



2007-2008 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Matt Conti – President/Director
Chuck Paquette – Vice President/Alt Director
James Dark – Treasurer
Peg Gilbert – Secretary

MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING Thursday, June 12, 2008

Today's meeting was held at Woodcrest Golf Course. President Matt Conti called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 14 members present. A special thank you is extended to our sponsor, New York Bus Sales.

Secretary's Report

A call was made for additions/corrections to the minutes previously distributed and posted by Secretary Gilbert. None were offered. Dave Duell moved, seconded by Pat Bailey, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dark announced the following balances in CNYAPT accounts as of the day of the meeting: Checking account beginning: \$2,243.60; Rodeo Donations of \$756.00 total: \$2,999.60. The Professional Development savings account \$210.20, with no activities. Tim Durham moved, seconded by Peg Gilbert, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Judy Clarke's "Chapter Cookbook" - no activity at this point.
- PDS Course – We have had a 40 – 50 a year drop out of the program. This year there may be 100. We need to find out why.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety Committee: No report at this time.

Rodeo:

Dave Duell and Deb Stevens- Rodeo went well. A wonderful learning experience for all, combined with good conversation and fun. Thanks to all for making it a success!

Ideas for next Year:

- Additional buses at special needs skills
- Punch cards so participants in special needs skill know what they haven't done yet
- More judges at general knowledge and student load/unload
- Magnetic signs to designate special needs because they don't have to do all skills. Rich Dennison will donate.
- Additional "outside" activities as RR demo, bus evacuation, air brakes, etc.
- Any more ideas?

CNY Rodeo for 2009 will be held May 16th.

- Everyone will stop for lunch, approximately 11:00 – 12:00.
- Thinking of a full day event
- Discussed having event catered, charge \$10.00 per contestant; most districts will cover cost
- We can do physical pre-trip at our Rodeo instead of in addition to written
- Parallel Park – had enough to get in, but could loose everything getting out – It's a tough skill
- All set for State Rodeo.
- Please submit more suggestions and Thank you.

THE 2008 ROADEO WINNERS ARE:

Conventional Bus

1st place: Leonard Redhead - Central Square CSD

2nd place: Rebecca Forbes - Homer CSD

3rd place: Kevin Robbins - Homer CSD

Transit Bus

1st place: Stephen Wilm - Liverpool CSD

2nd place: Jennifer Irwin - Liverpool CSD

3rd place: Melissa Goodsell - Sandy Creek CSD

Special Needs Division

1st Place Team	Julia Thomas, Driver - Moravia CSD
	Trina Bennett, Attendant - Moravia CSD
2nd Place Team	Mara Engleman, Driver - Moravia CSD
	Sherry Keller, Attendant - Moravia CSD
3rd Place Team	Tracy Sullivan, Driver - Sandy Creek CSD
	Jessica Brown, Attendant - Sandy Creek CSD

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

Thanks for Jim Ellis for putting together special needs Rodeo. His teams were 1st and 2nd. Goal is 20 teams next year.

State Rodeo – Put ad in paper, sell raffle tickets. Motion made to add in Rodeo Program (Booklet) by Dave Duell, seconded by Chuck Paquette. Motion carried.

Motion by Pat Bailey, 2nd by Dave Duell to purchase the raffle tickets as a chapter @ a cost of \$300.00. Motion carried.

Three prizes:

- \$750.00 1st
- \$500.00 2nd
- \$250.00 3rd

We have had good luck - we took 1st and 2nd last year
If we win, we will put it back into the Chapter.

Operation Safe Stop:

We have had lots of press with the new camera.

It's been very successful, people are talking about it in Syracuse. Program is getting bigger, looking to expand grant to Long Island, Western NY, and Albany area.

Police speak with violators

Because it is a pilot program no tickets have been issued except to a guy who passed 3 times.

Safe stop week September 8-12 – no other day

April 7th, 2008 (2009 will be April 2)

Judy Clarke would like to support and encourage more action by police in western side of NY

Membership Committee:

The vote will be in July for status of members - active-can vote, or associate-cannot vote right now – they want to change that. They want to pass a new by-law to change the criteria for associate members.

Only supervisors or head of operations can run for office – but anyone actively involved would now be an “Active” member and could vote.

SBDI Committee:

There has been a lot of consideration how as to best spend the 400,000 budget most efficiently.

They are looking at updating the Basic Course, Advanced Course & Pre-Service Course.

Due to PJ's Law – 1 hour of sensitivity training will be added to the pre-service/refresher for all drivers – there will be 3 topics now at the PDS instead of 2 – This is expected to be in place by the January 2009 refresher.

Safety Camp:

Scheduled for June 27-29, 2008, at Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY.

