

Columbia County Chapter, ABATE of NY Inc,
Minutes from June 4, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. All officers were present for the meeting with 43 members present. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Welcome to our many new members,

Reports-

President- from the state back to chapters - to waive any further prosecution or investigation of missing funds in the amount of \$2,795.00.

Motion #15-09 made by Prospector with second to move forward with prosecution. Vote Unanimous

To chapters from state - to have the state newsletter reduce number of printed, mailed newsletter copies from 6 to 3 per year with remaining 3 available online to download. Does not state how much the costs saved would be Chapter

Motion 16-09 by Prospector to have the state newsletter printed and mailed 6 times per year, with second. No discussion.

One opposed Motion carried.

Motion #17-09 made by Jack with second, to waive the reading of the previous month's minutes. Discussion as to have minutes read for new members. Copies are available tonight and given to new members. Motion carried to waive reading...

V. Pres. – Pete apologized for not attending last month's meeting, and not be in touch with members. Happy to say we are moving forward as a group, putting faces to names by doing the membership, someone new will be taking the membership over.

Treasurer - Tricia Current balance of \$2864.19. The "200 club" balance is \$3282.30. Report accepted as read.

Membership by Pete- New member benefit from state now currently have Avis Rental as well, just use your membership card and use the state corporate number.

Members Outstanding

April Keyes

Eric Nelson

Chris Turriglio

Dave Wrigley Sr.

Stephen Pheiffer

Frank Sabo

Denise Sabo

Chris Osswald

Jeff Fumei

Cindy Dallas

Bob Davis

Vicki Davis

Member dues – June

Tony Barry

Prospector

Joanna Bradway

Dave Bratton

Bob DiRuzzio Sr.

Thomas Donlon

Jeff Jones

Gary Kittle

Karen Blake-Kittle

Mike Krizar

Mel Lansing

Sherry Margelot

Buck Mason

Gary Peck

Fred Potts

Michael Rutkowski

Mark Sawicky

Mike Schulze

Jason Seaman

Member dues - July

Tom Geno

Robert Green

George Ihlenburg

Tim Quigley

Chris Rowen

John B. Smith

Gerald Wright

Jennifer Zola

Legislative Prospector Freedom Rally we had a good turnout from our chapter and were able to meet with the legislators on our list. We had two legislative members on the ride with us. I had a meeting with DMV, Donna Lupardo our assembly sponsor of the confiscation bill, and Julie the head of the special programs committee at 1pm. Runaround - supposedly the focus of the 'roadblocks is, stolen motorcycles, although they safety. There was no answer given as to how it went from safety to stolen vehicles when questioned. DMV wants to amend the confiscation bill to change from 30 days to 90 days before returning the motorcycles to the rightful owners. On Tues past, met with Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and Julie B. DMV did not show up for this meeting, Ms. Lupardo is looking into the investigation process that DMV uses. How to revise the conf. bill, only 2 weeks left in this session will be ready for January. Bill in the Senate has passed to committee and is referred to codes committee. Not able to make an appointment to check on it.

AMJAM roadblocks- 2 bikes were confiscated from inside a trailer on the way there, Mitch Proner has been made aware of this. Last month I was at the NCOM convention in Reno. Our lawsuit regarding the 'roadblocks' is now in Federal court naming the individuals and the state police behind them.

Bob D. commented on the Freedom Rally- We used to have several hundred now down to couple of hundred, without the support of the sport-bike groups that came from NYC. We are losing ground, not gaining. Besides that, we must be aware of how others see us as a whole, witnessed people drinking and leaving beer cans by their bikes and handing out flyers that are unrelated. This must be sent back to the state and addressed. The message must be sent to more people, the rally needs to grow.

Prospector commented on how impressed he was by the sport bike groups and how they were represented. It is a great asset to have them join us, but ABATE as a whole needs much more work and organization.

