

AMA MINUTES
DIVISION 3 ROAD DIVISION MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2005

Chairman Kevin Becker called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.
20 people were in attendance, representing 11 clubs.

Secretary's Report: was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: \$1371.45

Emergency Fund: \$2768.88

AMA Grant: \$1250

Charity Fund: \$250

Monies for "Support our Troops" efforts: \$63.

The report was accepted.

Legislative Report:

-Sealant issue: DOT is sending letters to re-inform people about how to apply the sealant properly.

Unfortunately, there is no way to enforce this. Mark C suggested putting up signs to warn of slippery conditions. What we can for ourselves is check the tread and pressure of our tires.

-Grooved pavement signs were discussed and they are out, but could be better, especially by putting them before the last exit so you can get off the road if you don't want to drive over them. Larry M advised us all to be careful of the different types of grooves, such as diagonal.

-The Yield-Right-of-Way bill is treading in the Rules Committee, but is expected to pass this session.

-Donna Lapardo is sponsoring a bill dealing with the confiscation of motorcycles, especially custom types. The wording is still being worked out, so no number has been assigned yet. This bill aims to limit how long your bike can be confiscated and that it should be returned in the same condition. What we can do for ourselves is to start documenting all our bike parts, even those found at a swap-meet, etc. Bill of sales and photographs are really helpful.

-Assemblyman Ortiz has another bill pending that will call for every vehicle to have a breathalyzer that will determine if you can start your vehicle. This will be valid for every sold or registered vehicle and costs approximately \$350 to install in a car. An alternate version would limit this to those with a DWI conviction only. Larry and Prospector will try to kill this bill.

-Frank Buckman mentioned again the problems with the Thruway authority and the motorcycle EZ-pass discount. Please send your receipts to Larry S if you haven't been getting the discount. He needs evidence when he talks to the Thruway Authority. Prospector suggested a class-action law suit if the problem doesn't get resolved, but we would also need District 4 and 34 as well as national AMA assistance.

-The PAC is generally healthy with about \$10,000 for the start of the Legislative season, but we still need a continuing effort to keep the money coming in. Please consider passing the PAC hat at your club meetings. This is the New York State PAC, so we receive money from District 34 also. Larry S noted that Pennsylvania beat their helmet law with their PAC account! The PAC account is available to view on their website, contact Larry S or Mike Kuban for more info

-The PAC received \$345 during the overall meeting (\$125 in cash and \$220 in checks from Blue Knights and the Adirondack Riders).

-Mark Catlin gave a report on the AMA Congress: Denis P was voted to be the Congress Representative for Emergencies.

Denis P mentioned again that large promoters need to notify the local district before scheduling an event. If you would like to see the Rules books, Denis has a copy.

Old Business:

-Larry M would like to know if clubs can belong to the District without belonging to National AMA. Denis Petrie did not think so, but will check into it.

-Mark Catlin gave an update on Tammy Chamberlain, a CMA member, who is still recovering and is out of critical condition, but still needs surgery. It was proposed, voted and approved that we use \$250 of the emergency fund (the largest amount possible), to assist Tammy with one of her bills. Marty Herman will send a bill directly to Mark Mendrysa for payment.

New Business:

-Larry S made a motion that our PAC should be used as a model for the rest of the country to set up their own PACs. Denis P will write the proposal for Congress. This motion was voted on and approved.

-Save the date: the Emergency Fund Fundraising Banquet is April 22, 2006. Please send nominations to Larry S to recognize your club members.

-Please note that District dues are due today to Mark Mendrysa.

-Election of Officers: Congratulations to the new officers of District 3:

Chairman: Mark Catlin

Vice-chairman: Larry Moyer

Secretary: Sarah Stevens

Treasurer: Mark Mendrysa

Co-Legislative officers: Larry Schwartz and Bob "Prospector" Boellner

Referee: Marty Herman

Congress Representative: Denis Petrie

Congress Rep alternative: Althea Frier

Announcements:

-The Roamers are hosting a bus trip to NYC on Saturday, Jan 21st to see the International Bike Show. Please email Pat Schlamowitz for more info: roamepat@aol.com.

-AMA District 3 Road Division meeting: Monday, January 16th, 7:30pm at the Village Diner, 1090 Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham, NY 12110. 518-783-6005.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.