

COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE
Thursday, JULY 1st, 2010
Secretary's Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm at the Whitestone Café by President Karen Kittle. The pledge was recited, along with a moment of silence for deceased long-time biker, Sputnik, of Texas. President Karen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. There were 22 members in attendance.

SECRETARY-- MOTION #22-2010 – Motion was made by Pete, with second by Allan to waive reading of the June minutes, with all in favor.

TREASURER— Treasurer Tricia Thibault gave the treasurer's report as follows: Beginning balance was \$4,992.39 with income of \$1,088.00 and expenses of \$919.32, leaving an ending balance of \$5,161.07. Income and Expense of \$900 for refund of 200 club tickets was a wash of \$900.

MEMBERSHIP-- Report was given by Jenn Ross as follows.

<u>Outstanding Past Dues</u>	Melvin Lansing	Robert Green
Dave Bratton	Buck Mason	George Ihlenburg
Melanie Collins	Chris Osswald	Tom Quigley
John Collins	Gary Peck	Joe Winchester
Sandra Darrow	Ron Perez	Jennifer Zola
Vicki Davis	Stan Rustick	<u>AUGUST DUES</u>
Bob Davis	Michael Rutkowski	Michael Super
Bob DiRuzzio, Sr.	Erwin Schneider	Earl Simpson
Thomas Donlon	Mark Wells	Gene Gaylord
Tim "Tweeter" Esselstyn	<u>JULY DUES</u>	Mary DeSantis
Katrina Groboski	Walter Doty	Nick Amoroso
Mike Krizar	Thomas Geno	

LEGISLATIVE— Prospector reported as follows: Again, nothing much going on with the State budget still not passed, and the Senate, Congress and Governor not agreeing on anything. The Bill summaries are not being done, but the new taxes on parking passes and the new cigarette tax increase have gone through! He has attended some Assembly functions; and he reminded everyone present that this is an election year, and its important to vote to help get rid of ineffective legislative leaders.

He did mention a recent incident, between Jed Tranquil from Monroe County and David Gantz' staff of improper conduct. Prospector spoke with Gant and explained that that these actions were not condoned by ABATE; and that this person was not speaking for the organization. David Gantz has accepted Prospector's apology for the incident and did not wish to be involved in it any further.

Pete stated that this matter was not mentioned in the State newsletter this month, but should have been. Regarding the incident after asking Pete was told, the matter was closed.

There are individuals who have personal issue with Mr. Gantt, and although Prospector has made been making small progress with Gant, something like this could undermine those efforts. Most every bill except the helmet law bill, has been passed without problems; Gant feels very strongly about the helmet law, his passion. Pete said there probably would be "fireworks" at the next Board meeting; Karen said she will bring up this matter.

The petition for police profiling and motorcycle only roadblocks, is being circulated again at tonight's meeting for signing (started by Onondaga County) to be sent to the Governor. Please be sure to sign the petition if you haven't already done so.

The upcoming MRF Meeting of the Minds in September in Peorira, Illinois, was mentioned, and Karen said it would be great if members could get items together coming from Columbia County and County-related, to put together a basket for a donation to the silent auction.

NEWSLETTER - Karen stated that she would be getting the newsletter out as soon as possible, which will include both the June and July minutes, and will also have the Chatham fair information included.

PRODUCTS-- Paula said that products are available for the summer months, although she did not have any available at tonight's meeting. She said to contact her by phone or email if you want anything specific, and she will get it to you.

The quilt is done and was shown off at the meeting. Everyone raved about how nice it was. Paula mentioned that all the t-shirts were donated by Nick and Sue Emanuel. Paula said she has tickets for the quilt raffle and to see her to get them to sell. She would like the money at next month's meeting. We will be selling tickets at the Chatham Fair again this year.

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

ROAD CAPTAIN— Bob reported that the next run is our Mountain Run on August 7th, which is a night-time run. A flyer will be available in the newsletter. This run has long been set in stone, and will leave the Plaza Diner at 6:00 pm. The next run, Bozo Run, will need to be planned, and Bob would like Tony and Allan to help plan that run.

Bozo Run – This run will take place on August 28, and start at the Plaza Diner, ending up at the Moose Lodge in Hudson. A flyer will be included in the newsletter.

Christmas Party -- Karen said the party will be held again at Kozels; there is no need for a committee for this event.

Other Business - Ghent Community Day will be held on October 2, where they have a parade, etc. ABATE was asked to participate in the parade with bikes and/or having a booth set up. This is the day before our Toy Run, and should be a fun time.

Prospector mentioned that two new ABATE members were signed up at the recent Harley Rendezvous. They were not present at the meeting tonight.

Secretary, Zandra Boice read a letter of thank's received from the Community Hospice Foundation, for the \$500 donation to Camp Erin, allowing a child to attend a weekend of bereavement camp. They also thanked Columbia County ABATE for their past support of the Hogs for Hospice runs. The next Hogs for Hospice run will be held on August 22, 2010.

Jill mentioned for consideration next spring, of a fundraising ride for cancer, which would directly benefit women and children in Columbia County. Karen has already been in contact with Booty Fenoff.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, a **MOTION #23-2010** was made by Allan, seconded by Mark to adjourn the meeting with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The PAC hat collected \$24.

Respectfully submitted, Zandra Boice, Secretary