

COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE
Thursday, May 6, 2010
Secretary's Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm with 29 members in attendance. The pledge was recited, and Karen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting on such a nice evening and welcomed new guests, Dawn and Brian Cross. Congratulations were given both to Bob and Jackie DiRuzzio as well as, Mel and Lee Lansing on their recent nuptials.

SECRETARY-- **MOTION #16-2010** – Motion was made by Pete with second to waive reading of April minutes. Motion carried with all in favor.

TREASURER—Tricia gave report as follows: Beginning balance was \$5,725.50 with income of \$1,406. Expenses of \$1,667.83, ending balance of \$5,463.67. The '200 Club' account balance is \$1,141.23. Report accepted as read.

MEMBERSHIP-- Report by Karen in Jen's absence with the dues as follows.

Overdue members

Judy Coe
Donald Coe
Susan Dean
Carl Decker Jr.
Robert DiRuzzio, Jr.
Lauren Eigenbrodt
John Hogan
April Keyes
Bob Klein
Gerald Lasher
Howard Maxson
Nicole McCagg
Scott McCagg
Larry Meyer
Eric Nelson
Jackie Osman
Robert Schell
Sandra Testani

May Dues

Vicki Davis
Bob Davis
Tim "Tweeter" Esselstyn
Katrina Groboski
Andy Monell
Chris Osswald
Ron Perez
Stan Rustick
Frank Sabo
Denise Sabo
Mark Sigler
Richard Tracy
June Dues
Tony Barry
Bob "Prospector" Boellner
Joanna Bradway
Dave Bratton
John Collins
Melanie Collins
Sandra Darrow

Bob DiRuzzio Sr.
Thomas Donlon
Jeff Jones
Gary Kittle
Karen Blake-Kittle
Mike Krizar
Melvin Lansing
Sherry Margelot
Buck Mason
Laurel Northup
Cynthia Pinze
Lonnie Pinze
Fred Potts
Michael Rutkowski
Erwin Schneider
Tate Super
Tom VanDyke
Rosalie VanDyke
Mark Wells

LEGISLATION -Prospector is attending the NCOM-AIM convention (National Coalition of Motorcyclists/ Aid to Injured Motorcyclists). Karen reported on two bills to pay attention to: **A10071/S6982** - which requires the five-hour pre-licensing course to include motorcycle awareness safety component, and drivers license exam to include two questions on motorcycle safety. The second bill is **A10014/S6789 'Brenda's Law'**- Requires the suspension of a driver's license for an accident caused by the failure to yield the right of way, with such failure resulting in the death of a person.

FREEDOM RALLY - Prospector not at tonight's meeting, but Karen is sure that he has appointments set up to meet with our legislators. Karen asked Pete about the State level. We cannot gather at the front capital steps which are under reconstruction. We will gather at the west side rather than east as in past. Parking has also been changed, as we won't be able to park the bikes on State Street. We will have to park in George Washington Park on the other side of the capital, and the biggest problem is meeting an hour later in the day, which means meeting at the Wholly Cow an hour later there. Pete will have more definite information when Beth Gorman returns from the convention about the Rally arrangements.

NEWSLETTER-- Karen said that members can receive the chapter newsletter via email and is notified with email addresses through the State report, if you wish to receive via email, please let her know. She also stated that the State newsletter is also available on-line, and by switching over to the print copy via internet, rather than the state mailings, it would help cut costs for the organization.

PRODUCTS-- Paula said that products are available, with lots of summer stuff, some of it being carried over from last fall. If you want something, please let her know. She hesitated to order more products, especially in "safety" colors because she has a large enough supply on hand. Products will be available at the fair booth and at meetings.

SGT of ARMS-- Jack reported that we are all set to ride.

ROAD CAPTAIN— Nothing new to report. Congratulations to Allen Archer on the Spring Fun Run; "awesome" run on a gorgeous day and a beautiful ride. Those that wanted to, did enjoy the ride into Connecticut without helmets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS --

Chapter Memorial Run Sunday May 16. The ending location will be at Jacksons. There was discussion about the name plaques for this year. Some plaques are being repaired, and hopefully the trailer will be available at the ending location. Pete will check into this. This run is the same day as the State meeting that Karen and Pete will attend.

Chapter Freedom Run Sunday, June 6 and will end at the Spencertown fire house. The run itself has not yet been mapped out, but will be planned out by Tony B.

Mountain Run Saturday August 7, this is a night run. Road Captain Bob Mayo stated that the route will be the same as past years

Flag Day Parade Saturday, June 12. This year's theme is Vets and Volunteers. Tricia said they have the truck and trailer, and volunteers are welcome to help decorate, and ideas on decorating are welcome. We should have final plans and ideas at next month's meeting.

200 Club party Saturday August 14 Frank was absent from tonight's meeting; Nick reported that there have been only 18 tickets sold and this event is our biggest money maker. If the tickets are not sold by July 1st, the money will be returned to the people of the 18 tickets sold. Karen encouraged the sale and purchase of the 200 club tickets.

NEW BUSINESS Karen reported on a letter of resignation from Pete Smith, State Treasury Manager Karen urged everyone to pay attention to what's going on at the State level, including the finances, familiarize yourselves with board members and chapter representatives.

There was an inquiry about the donation to Camp Erin which was benefited by the Spring Fun Run. Karen stated that the \$500 was successfully raised to send a child to Camp Erin.

Member Jim Williams asked to speak and supports what is being done for the Freedom Rally coming up. He read an article about protecting our freedom, and impressing upon the politicians in Albany that we ride and we vote. He also mentioned some upcoming bike runs and shows in June and August, Operation Adopt-a-Soldier, veteran memorial runs.

Member Nick Emanuele stated that there is a "We Care" charity run for Crohn's Disease and Colitis Foundation to be held on Sunday, May 23 at 11:00 am sharp, and starts and ends at Birch Hill, with a nice ride to Jiminy Peak, with food, bands/music, and a good time, with prizes and raffles. Last year they had over 300 bikes, and hopes that this year with nice weather, there will be 400-500 bikes and reminds everyone, it benefits a good cause.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, **MOTION #17-2010** was made by Ed Keyes, with second. Motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Zandra Boice, Secretary