



## **UNYBCA**

**Minutes from Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

**Metro 7 Diner**

**Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by John DeFiore.**

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Opening Remarks: John DeFiore.**

John wished everyone a Happy New Year, and hoped that everyone had a great Christmas and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

**Minutes Approval:**

**Motion to approve 11/13/2024 minutes:**

By: Ed Allmond.

2nd: Al Patnode. Vote: Unanimous to accept.

Discussion/Questions?

**Announcements:**

- Just a reminder that we will need a new Secretary when Rosemary steps down at the end of the 2026 National Meet. She will remain the Health & Wellness Chair.
- Dick Andrews is currently hospitalized at Samaritan Hospital in Troy. Ed A. and John D. visited him at the hospital and he was tired, but hanging in there from a stroke. Thoughts and cards would be appreciated. Mail them to his home address:

*10 Crumitie Rd, Loudenville, NY 12211.*

- Also requesting thoughts and prayers for Diane Proulx's Mom. She has had several surgeries in Champlain VT, near her home in upstate NY, and has undergone one just today. Again, cards are would to be appreciated.

*41 Arbor Drive, Glens Falls, NY 12801.*

### **Upcoming chapter car events:**

- The St Patrick's Day Parade in March. Hoping to be invited.

### **Old Business:**

### **Membership Report: Chris Timber.**

**Members: 29   BCA: 18 (62%)   MAL: 11 (38%)**

Nineteen members have not renewed yet, Chris will conduct another outreach to those members.

Chris indicated she will be stepping down as Membership Chair after serving in this position for many years. John thanked her for her service and support for our Club. Ted Sweet will replace her as Membership Chair as of April 1, 2025.

**Treasurer Report: Ken Malette**

Bank balance: \$5213.92.

Income: \$960.00.

Expenses: \$1600.00.

**Website Report:** Tom Proulx is unavailable tonight so, no report.

Tom recently shared administrative access with John D. and Ed A. and Ed checked out three books from the Colonie Public library that deal with the programming language for this site development.

We began to identify the items we want on the website. So far, it includes the following: Club name and BCA acknowledgement, the Club Mission Statement, Club Directors and, with their consent, contact information, monthly minutes, the latest Newsletter, the Club meeting date(s), Club Events, and a dedicated section to the 2026 National Meet.

**Website Domain renewal:** Discussion followed about the length of time we need to renew the Website name on *GoDaddy* and review of the bill Chris Timber received for what it is, and what we should do about it.

Ed A. will be looking into another domain and WIX was recommended as a easier platform. Ken M. inquired as to how many hits do we receive, which is approximately 1800.

We have decided to renew for another two years to allow for the National Meet to be completed.

**Facebook Report:** Simone Zalweski. NA.

**Newsletter Report:** Lynn Baum-Jakubiak.

Members commended Lynn on the December newsletter content. Lynn continues to request articles for the February newsletter.

**Motion to approve committee reports:**

By: Ed A. 2nd: JoAnn R.

Vote: Unanimous.

**Current Club Business:**

**Club merchandise status:** As reported last month, we are planning to move ahead with our current logo for Club Merchandise. We still need to get back to Riz to finalize how this will work. The logo is digitized, and we are hoping to set it up so that individuals will be able to order directly from the business, and they will supply the product, billing and distribution to all involved. Further information will be distributed as we move forward.

**Cruise-In to Summer 16: Saturday, June 14, 2025.**

**11 am to 3 pm. Goldstein GMC.**

- Tom and Diane Prolux's 66 Electra has been chosen for the CITS 16 poster car.