Karen read off a 'checklist' regarding what the state troopers are looking for on these stops, and will post it on our website. List from an email from New York Freedom Riders List as follows—Inspection stickers and placement, Insurance, Rear plate illumination

375(35c) unsafe tires
381(1a) front headlamp not deployed,
381(3) lights- only white or yellow
381(4) approved red reflector in the rear
381(5) handlebar height
381(6) unapproved or no helmet
381(10) rearview mirrors
381(11) exhaust pipes

402(1a) plate must be secure and mounted between 12-48" on the rear of the vehicle- not rear axle
402 (1b) plates must be clean and easily readable
410 (1) registration
411(1) plates are required to be "conspicuously displayed on the rear" not on the rear axle
411(3) switched plates
509(2) license- operating out of class

Newsletter- by Karen Copies are on the table for new members only, I will be mailing them out shortly. Marilee Kellard will be taking over the newsletter. Thank you Marilee.

Products- Paula- The trailer will be at the ride on Sunday and at the Flag Day parade at the waterfront park. We are not getting anymore yard signs but still supposed to be getting bumper stickers.

Sergeant at arms- Everything's good.

Road Captain – Bob We are going to have the bike games at the Churchtown Firehouse. There will be 2 stops. The route is made out either 100 miles or 70 – 80 miles depending on the weather.

Public Relations – Paula – The Metroland paper had a nice picture and write-up regarding the state freedom rally except the caption was hell's advocates. I would like to find out who wrote the article and what the caption means.

Safety Officer – no report give

Committees

6/13 Flag Day Parade - Pete- apologizes didn't remember he was the head of the committee. Red, white, and blue theme. I would like to have Rob Taylor's bike on the front header with, a red, white and blue bike following. Signs of 'In Memory' the Flag Day parade was his favorite, we will meet Friday night at Butch's and finish Saturday morning. We will be in the first division without bands in front of us.

8/1 Mountain Run – Bob M. – Is a night ride, we will use the old route and same stops, and will have confirmation. Nick's Waterfall House, Middleburg, and then John's. Middleburg is working on a noise ordinance that may be the only change.

8/8 '200 Club'- Frank- I gave out a lot of tickets and some of you haven't brought back anything yet. I have about 85 tickets out to be sold. I have about 17 tickets that haven't been assigned yet to be sold, you have them, you need to let me know what's going on. I need to know about the beer, and a cooler – Jack will ask Dave. Will need people to volunteer to help with the corn and potatoes, same as last year. Help for Friday night and Saturday morning, see me after the meeting. One question that I have is do we get extra meet for this year. **Motion #18-09** by Fred with second, that we buy 125 lbs. of meat this year. Vote: Unanimous. Pete would like to buy new tarps for the sun cover, the ones we have are getting old. Discussion, new tarp not necessary, we will find one.

9/3 Fair Booth – Karen- some slot still need to be filled for working the booth and I will have the entry tickets for the August meeting to hand out for those working

9/20 Bozo Run – Karen – Set to end at Meadowgreen's we will be collecting donations and if you have something and don't have room to store it until then call me and I will get it to store until then.

10/4 Toy Run - Rick will chair committee Pete will help out. DSS will incorporate with Edith Casey stocking fund. We will need new people to cook at the firehouse. Karen has a list from a past meeting, Dick will be Santa and Cathy will be the bartender.

12/5 Christmas Party/ Meeting - Karen- I have a penciled date for Kozels' and Dave was going to check on the Elks Club for less, but as yet I have not heard anything. If I don't have information by the next meeting I will leave it at Kozels. Joel will check on the Kinderhook Elks as well.

Unfinished Business – Pete - DSS has been doing the Edith Casey Stocking fund, but NYS says no. It will become a foundation, with a board. Both myself and Rick have agreed to be on that board, we as ABATE will still work together.

Prospector still has an extra pass for Harley Rendezvous. Also next weekend is the Antique meet in Rhinebeck. We have been offered a free booth but no one has stepped up to man a booth. Greene County has not done so, thought they were.

Bob D. – Rolling Thunder ride to Washington, DC - I would like to publicly thank Frank for putting this together every year. Nick brought friends down from Schenectady and can't wait for next year.

New Business / Announcements

Motion #18-09 by Nick with second to adjourn. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Submitted by Paula Palleschi, chapter secretary