

**AMA MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2002**

Chairman John Scavo called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: was accepted as read

TREASURER'S REPORT: General 831.17
Emergency 1292.69
Charity -0-

Mark Mendrysa announced that the District Dues are \$35.00 for a regular club and \$15.00 for a social club. The treasurer's report was accepted.

There are flyers for several events on the table in the back of this room. The Roamers bus trip leaves K-Mart, Glenville @ 7:00 a.m.

We have decided to have monthly meetings on **SATURDAY MORNINGS** at the Latham Diner. Come around 8:00 a.m. have breakfast with Sue our waitress then the meeting will start around 9:30 a.m. We apologize to those disappointed with the meeting change. **This is a test!** We are hoping that with winter weather, work schedules, etc. this change will be good for all clubs. Thank you for your co-operation during this temporary change.

LEGISLATION REPORT:

We now have a contact in the Governors office since we have donated money to his campaign. Please have your club members write to their Congressman etc. regarding **HR4533**. All you have to say in your letter is "**PLEASE CO-SPONSOR AND SUPPORT HR4533**" this covers the bill to keep our insurance coverage if and when we have an accident. Some insurance companies make you think you are covered until you crash then there is nothing. **WRITE TODAY! YIELD OF RIGHT AWAY** bill, Larry & Prospector attended a meeting recently and it was agreed upon that there should be a stronger bill, matter of fact it should be as strong as possible. PAC is grateful to all that have started to pass the PAC HAT at your meetings. District 34 sends money often. Since New York is the only state with a statewide PAC national is thinking of getting more pacs in the country. WE need to get AMA Retries involved more in lobbying. Larry & Prospector have been lobbying in Albany for about 4 and 1/2 years; they have passed 5 bills, and have had the governor sign 3 of those bills. This is the first in 35 years that there has been positive legislation passed in favor of bikers. In regards to the charge that State Parks charge vehicles-people are listening but there has not been any action yet. Prospector will continue to work on this. The Community Council is all AMA members who have taken the Eagle Course, so far Dave & Althea Frier have joined Larry on this committee, a meeting will be soon.

BANQUET:

The award ideas are starting to come in, keep them coming! Door prizes are slower in coming in. Donations of handmade items, or purchased ones will be accepted. Door prizes do not have to be motorcycle items. Continue to bring in your bandanas for the quilt!

BOWLING:

There was a discussion about awards for the bowling day. It was decided to give Brad Barrett \$50.00 to purchase what is needed. **PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT!** February 9, 2003 - 12:00 NOON - 3:00 p.m. @ Sportsman's Bowl, 1652 Crane Street, Schenectady - Cost \$10.00 per person includes shoes and 3 games. Even if you are not a bowler come join us in the fun.

AMA SHIRTS:

"We ride for AMA" Denis called National in Ohio and we have permission to use this for T-shirts.

CONGRESS REPORT:

Denis Petrie and Mark Catlin attended Congress in Ohio. The Eagle Program is being revitalized; hopefully it will be going again. It was a good program and now AMA is trying to get it going again. If you want to see the book of recommendations ask Denis. The March issue of the AMA magazine has an explanation of all positions in the AMA.

AMERICADE:

A discussion was held in regard to a table at the Americade operated by District #3 members. John Scavo asked Denis Petrie to talk to national in regard to next year's event. Brad Barrett thinks we should have our own table @ Tour Expo, a free table. He will set it up. Larry Schwartz took a poll of who would like to have a separate table near the food court with 3 passes for us to use while working the table. A motion was made by Larry Schwartz "District #3 gives Brad Barrett permission to get us 4 passes to work a table near the food court from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m." This was passed by all in attendance. A sign up was passed around 13 people have signed up to work the table. At the April meeting we will firm up hours for everyone to help with this table.

SPITZIE'S MEMORIAL:

Denis and Mark have talked to a Casting Company in North Carolina they are more than happy to do the work. Denis will follow this thru.

SANCTIONING DATES:

Adirondack HOG - May 18; Adirondack Riders - August 3; Albany/Schenectady HOG - August 24; AMJAM - Memorial Day Weekend; Freedom Riders - Not in Attendance; Kaatskill Riders - no ride; New York Chapter 8 - September 13 & 14; NWA - no ride; Redeemed Riders - May 3; Red Knights - October 12; Roamers - April 27; Woodstock HOG - not in attendance; Irish Riders - June 27; Griffins July 5; Hudson Retreads - July 7; Route 20 - no ride this year; Americade - June 2-June 7; Gypsy Laconia June 6-June 15.

Larry Schwartz wants to know from every club in District #3 WHERE ARE YOUR REPS?

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.