

Columbia County Chapter, ABATE of NY Inc,
Minutes from April 2, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. All officers were present for the meeting with 34 members present. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Welcome to our new members, Bob Klein and Howard Maxson and to Gary Myers our Regional Coordinator. Card being passed for Gerald Lasher.

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

Reports-

President-Thank you to everyone for coming tonight and to everyone who showed up to the Cabin Fever Party. There were over 70 people in attendance, and the chapter sold over \$400 in product. We signed some new members that night and still more as we go. The meeting agenda is up here, please use these and get your feedback to me and I can pass it along to our state reps. Our chapter is planning on doing the PR for the state Freedom Rally, to familiarize people with the Rally as to what it is, how it started to grow our attendance.

V. Pres. -Also had a great time, was well received and many people there that I knew and some new faces as well.

Introduce the new members. Elks club is having a coin drop on April 11, please come out and help from 9am – 1pm.

Treasurer - Tricia Current balance of \$2891.84. The "200 club" balance is \$1431.85. Report was accepted as read.

Membership by Pete- Current membership is 155. Highest I've seen it in 13 years I've been a member.

Members Outstanding

Nola DalGalo

John Hogan

James Mayo

Dawn Pheiffer

Christopher Rice

Dwayne Shook

Diane Struble

April Dues

Antonio Abitable

Nicola Bennett

Bob DiRuzzio Jr.

Dean Fischer

April Keyes

Gerald Lasher

Eric Nelson

Roddy Neisen

Katrina Wallin

May Dues

Richard F Tracey

Chris Turriglio

Jack Wrigley

Dave Wrigley Sr.

Stephen Pheiffer

Frank Sabo

Denise Sabo

Andy Monell

Chris Osswald

Tim Esselstyne

Jeff Fumei

Fran Abitable

Cindy Dallas

Bob Davis

Vicki Davis

Legislative Prospector Not much right now, nothing much until budget is done. Item coming from France, may not seem important but it all comes down the line. Proposed confiscation of a motor vehicle for inspection, the owner will have to pay for the inspection whether or not the vehicle passes. Have a ticket for anyone who is interested in helping out at the Harley Rendezvous June 26 and 27. Allen Archer has volunteered, thank you. Contact me to set you appointments for the Freedom Rally if you are definitely attending. The state chapter meeting is here at 1pm for those going on Monday please attend that as well, so that we are set within our chapter.

Newsletter- by Karen have been working on our website and have added some information on how to write your legislators and motorcycle related bills As well as the new advertising rates and Pac donation pages. The bills will also be given to the attendees of the Freedom Rally. I would like someone to help out with this project; I have too much to chew now.

Products- Paula- The spring order is going in tomorrow, if you have ideas let me know. We had talked about some safety colors; we'll see how they go.

Road Captain – Bob Set for the first couple rides, stops are set. The counties will be sweeping the roads soon; they have not started yet, please be very careful. Flyers should be out there for our runs, please help out with that.

Public Relations – Paula New brochure proposed from the state, to use as handouts for 'Share the Road' project to be use with traffic schools and driving education programs in the area. The cost involved of getting them printed is \$83.70 for 250 black and white, 2-sided copies. Or \$153.90 for one side colored and the other black and white. Butch has offered to use try his laser printer for the making of those copies. Another suggestion is for each member to make copies. Tabled to next meeting. Karen wrote an article about our Cabin Fever Party and it had information about other legislative issues as well.

Safety Officer – Dave Animals are really starting to move, be careful.

Committees

4/25 Spring Fun Run Get the flyer off the website and post them please.

5/16 Memorial Run on Saturday Possible to give family members something??Present ideas at next meeting.

5/18 Mon. State Freedom Rally If you are definitely attending the Rally please set your appointments with Prospector.

6/7 Chapter Freedom Run

6/13 Flag Day Parade Red, white, and blue theme. Butch has asked if a bigger trailer is needed for the float.

8/1 Mountain Run

8/8 '200 Club' we will be selling tickets at all of our events and will have some kind of sign for display, make sure that you have them with you.

9/3 Fair Booth

9/20 Bozo Run is set to end at Meadowgreen's. Jen has discussed with other CGHS members, sees no problems with sharing proceeds from event.

Motion #10-09 made by Dave with second to keep 25% of monetary portions of proceeds. Motion open for discussion Vote 9 for and 9 against 16 abstain. Motion tied, not carried.

Motion #11-09 made by Roddy with second to keep only the monetary portion, to be split between all organizations as follows 20% to ABATE, 40% to CGHS, and 40% to AnimalKind.

Vote as follows: Motion #09 with 28 yes. Motion carried.

10/4 Toy Run Rick will chair committee Pete will help out. DSS will incorporate with Edith Casey stocking fund.

11/?? Chili Cook-off

12/5 Christmas Party/ Meeting

New Business / Announcements

Bob M. New faces made aware of Rolling Thunder. Pete S. reads letter about motorcycle crash study.

No more Myrtle Beach Bike week. New laws to keep bikers away.

Motion #12-09 by Prospector with second to adjourn. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

The PAC hat collected \$54 tonight, thanks to all.

Submitted by Paula Palleschi, chapter secretary