

Red Knights Chapter NY29
September 16, 2016
Tsatsawassa Firehouse

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Vice-President Eugene Browning.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – 12 members answered roll with no guests.

Minutes of the July 2016 meeting were read by Secretary Judith Shea. A motion made by Rich Jennings, and seconded by Dave Goold, to approve the minutes as corrected, with all voting in favor and none opposed; so carried.

Correspondence – None.

Treasurer – Treasure's Report was submitted by Lisa Funk and presented by Judith Shea. A motion was made by Carol Goold, and seconded by Eugenia Browning, to approve the report as submitted with all voting in favor and none opposed; so carried.

- Road monies for the September meeting were collected, \$24, and will be given to Lisa Funk at the October meeting.

Vice President's Report:

- Rich Root's application for membership has been withdrawn as he joined Chapter 53.
- An application was received for Social Membership for Cimber Root along with her dues – which will be given to Lisa Funk at the October meeting. A motion was made by Eugenia Browning, and seconded by Dave Goold, to accept her application with all voting in favor and none opposed; so carried.
- Note for the Record: Because there was no August meeting, President Paul Pratt sent an email requesting an on-line vote on the application of Doug Blish for Active membership. His application had been tabled for the required 30 days. With all responses in the affirmative his application was approved. Welcome, Doug!

Road Captain – Was not available due to work schedule.

- Rides suggested by member:
 - Sunday, 9/18 – Abate COARC ride – KSU noon at the Plaza Diner
 - Saturday, 10/1 – Abate Toy Run – KSU noon and ends at Elks club
 - Sunday, 10/9 – NY12 Give A Child a Christmas Ride and Pig Roast – stage at Pilot station beginning at 8.30am; KSU at 9am
 - Saturday, 10/1 – NY27 MS Run – This is Kevin Levarnway's chapter. Harold Jensen and the Goold's are going to this and expect others to attend as well.

Quartermaster – Nothing to report.

Committees:

10th Anniversary Dinner –

- Actual 10th Anniversary is 8/7/2016
- This discussion went in a different direction from holding the celebration at Mike Roper's home. It was suggested that we could hold the meeting as part of a chapter meeting which appealed to all in attendance. As we were Tsatsawassa, Packy Root was questioned whether they were going to be holding their Pancake Breakfasts on this year. The answer was yes and the first one is on Sunday October 16th. We now have a full day celebration: Breakfast at Tsatsawassa between 8.30-9.30am to support their first breakfast; a ride following with suggestions for Mount Greylock or along the Mohawk Trail; return to the Goold's for lunch and chapter meeting at approximately noon. An RSVP email will be sent out to determine the number of people to plan for with a deadline to respond of 10/9/16. Possible menu to include: steak (possibly with clams), two sides, salad, and dessert.

Christmas In September – Rain is predicted for Sunday, 9/18, the proposed delivery date. After discussion, it was determined to split the delivery to two weeknights as follows:

- On Wednesday, September 21 we will meet at the Fireman's Home, time to be determined, in order to deliver to recipient Mr. Rudy Skoda, of AB Shaw, following their dinner service. We will then travel to Germantown Hose Co. #1 for delivery to Mr. James Bell and Mr. Michael Gaeschel. Leaving Germantown, we will travel to Taghkanic Firehouse for escort to Mr. Thomas Stoner.
- On Wednesday, September 28, we will meet at the Lebanon Valley Protective Association, time to be determined, for delivery to our final recipient, Mr. David Roden.

Run to the Home – Gifts

- Eugenia Browning presented an email wish list, received by Lisa Funk, from the Fireman's Home including: flat screen tv with wireless headsets, Norelco triple head shavers, VCR, DVD, and greeting cards. Carol Goold and Eugenia Browning will get together to do the shopping with a delivery date to be determined.

Unfinished Business – reports from Vice-President Eugene Browning on the following events:

- International Convention in Wisconsin Dells –
 - There are 348 chapters and 374 MAL for a total membership of 9,362 – this is down 500 members from 2015 (and includes the loss of 3 chapters for non-payment of dues)
 - Food was excellent
 - Matthew Mattera was elected President of Region 1 – Congratulations, Matt!!
 - The referendum to extend memberships to extended family members (ie: aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephew) failed
 - Germany received an award for the active marketing of Red Knights
 - RKMC donated \$150 to the AMA
 - Dates for next year: Dixie Rally – May 18-21 in Raleigh, NC; Yankee Rally – June 2-4 in Rutland, VT; Convention – August 16-20 in Syracuse, NY (FASNY convention in Syracuse this same weekend); Run to the Home – May 17 or 18 coinciding with the 125th Anniversary of the Home in Hudson, NY
- 2016 CCVFA Convention in Niverville – Very nice convention with good dinner and entertainment; you could tell they went all out
- Escort of remains to Chatham – Had 118 bikes going 25mph across I-90; the ceremony was long and emotional
- 9/11 services at Memorial in Valatie – nice ceremony but light on fireman in attendance

New Business – Final meetings of year:

- Sunday, November 20 – 11 am at Lebanon Valley Protective Association
- Sunday, December 18 – 11 am at Tri-Village – This will be our annual meeting with election of officers, covered dish luncheon, and gift exchange.

Good of the Chapter:

- Saturday, October 1 – Chicken and Ribs dinner at Germantown, 4-6p – eat-in or takeout
- Sunday, October 16 – Pancake Breakfast at Tsatsawassa, 8-11a
- Friday, November 4 – Tri-Village Auxiliary sponsored Ladies Night Out

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 16, approximately noon, at the Goold's as part of 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Thank you Packy Root, and Tsatsawassa Firehouse for hosting our meeting.

Motion to adjourn made was by Carol Goold, and seconded by Eugenia Browning, with all voting in favor and none opposed; motion carried.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith K. Shea
Secretary