

Columbia County Chapter, ABATE of NY Inc,
Minutes from Oct.1, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. All officers were present for the meeting with 42 members. Welcome new members, Chris Kelley, Brian Kelly, and Don and Charlotte (sp)Papiniau.

Motion #28-09 made by Prospector with second by Gary, to waive the reading of the previous month's minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports-

President Bozo Run collected over \$2000 with 74 registered riders; Karen will invite respective people to the Nov. meeting for distribution of proceeds.

V. Pres. Thanks for coming out, show how much you care about our organization.

Secretary No report at this time.

Treasurer Current ending balance for the month is \$7561.75 and the "200 club" savings balance is \$238.78
Report was accepted as given.

Membership Continues to grow. Pete asks for a moment of silence for Rick Cort's wife who is currently in Hospice care.

Legislative The MRF 'MOTM' held in Sept. was a good success, 460 in attendance. Prospector notes that next year the event will be held in Indianapolis. Minnesota has become the first state to have all chapters of ABATE as sustaining members for the MRF. Would like to see that NYABATE become the second state; were #11 last year and is currently #7 for full member support throughout the chapters. *ABATE of NY received a plaque from the MRF for the accomplished efforts to stop bill 416A in NYC. *reminder - PAC monies that are collected are used for state legislative fundraisers, the MRF also has a Fed PAC used at the federal level. ** Roadkill reports that although 416A was defeated there is another bill on the heels introduced by Peter Vallone; INT 1084 is the same bill but with more severe penalties.

Sgt at Arms Everything's ok.

Newsletter Gus will be taking over as Webmaster as is currently working on the revisions. Karen will send an email when finished if there are changes to the web address.

Products No report given. Any suggestions for products contact Paula. As well Paula is currently working on a scrapbook for the chapter, if you have any pictures or newspaper articles to give her she will add them to the book.

Public Relations Jack reports the photo op went well at VanKleeck's Tire (for their support of motorcycles and highway workers their radio ad) and they gave him a bunch of discount cards- says 10% off for tires, but was told they would give 15%. * Radio advertising of the Toy Run has begun. * Regarding the radio ad from the last meeting minutes, it was aired by the NYS Safety Commission with respect to motorcycles and DWI.

Road Captain – Bob Set for Bozo Run- Plaza at 11 leave at 12Meadowgreens at 4pm.

Safety Officer No report given.

Committees

10/4 Toy Run is set, Rick Cort will head next year's committee, Pete will help advise.

12/5 Christmas Party Karen has discussed pricing and menu with Kozel's, the price is \$23.50 per person sit down dinner or buffet; which includes 2 cold and 10 hot items, need member input as to which type of meal you want to go with. Remember that it will cost \$10 per person this year so a count and monies must be given. An exact date will be given at the Nov. meeting. **Motion #29-09** made by Prospector in favor of the buffet style dinner. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business / Announcements

Bob Mayo would like certificates of appreciation given to the places we frequent on our runs. **Motion #30-09** made by Jim Fay to cover expenses of said framed, certificates in the amount of \$10 each. Motion carried unanimously.

Joel would like to remind everyone to frequent those businesses that support us throughout the year, as they frequently get 'hit-up' for donations. It has been a hard year and everyone is tightening up their belts, help them by saying thanks and patronizing their businesses.

Second Round 2010 Officer Nominations were as follows

President //Karen Kittle by Mark Sigler – accepts,* Bob DiRuzzio by Jill – respectfully declined.

Vice President //Jack Wrigley by Bob D. – declined * Jill by Pete – accepted *Nick E. by Jack - accepted

Secretary // Zandra Boice by Pete- undecided * Paula by Prospector - declined

Treasurer – Trish Thiebault by Bob– accepted

Legislative Coordinator – Prospector by Pete – accepted.

Motion #-31-09 by Jack with second to adjourn Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Donations of \$51 for the PAC hat. Thanks to those that donated.

Submitted by Karen Kittle, chapter President.

*****REMINDER THAT THE NOV. MEETING IS THE FINAL ROUND*****

*****AND ELECTION VOTE FOR YOUR 2010 OFFICERS*****