

COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE
Thursday, June 3rd, 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 thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. There were 35 members in attendance, with a welcome to new member Roger Welch.

SECRETARY-- MOTION #18-2010 – Motion was made by Prospector with second by Fred to waive reading of the May minutes, with all in favor.

TREASURER—In the absence of Treasurer Tricia Thibault, Karen gave the report as follows: Beginning balance was \$5,463.67 with income of \$279.00 and expenses of \$750.28, leaving an ending balance of \$4,992.39. The savings account balance for 200 Club is unknown.

MEMBERSHIP-- Report was given by Jenn Ross with the membership due as follows

<u>OUTSTANDING DUES</u>	<u>JUNE RENEWALS</u>	
Vicki Davis	Tony Barry	Gary Peck
Bob Davis	Bob "Prospector" Boellner	Fred Potts
Susan Dean	Joanna Bradway	Michael Rutkowski
Carl Decker, Jr.	Dave Bratton	Erwin Schneider
Lauren Eigenbrodt	Melanie Collins	Tate Super
Tim "Tweeter" Esselstyn	John Collins	Mark Wells
Katrina Groboski	Sandra Darrow	<u>JULY RENEWALS</u>
Bob Klein	Bob DiRuzzio, Sr.	Walter Doty
Howard Maxson	Thomas Donlon	Thomas Geno
Larry Meyer	Jeff Jones	Robert Green
Chris Osswald	Mike Krizar	George Ihlenburg
Ron Perez	Melvin Lansing	Tim Quigley
Stan Rustick	Sherry Margelot	Joe Winchester
Mark Sigler	Buck Mason	Gerald Wright
Sandra Testani	Laurel Northrup	Jennifer Zola

LEGISLATIVE— Prospector reported as follows: Everyone knows the State budget is being held up, there are meetings around the clock with no results. He said the bike confiscation bill is in finance, and is being watched. He mentioned the discussions about the sports bikes doing wheelies on the interstates, and if they are seen, they should be turned in and reported.

Prospector again encouraged everyone present at the meeting to belong to the MRF which helps support motorcycle rights and the Washington office of the MRF, which is desperately needed to protect those rights.

Bob DiRuzzio mentioned a call in survey on Channel 6 TV news in regards to individual opinions on helmets. At one time, he said they were talking about bicyclists and another time it was motorcyclist, and it would be interesting to know how the call in survey turned out.

FREEDOM RALLY - It was reported that there was an excellent turnout for the rally with a good response. There were discussions about the use of highway billboard signs to convey motorcycle awareness, using them to report road conditions. The state is reluctant to use billboard signs for this, but will do so in target areas of traffic congestion on a limited basis to start. Bob reported in coming back from Washington on Route 301 and about every 10-15 miles, noticing signs that riders and bikers share the road, be more aware. Karen said that concerning the motorcycle only roadblocks, there was a petition being circulated for signing (Onondaga County started) to be sent to the Governor. This petition is being circulated tonight within our meeting.

NEWSLETTER - Karen stated there was nothing new to report on this.

PRODUCTS-- Paula said that products are available for the summer, and will be available at the meetings and at the fair. She is still looking for donations of Harley t-shirts for the quilt to be made and raffled off at the fair.

SGT. of ARMS - Jack reported that all was quiet and under control.

ROAD CAPTAIN Bob M. has talked with Tony about the next run. Because of the bike games planned, the run will be shorter in duration of about 80 miles. Karen asked if someone could approach Mount Washington and Frescos which are left, about donations of \$10 gift certificates for prizes for the bike games.

Flag Day Parade To be held on Saturday, June 12 in Hudson; the theme is Vets and Volunteers. There was discussion about media mentioning "roaring bikes and bikers wearing no helmets" last year. It was mentioned that ABATE is not officially signed up to participate in the parade and this needs to be taken care of right away. Karen said she was not notified, and this could be an oversight. Bob Mayo said he would take care of it, make the necessary telephone call.

200 Club -Frank Sabo said that there are still only 18 tickets sold with barely a month left to go to sell 200 tickets. If anyone has tickets and/or money, let him know as soon as possible. After much discussion, **MOTION--#19-2010** was put on the floor, made by Fred, with second by Prospector, to postpone the 200 club event until next year, with better advertising. Twenty members voted in approval, with none opposed or abstaining. Motion carried. A committee is to be formed to plan the 200 club event for next year.

As the treasurer is not available tonight, Frank will need to contact her to have the 18 ticket monies returned. After the motion was made, Frank and Denise no longer wish to hold the 200 Club Event at their property.

Bozo Run – Jenn reported that the run will take place on August 28, and start at the Plaza Diner, ending up at the Moose Lodge in Hudson. The refreshments will be cheap, and a band is donating their time. Jenn asked about eliminating AnimalKind from being a beneficiary of the Bozo Run, since the Bozo Run addresses animal abuse and cruelty, and AnimalKind does not do this. The Humane Society, like many other organizations, is hurting for money and survives exclusively on donations. After discussion, **MOTION #20-2010** was made by Mark, seconded by Jack, to split the profits from the Bozo Run with 70 percent to CGHS only and 30% to ABATE, with everyone in favor. Jenn expressed her thanks to the group.

Quilt Raffle – Paula said that we have tickets for the raffle left over from last year, and that we can start selling them before the fair. More tickets will be ordered and printed to sell. The quilt is being worked on, and more t-shirts are needed.

Unfinished Business– Sunday's ride on June 6 will be ending up at the Spencertown firehouse. It was also mentioned that the Chatham School is hosting a breakfast for \$5 a person at the firehouse that morning, with bikers being discounted.

New Business -Karen said ABATE was asked by Matt Torey for Ghent Community Day, which is being held on October 2, where they have a parade, etc. ABATE was asked if we would be interested in participating with the parade and/or setting up a booth. This is the day before our Toy Run, and she's putting the information out there for consideration.

East Coast Riders have a ride on July 10 at the VFW to benefit the Wounded Warriors Project, ending at the Stuyvesant VFW with prizes and silent auction. They also have a raffle for a 2010 H/D soft tail with raffle drawing on November 11.

Bob Mayo said the Legion Riders have a run on June 20, at 11:30 am which is to help benefit two downed bike riders, leaving Aldi's plaza in Hudson and ending at Joe's Lounge at 4 pm; there is a \$20 donation.

Nick mentioned the Nation of Patriots project, where the American flag is being passed through 48 states over the course of 100 days, to honor fallen soldiers. The ride will leave from Spitzie's in Albany on Wednesday, June 9 at 9:00 am, escorting the flag to McDermott's.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, a **MOTION #21-2010** to adjourn, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm. The PAC hat collected \$44.

Respectfully submitted, Zandra Boice, Secretary