

CNYAPT MEETING APRIL 18, 2007

President Dave Deuel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at The Craftsman Inn with 21 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance followed and a moment of silence for the victims of the Virginia Tech shootings.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by James Dark, seconded by Al Sgroi, to accept the minutes from the March 8 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Diane Watkins, seconded by Terri Kuss to accept the treasurer's report, with a balance carried forward of \$2,413.36. The balance carried forward in our Professional Development Fund is \$2,274.41. Motion carried.

New Business

1. All conference registrations this year will be handled by the individual person. Karen (or our chapter) will no longer be sending in housing requests. You will need to directly send in your own to the Turf or surrounding hotels. Rooms will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.
2. The Dates for this year's Conference are July 14 (Rodeo), 15, 16, 17, 18 and extra classes on Thursday the 19th. We believe the only luncheon this year will be the hotdog lunch on the last day.
3. Judy Clarke announced that the Back to Basics Workshop for Today's Drivers will be October 13th @ THE LODGE (Welch Allen Inc.) in Skaneateles. The time will be 7:30am to 4:00pm. The staff will need to arrive by 7:00 am. The cost per driver will be approximately \$40.00. That cost will include all of the workshops and the available facilities, a Continental Breakfast, a Buffet Luncheon and an afternoon snack and beverages. At most, 120 drivers will be accommodated. That number may be less depending on the staff required. A workshop schedule, presenters and a keynote speaker will be announced shortly. The tentative plan is to have 5 workshops with one of them being outside. If the numbers exceed the capacity that will be allowed, then we need to come up with a fair way to draw selections. Some possibilities mentioned were a "lottery" from each district or a raffle type drawing is another possibility. If there are huge amounts of interest then we can possibly check into having another workshop in the spring. By our next meeting in May we should have a good idea as to the interest level of our drivers in our own districts.
4. Linda Robinson from F-M and one of her drivers put together a really cute video presentation to help get messages across to their drivers in a fun and unique way. They plan more videos on a variety of topics. The drivers seem to be quite receptive to them!
5. On April 4th NYAPT issued an advisory to our members regarding the mandatory use of seat belts on school buses. NYAPT points out that even though NYS Education Dept mandates that school buses be equipped with seat belts – it is ultimately left to individual school boards to mandate usage or not. There is an absence of Federal standards or guidelines relating to seat belts on school buses or their usage. They suggest that any district that is currently mandating the use of seat belts consult their school counsel and insurance providers as to any impact from liability that could derive from utilizing any equipment that lacks Federal standards or definition.
6. Governor Spitzer appointed Astrid Glynn to serve as NY State Commissioner of Transportation.

Old Business

1. Curbside inspections by the DMV should be starting up soon. Just a reminder that we will have no advanced notice and if they find anything wrong they can pull the driver immediately and call the police if necessary.
2. We, as a chapter would like to send Earl Tuttle a letter requesting a list of those examiners who will be conducting the curbside inspections. That way, when they show appropriate ID the drivers can double check with us to be sure the inspector is on the list. A motion was made by Diane Watkins, seconded by Karen Doucette to write a letter to Earl Tuttle requesting a

complete list of qualified examiners that will be conducting curbside inspections in Syracuse and the surrounding areas. Motion carried.

3. Judy Clarke and Jim Ellis are still going to be holding a SBDI Class. It will be held the last week in June in Weedsport. Those interested should contact Judy or Jim.
4. Rich Denison reminds us that there is a big push for mandatory cameras on buses. Marion Edick has also endorsed it. The bill is or will be going to the State Legislature.
5. Deb Stevens is very excited about the progress of The Safe Bus in Oswego County. There was even an article in the Post Standard about it. They are having another meeting on April 25th and are possibly looking into having a fundraiser. They hope to “Unveil” the bus June 2nd. The donations have been phenomenal! James made a motion, seconded by Peg Gilbert to donate \$200.00 from the Chapter for the bus. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Poster + Speech Contest:

Just a reminder that the posters are to be brought to the May meeting to be judged. Sandy Creek has 294 Posters in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade category.

