

Columbia County Chapter, ABATE of NY Inc,
Minutes from March 5, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7pm. All officers were present for the meeting with 36 members present and 1 guest from Greene County. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Welcome new member, Tim Folmsbee, and guest, Susan Cody.

Motion #07-09 made by Prospector with second, to waive the reading of the previous month's minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports-

President-news from State Chapter meeting - Councilmember John Lui, has removed his name for sponsorship of the 416A. I asked the state reps regarding movement on Freedom Rally and specifically what pieces of legislation we should be directly focused on; our state legislative rep, answered with the confiscation bill, the helmet bill, but he asked that each chapter have a 'team' of legislative people, county, town, from the bottom to the top. So if you have contacts in that area, those should be the people we, as ABATE are talking to. The state level is currently working with legal representation to get back the safety fund monies. The chapters voted to waive the cost of having any State Party, and instead, have a gathering place at both Hogaroose and AmJam for NY ABATE members.

Regarding the Freedom Rally- our chapter, being the closest chapter in the state, should have a huge turn-out.

Prospector and I have been working on a list of our chapter members, so that each person that is definitely attending, we will have the appointments set for each of you to see your representative. This is what the freedom rally is about.

V. Pres. - Everyone knows someone who rides a bike, encourage riders to be informed about their legislative rights. They should join a MRO Motorcycle Rights Organization, ABATE is the state level, MRF is the federal level.

Treasurer - Tricia shows a current balance of \$3174.51 the "200 club" balance was not reported by Frank. Report was accepted as given.

Membership given by Pete- As of Feb., 28 currently stands at 141

Outstanding Members

Marcia Curran

March Dues

Mike Burch

Nola DalGallo

John Hogan

Dawn Phieffer

Dwayne Shook

Pete Shufelt

Earl Simpson

Diane Struble

April Dues

Antonio Abitable

John & Zandra Boice

John Cotte Jr.

Tony Cotte

Bob DiRuzzio Jr.

Dean Ficher

April Keyes

Gerald Lasher

Eric Nelson

Roddy Niesen

Katrina Wallin

Legislative- Prospector-NH bill has been withdrawn. (required tack)

Confiscation Bill is our main focus; A01933/S01298 and is well on its way this year in the assembly. Senator Dilan, the new transportation committee chairman, has also sponsored the bill. We also have a senate companion bill for the helmet bill this year A04541/S02403. MSF has the contract for the motorcycle safety courses this year instead of MANYS. I was told that there would be no changes with site places, administrators, and classes but, was later informed that MSF wouldn't be providing the motorcycles. The reasoning, that the site administrators will be more motivated if they have a bigger stake in their operations. Not really sure how this is going to work out yet. Check with each site if you're interested in the courses.

Newsletter- Advertising page is a large cost to the copying/ costs of the newsletter. New ad rates will be offered online, all advertising will be paid.

Products- Paula- The spring order of shirts coming soon and still waiting state level, bumper stickers and yard signs. Still need 8 colored, Harley Tee-shirts for the quilt being made for the fair raffle.

Public Relations - Paula Articles written in newspapers, also someone to step up and help make a scrap-book to be displayed at functions.

Road Captain - Bob Tom Howard has had an accident at work and lost his right thumb. Fred I reports that it has also become infected. Card will be sent from chapter.

Safety Officer - Dave Riding season is coming on quickly, reminder to check your bike, oil, tire pressure, inspections, insurance, registration and all working parts. Also remember that the roads still have a lot of salt and sand on them so they may be a little slick in spots. Safety first is always the most important thing when it comes to riding our motorcycles. Ride safe. Reminder to have an ICE number listed in your phone (In Case of Emergency) and carry in your wallet your AIM card (Aid to Injured Motorcyclist).

Committees

3/28 Cabin Fever Sat. Meadowgreens is confirmed there is a \$10 cover charge 5- 9/10pm and it will be Coyote Night.

4/17 – 19 BOTE Registration is getting sent, chapter cover \$100 room and dinner separate \$99 per night room and banquet dinner \$35. If you would like to attend please let me know after the meeting.

5/17 Memorial Run Due to the State Chapter meeting prior the Freedom Rally date will be changed to Sat. May 16. The Tramp art has been placed in the trailer for display at all of our events. This event has taken place for many seasons to pay respect to members of our own chapter that have passed away.

5/18 Mon. State Freedom Rally

6/7 Chapter Freedom Run

6/13 Flag Day Parade The theme is red, white and blue. Pete has been assured that we will be in the 1st division.

Committee volunteers are Pete, Trish, Jack, Allen, Joel, both Abitables, Gus , Dave, and Tony. Thank you.

8/1 Mountain Run

8/8 '200 Club' 19 tickets sold.

9/3 Fair Booth application fee is \$200 and the insurance certificate have to be in by 4/1 Grounds open Wed. at 3pm, the booth has to be setup by 1pm that day. The sign-up sheet is ready and looking for volunteers to help work booth in 4-hour intervals, which also gives you a pass to get into the fair that day. Tickets will be at the August meeting for entry.

9/20 Bozo Run Jen is a key staff person at CGHS, has had discussion with Karen and will report back to other CGHS staff about our chapter keep portions of proceeds of run because of work and time involvement. Possible 10%.

10/4 Toy Run will be run by Rick and Pete. Cooking staff volunteers are Karen, Joel, Gus, and Zandra.

11/?? Chili Cook-off

12/5 Christmas Party/ Meeting two ideas to date are Kozels and the Elks more information to come.

New Business / Announcements Gus P. Asked for volunteers to set an ABATE table at the Rhinebeck Fairgrounds for the

Swap June 12-14. Dave K. From Greene Co. ABATE stated he believed his chapter will be having a booth there perhaps we should work together. Allen A. volunteered to help man a booth. Thank you.

Reminder that the special election is coming up on March 31, please vote, it counts.

Motion #08-09 by Dave with second to adjourn. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by Paula Palleschi, chapter secretary