that changing out pipes on a bike is an equipment change and an automatic violation and illegal. However 99% of Harley owners change their pipes. He wanted to know about an amendment to the law, ‘if you change the pipes and it meets EPA standards, it should be legal’. There was discussion on this, with Prospector stating that the noise issue is a “hot potato”. He said right now “there is bigger fish to fry”, and some time down the road, this issue can be addressed.

NEWSLETTER-- Karen said that she is still looking for a volunteer to help out with the newsletter, especially with photocopying and mailing. She said the newsletter will be going back to a monthly basis for the spring/summer months. Thanks to, Sue, who volunteered to help out with the newsletter, saying she could probably do half. Jen Ross also volunteered to do the copying and mailing.. *Note: newsletter is available on the website too [www.columbiaabate.org](http://www.columbiaabate.org).*

PRODUCTS-Paula said we have product available, and has ordered t-shirts for the warmer months; with pink colors already sold out. There was discussion about “safety” colors – orange, lime green, etc. Paula stated she was hesitant about ordering them but will place a small test order of a dozen or two to see how they sell.

SGT of ARMS- Jack reported that we are ready to ride but quiet right now. With spring weather and more traffic, remember to be careful on the roads when riding.

ROAD CAPTAIN-- Assistant Allen Archer reported that the route for the Spring Fun Run on April 24<sup>th</sup>, which is a tri-state ride, has been established and he went over it. A flyer will be available on the website.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Cabin Fever Party-- Went well. The food was good and everybody had a good time.

Memorial Run There was discussion about the ending location for this run at Jacksons. We’ve been okay with this location in the past. Cost for food and drink will be \$12 to \$15.

Freedom Rally Pete said the state meeting will be the next day. The freedom rally goes from Friday to Monday in East Durham at the Weldon House.

Chapter Freedom Run will be June 6, There was discussion about having this event at Spencertown this year and in the future. Joel reported a fee of \$15 per person, all foods and beverage included. Plenty of room for the bike games as well. **MOTION #14-2010**, made by Sue and seconded, approved by all members unanimously

Flag Day Parade Will be June 12 ; this year’s theme is Vets and Volunteers. Tricia said Butch will donate the truck as in past, and decoration ideas would be welcome. Karen would like volunteers to help out with selling products as well after the parade, in the park area.

200 Club—Frank has tickets available; he reported only 18 have been sold.

Toy Run— Joel asked if the Chatham fire house is still a question as to ending location for this run, and after having trouble with booking last year, Pete will find out about food, drinks, etc. for this event. Possible discussion as to just have the location changed to the Spencertown fire house.

OLD BUSINESS-- Paula said that she received only one t-shirt towards having another quilt made to be raffled at the Chatham Fair. She said we need more t-shirts and more colors, and if anyone had one to donate they are no longer wearing and want to give up, to please do so.

Pete said that if anyone is interested, you can write to your legislators, congressman, senator, about bike issues, and receive a recognition patch.

Rolling Thunder –Frank> group room’s have been booked and filled, may still be rooms available through RTNY and hotels. They will gather and leave at 6:30 am from Bells Pond.

NEW BUSINESS-- Jill stated the annual antique motorcycle show and swap meet at the Rhinebeck fairgrounds and asked to have an ABATE booth, and be supplied with product, pamphlets, membership signup forms. There was discussion about this event as it was the same weekend as the Flag Day parade. Karen will contact other chapters within region and see if they have interest as well.

Nick and Sue mentioned that the Hogs for Hospice run in Albany will be sponsored by Ronnie’s Motorsports this year and held on August 22 As well, Dino Petrocelli’s ride will be held on May 23 from Burch Hill, contact Nick for more information.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, **MOTION #15-2010** was made by Susan and seconded by Bob, with all in favor, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm. Prospector reported that the PAC hat collected \$55.

Respectfully submitted, Zandra Boice, Secretary