

BLUE KNIGHTS

CHAPTER NEW YORK III

NEWSLETTER

April 5, 2005

Attendees:

The following were present for the April 5, 2005 Membership meeting which was held at the Denny's Restaurant, Route 9, Poughkeepsie, NY (This includes family and friends of our membership).

Bob Coletta, Lucy Coletta, Carl Raymo, Tom Mazzola, David McDonald, Lou Nazzaro, Dave Howard, Bob Ferrigan, Joe Doherty, Kim Pomeroy, Bill Pomeroy, Cindy Davis, Ray Davis, Fran Lipsey, Keith Lipsey, Rich Ramsell, Thor Johnson, Bernie Combs, David Kaufman, Al Kenwood, Steven Kaiser, Wilson Hernandez, Rich Demarais, Anita Demarais, Travis Zehr, Earl Bowman, Jr., Stephen Glass, Chris Rose, Edgar Burgos, Gerry, Fornino, Cindy Fornino, Lene Fornino, and Edward Bateman

Meeting Called to Order:

President Raymo called the meeting to order at 1907 hours. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and remained standing for a moment of silence to honor the members of Heaven 1 and all of our Armed Forces.

President Raymo introduced guests present at the meeting. Patty and Kevin Weir from "Ride for Kids" and Bernie Combs and Thor Johnson from NY 30.

Presentation:

Patty and Kevin Weir gave a presentation with a short video for the "Ride for Kids" for kids suffering with brain tumors, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The ride is scheduled for August 7, 2005 at Monroe Woodbury Elementary School in Central Valley. All interested received brochures and can call 1-800-253-6530 or visit their website www.rideforkids.org.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Dave McDonald and seconded by Dave Kaufman to accept the minutes as published in the March newsletter. The motion was passed unanimously not to read the minutes.

Correspondence:

Bob Coletta proceeded to read the ride schedule that is posted on the website. Refer to the website to retrieve yourself a copy.

Several cards were read from members who were grateful to the club for their generosity.

President Raymo mentioned anyone who has any ideas or changes they want to see in the by-laws, write them down and present them at the next meeting.

He also asked for a volunteer to help make a new member feel at home and show them around. No one came forward.

Sunshine Club report:

Cindy reported that she sent get well cards to members and reported money spent and submitted to the Treasurer.

Rolling Thunder/Blue Knights Ride, May 1:

As of this time, Tom Mazzola reported that he has only ten commitments to the ride thus far from NY III. This is going to be a very high profile event. It is well worth coming out and being a part of it. A few snags have come to surface, one of them being the starting point. If this becomes a problem, the starting point will begin at Dutchess Stadium parking lot and end at George's Island Park.

Thor Johnson, Blue Knights 30 offered to provide escorts for the Rolling Thunder Ride on May 1.

Unfinished Business:

Bill Pomeroy, Ride Chairman, drafted 20 copies of the Ride Schedule and handed them out at the meeting.

Memorial Day Parade in Marlboro. Contact Bill Pomeroy if you plan on riding representing NY III.

Quartermaster's Report:

Ray Davis reported that he will contact a company to manufacture t-shirts and will meet with Lucy Coletta to put the pins up for sale on e-bay.

New Business:

Chris Rose attended his first meeting and was welcomed with open arms by the club.

Fifty-fifty won by Bill Pomeroy.

Meeting adjourned at 2029. Motioned by Dave McDonald and seconded by Rich Demarais.

Secretary's Insert: It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of our fellow member, Al Kenwood. Our hearts go out to the family and prayers for his daughter who was seriously injured in the accident.