Only two mechanics had signed up, so no doing that part. So far there are 72 Drivers + Attendants participating. The Staff is all set as well. Social Events are also planned. The 2010 Camp will be getting a complete “Face Lift.” They are accepting applications right up to the day before.

Poster Contest: 4 Different Divisions

Twelve poster winners

- 1st prize - \$50 - 1st Place:
- 2nd prize - \$30 - 2nd Place:
- 3rd prize - \$20 -3rd Place:

- 1st Division - K – 2nd Grade
- 1st - Olivia Richards - Palmer Elementary, Baldwinsville, Grade 1.
- 2nd - Steven LaFever - Burton Street Elementary, Cazenovia CSD, Grade 2.
- 3rd - Shao Demyttenaere - Burton Street Elementary, Cazenovia CSD, Grade 2

2nd Division – 3rd – 5th Grade

- 1st - Adam Yerden - Sandy Creek CSD, Grade 3
- 2nd - Colleen Magowan - Palmer Elementary, Baldwinsville, Grade 4
- 3rd - Patricia Murry - Elmwood Elementary, Syracuse CSD, Grade 4

3rd Division – 6th –8th Grade

- 1st - Jennifer Sternberg - Chittenango MS, Grade 8
- 2nd - Madison Liddle - Chittenango MS, Grade 8
- 3rd - Jill Davidson - Chittenango MS, Grade 8

4th Division - Special Needs

- 1st - Edwin Rivera - Webster Elementary, Syracuse CSD
- 2nd – Marissa Pilotti - Morgan Road, Liverpool CSD
- 3rd - Thomas Clark - Morgan Road, Liverpool CSD

Congratulations To All Winners!!

<i>New Business</i>

1. NYAPT has received a Grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee entitled "Stop for the Bus" (To reduce Illegal Passing) – They want to use it for Bumper Stickers. They are asking that children K-4 to design them incorporating the words "Stop 4 the Bus" – or images that project that message.
2. Diane Watkins is stepping down as VP, there is one year left in her term. We need to fill the slot. A motion was made by Pat Bailey to nominate Chuck Paquette for the position, seconded by Joyce McMaster. Motion Carried. Chuck graciously accepted.
Thanks and Congratulations Chuck!
3. The steering committee wants to have a meeting soon. We, as a Chapter could be doing more to encourage better attendance. The Objective of any Chapter is to provide Training for Drivers + Attendants. There are some financial limits – need revenue (Funding). There are some creative ideas – but we need to get them off the ground (Need fun raising ideas). Judy would head committee to go out side of the box – Those on the Committee are Ted, Roxanne, Peg, Matt + Dave – We Should be meeting soon.

AWARDS:

Vendor Award – 2007-2008

Rich Dennison – Bus Parts Warehouse

Rich is extremely valuable to us and is always very visible at our events to help out. Many Thanks Rich!

Presidents Award – 2007-2008

Dave Deuel – Fayetteville - Manlius CSD

Dave has always dedicated a ton of time to our Chapter and it's events. The Roadeos especially.

Thanks Dave!

There were no nominations for the Supervisor or Heroism awards this year.

Reminder: June 14th is the last day for SBDI nominations for the Art Shock award to be presented at the Conference in July.

Thank you again George and Marlene for sponsoring our meeting today!

<i>Round Table</i>

Ted Finlayson -Schueler	Things are good! Have a nice summer everyone!
Judy Clarke	Things are Great! Have a nice summer everybody!
Joyce McMaster	Thing are going really well. We have a new Mechanic. He's Great!
Dave Deuel	If Judy says things are good – they are! Have a nice summer!
Chuck Paquette	Looking forward to summer!
Pat Bailey	It was a Great year! Have a nice summer!
Roxanne	Things are great in B'Ville – We are looking forward to summer!
Peg Gilbert	Things are great- it was a really good year at ESM. Thanks also to everyone in the Chapter for helping out in my absence this past winter.
James Dark	Things are really good at West Genny – Have a nice Summer!
Tim Durham	A&E Transport will now be known as Durham School Services, looking for 20 drivers for the summer. 40 Hours per week for 28 days – small groups on bus – congratulations to Rich & Dave
Rich Denison	Appreciates all the support from our Districts. Thanks to all! Looking forward to summer!
Deb Stevens	She is now a safety officer at First Student. She Loves it! Congrats Deb!
Judy Brodish	She is looking forward to learning a lot! Have a nice summer!
Matt Conti	Good year – lost some staff, but we are replacing them. Have a great summer everyone!
George + Marlene	Thanks for coming today everybody! Have a nice summer!

<i>Adjournment & next meeting information</i>
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A motion was made by Dave Deuel, seconded by Tim Durham, to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be scheduled for the Fall. Stay tuned.

Respectfully submitted:
Peg Gilbert