

COLUMBIA COUNTY ABATE
Thursday, September 9th, 2010
Secretary's Minutes

The meeting called to order at 7:05 pm at Whitestone Café by President Karen Kittle. Pledge was recited. President Karen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and hope that everyone had a wonderful Labor Day holiday weekend. There were 23 members in attendance including four officers. Karen mentioned that there were sympathy cards to sign for Bob Mayo and Mark Sigler, both of whom recently lost family members.

SECRETARY Report -- MOTION #26-2010 –Motion was made by Allan Archer, seconded by Prospector to waive reading of August minutes, with all in favor.

TREASURER Report -- Treasurer Tricia Thiebault gave report as follows: Beginning balance: \$4,833.19 with income of \$291.16, expenses of \$197.92, leaving ending balance of \$4,926.43. The balance in the savings account remains at \$241.23 (200 club account). Karen said that money of \$140 from annual Mountain Run on August 7, was donated back to the club.

MEMBERSHIP-- Report was not given at tonight's meeting in absence of Jennifer Ross, membership chairperson.

LEGISLATIVE— Prospector reported there is nothing happening in government, as they are out of session. Karen mentioned that she would still take donations for the gift basket to be given to upcoming MRF event. She said she would like the items to be Columbia County-related, and said that people could either drop off things at her house, or she would pick them up.

NEWSLETTER - Karen said that she has started to load photos to our website, most recently from the Freedom Run; so people can check them out.

Regarding the website, Karen said that the renewal fees are due the end of October, in the amount of \$14.99 for a year; she asked for motion to renew the website domain.

MOTION #27-2010 made by Gary, seconded by Allan to renew the website with all in favor/unanimous.

PRODUCTS-- Paula said there was not much to report, except that she will have new winter stuff in and available at the upcoming Toy Run. Karen reported that we collected \$400+/- of product donations at the Columbia County Fair last weekend.

The Harley T-shirt quilt raffle ticket was pulled at the fair and was won by ABATE member Chris Osswald of Copake. Chris was at tonight's meeting to accept the presentation of the quilt from Jack and Paula, and photos were taken.

Paula also mentioned we will need to start collecting t-shirts as soon as possible, to make the quilt next year. Paula said we need at least 16 t-shirts in decent shape, and reminders will be made at upcoming meetings.

SGT. of ARMS - Jack reported everything is quiet, with nothing to report.

ROAD CAPTAIN— Bob is putting together the Toy Run for Sunday, October 3. He stated if the weather was nice, he would plan for two to 2-1/2 hours; if weather was cold, then probably only about one hour; and if it was raining, then we go straight to the firehouse. Refreshments will be available along with bike games. Pete is in charge of bike games. Pete said he is working on getting gift certificates and other items from merchants; would like to have 30 for door prizes. Run will end at Spencertown Firehouse. No volunteers are needed to work, all being done by Spencertown firemen.

Bozo Run – Run took place on Saturday, August 28, starting at Plaza Diner, on a beautiful sunny day. Camera and photographer Lance Wheeler took photos and video of the

event. We raised \$1,571.00, with \$1,100 going to the Columbia – Greene Humane Society, and \$471.00 going to Columbia County ABATE.

OLD BUSINESS: Pete reported on State newsletter, and recommended that members get email of newsletter, which would greatly cut back on costs of mailing hard copies. Members need to contact the State directly by phone or email and get on a list. He was told by the lady in charge of the newsletter, that she cannot download list of members because it takes too long, and Pete thanked everyone for giving him their email addresses.

NEW BUSINESS– Saturday, October 2 is Ghent Community Day, with parade and booths. Our group will participate in parade with bikes. It was decided to meet at 9:00 am at White Stone Café and go as a group—more impressive. We will have the ABATE booth set up at the new Ghent Town Garage. All are welcome to participate.

RUNS: September 19, sponsored by East Coast Riders, to benefit families for the holidays through Social Services. Contact Jack Wrigley for more information.

September 11, the Blue Knights will have a ride to benefit children; contact Nick Emanuele for more information. Another ride on this date, sponsored by Renegade Pigs; and another this Saturday for veterans, ending at Saranac Lake. Nick thanked everyone at the meeting for the sponsorship of a child to attend Camp Erin.

Allan Archer had a flyer available for September 26, fall run sponsored by Shriners. Very large event with 40,000 bikes each year; would like to see group of us go.

Prospector said that a traffic safety event will be held at Crossgates Mall on September 25 and 26; he cannot attend as it's the same date as Meeting of the Minds.

OFFICERS NOMINATIONS (first round): Karen said that we cannot nominate someone for a position that is not at tonight's meeting. Allan nominated Zandra again for Secretary; Zandra accepted. Gary nominated Lauren for Treasurer; Lauren accepted. Vice President--Nick stated that this position should be considered for a person to be groomed to become the next president; with job and other commitments, he doesn't feel that he could take President's position. Bob DiRuzzio nominated Jack Wrigley; Jack declined. Nick will keep his name in for VP, but wants someone else to be considered. Paula nominated Karen for President; Karen declined, stating that she would like to see some one else step up to the plate. Bob Mayo nominated Joel Dyslin for President; Joel accepted. Allan nominated Prospector for Legislature; Prospector accepted. It was asked if there were any other nominations; first round summary:

President	--	Joel Dyslin	Vice President	--	Nick Emanuele
Secretary	--	Zandra Boice	Treasurer	--	Lauren Eigenbrodt
Legislation	--	Prospector			

Karen said there will be a second round of nominations to take place at the October meeting, with final votes to take place in November.

MOTION #28-2010 was made Pete, and seconded by Bob, to adjourn the meeting with all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The PAC hat collected 30.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Zandra Boice, Secretary