Speech contest contestants will also be present to give their speeches.

Deb will need volunteers to Judge as she has PDS that day. Karen Doucette, Diane Watkins and someone from Liverpool will gladly help.

Roadeo Committee:

This year's Roadeo is fast approaching. May 19th will be here in no time! Deb brought the sign in sheets.

Reminder that the \$15 cost per contestant is **ONLY** if they make it to the state level.

We will be in a different building this year. We will be using the 4H building on the left toward the road course.

We will need help with refreshments also this year because the Grange women will be occupied with the craft show going on in another building. We will be having a Chicken BBQ so we will need some cooks!!

Guides for the Roadeo were also handed out. This year there will be a stop line after the tracks as well as before. Set up volunteers are needed for the 18th, a photographer for the 19th, and someone needs to bring coffee and donuts! Diane Watkins will get the written tests put together. We also need runners, and some folks to help clean up so please sign the sheets and volunteer!!

Rich Denison is having a difficult time getting the lists of vendors from various districts. Please fax them to him ASAP @ 682-4443. Any other suggestions – Please let Rich know!!

Any sub driver is eligible to be in the roadeo if they have been on your roster for 1 year.

Strategic Planning Committee:

Bob Peters reported that at last months' NYAPT meeting one of the topics up for discussion was the ‘Active Member’ or ‘Associate Member’ – A proposed change to the By-Laws has been submitted to change the categories. The proposed amendment would no longer have the “Active” or “Associate”

Member – but instead the classification for all would be “Individual Member” and all would have voting rights.

There are obviously things to still work out as this is still in the very early stages. Problems could then arise from the larger districts having more “Individual” members and therefore more votes than the smaller districts giving them an unfair advantage. The proposed amendment will be voted on in July at the Conference.

NYAPT membership is down. Only 300 out of 700 districts are represented. They are looking for ways to increase membership. Any ideas are welcome.

Nominations Committee:

Dave Deuels' term as President of our Chapter is up in June and the normal course is for our acting Vice-President to step up to President. Matt Conti, our Vice – President, has said that if nominated he would certainly be glad to do that. The Treasurer's Office will also need to be filled. Please contact Barb Dewey at North Syracuse with any nominations for Vice - President and Treasurer or any of the other offices.

Awards Committee:

Please send in your nominations for awards this year to Karen Doucette at J-D. I will add the nomination forms to the end of these minutes. You can also find them on our CNYAPT website.

Roundtable:

Al Sgroi:	Things are going well, sports have really picked up. Things at SC are going well – we have been very busy. The Poster Contest
Deb Stevens	should be a great success!
Tom Gunn	All is going well!
Rich Denison	Thanks for coming today everybody and thanks for all your support!
Terri Kuss	Things are going well!
Kathryne Rivas	Things are good in the city!
Lynn Matulock	Things are good – nice to see everybody!
Diane Watkins	Sports have really picked up now – things are busy but good!
James Dark	All's Well!
Judy Clarke	Things are OK
Linda Robinson	Things are busy but good!
John Cunningham	Things are good.
Dave Deuel	Things are OK
Karen Doucette	June 30 th will be her last day at J-D – she is retiring! Congratulations Karen!
Matt Conti	Things are going well at First Student. He had his PDS yesterday in Rochester. It was a nice experience meeting all new people and sharing different ideas!
Darrell Hagerman	He enjoyed the break week with 18" of snow!! He has been very busy. He just had his PDS in Syracuse and they just had their
Rich Rogers	DMV audit. All is well! He is also thinking of retiring.
Dave Fuller	He thinks he will wait until the end of summer and then retire also.
Dona Beauchea	Things are going well. Nice to see everyone!
Peg Gilbert	Things have been busy between sports and our preparations to move out of our building. We also had our DMV audit and all went well with those!

We would like to extend a huge Thank You to Rich and Cindy Denison for sponsoring today's meeting and for the wonderful lunch!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 10th at Matthew's Bus on Northern Blvd.

A motion was made by Rich Rogers, seconded by Darrell Hagerman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Gilbert