- A poster has to be developed. Bob Martino has volunteered to design the image for the poster.
- All members are asked to solicit one business in their area for the Chance Auction or a potential cash donation. Please wait for the Flyer before doing so, and if possible, do it as early in the Spring as possible. Since we donate all funds collected to the charities, many businesses would like the opportunity to help out. The two charities, Equinox and Boy Scout Troop 278, we donate to are 501c3 organizations, so their donations should be tax deductible. Please help us out with this effort. Rosemary will reach out to Equinox and Ed A. will reach out to the Boy Scout Troop Leader.
- Last year, we had some direct cash donations. No specific amount was planned, nor asked for. But John D. would like to see the business card images for those making donations of \$100.00 or more incorporated into our signage and maybe our tee shirts.
- Discussion ensued about how to display those sponsors, and it would appear that there may not be enough room on the poster to include all of them. Would this also include those who make a donation to the Chance Auction of \$100 or more??
- Perhaps, we could have a sign listing those donors. Further discussion will continue.
- John D. will reach out to Mike's Hot Dogs to see if they will once again provide their Food Truck.
- The Cone Zone has closed, but Ed A. will reach out to the ladies to see if they will to participate. If not, then we need to reach out to another ice cream vendor.
- We have yet to decide on a Rain Date.

## **National Meet: August 19-22, 2026.**

- We have not advanced in finding space to park trucks and trailers. John D. called the Albany Airport Parking and left a message for the manager, Catherine Maloney. He has not heard back from her yet, but plans to followup. There are two potential lots which are fenced-in and will relieve us of security details and cash consequences for this feature.
- We still need to look for another alternative hotel.
- The Tour plans continue to be developed. We have a contract pending for the tour buses which is a favorable rate over current prices. That is pending with the NMC.
- Al Patnode has volunteered to contact Brown Bus Company for a better price.
- For the Bus Tour, The *Uncommon Roots Brewing Company* proposed a limited lunch buffet consisting of 5 different sandwiches with fries and chips and a cash bar for drinks for \$25.00 per person. John has yet to get back in touch with the Ten Broeck House. Other tours include the NY State Museum and touring the USS Slater. All will be discussed as planning continues.
- We will also offer Lead Foot Lucy as another option for visitors during the show on Wednesday late afternoon/evening.
- We met with John Corey about the program booklet, and he has volunteered to take care of this.
- Discover Albany has been consulted. We are working with them on a sponsorship. We will need help soliciting sponsorships.

Please contact John D. or Ed A. if you can assist. A package of materials and a potential script is being developed with John Corey. So far, we want to solicit organization, such as the Restaurant association, and the Buick Dealer group, if that still exists. Can anyone think of another similar group that might be interested?

- Chapter vendor spot. At the last meeting, John D. agreed to conduct a survey to query the membership to see who would want to do this. John D. has not been able to work on this yet. So, this idea is tabled.
  - John D. suggested that our Club take a Vendor's spot, or two, for any member to sell some car related parts. This would require a presence throughout the meet, he would like to have some members there on a rotating basis. Details to be worked out include:
    - Inventory including:
      - How much any one individual can bring.
      - How to manage items on the site.
      - How to report the sales.
    - Staffing.
    - Sales Tax issues.
    - Donation to Chapter for hosting the Vendor spot.
    - Benefits are:
      - No one expected to be 100% staff level.
      - If you have just a few items, it is more economical than renting a full space.

- Hopefully, no individual sales tax id numbers involved.
- Potential for a few extra bucks in your hobby income.

### **New Business:**

Rosemary asked the membership to consider saving aluminum pull tabs from soda and beer cans to support our local Ronald McDonald House. They work with a local recycler to receive money for the house, and Rosemary is a volunteer currently for this effort at the House.  
rmhcofalbany.org

At their Annual Radiothon on January 24-25, Ken and Rosemary will donate the monies raised at Lead Foot Lucy during a matching hour. So our donation of \$3200.00 will become \$6400.00!!

### **Open Floor:**

Ed A. plans to duplicate our By-Laws for new members, or others who would like one.

### **50/50:**

It was decided to discontinue the 50/50, since the members who attend the meetings are the most active.

**Adjournment: 8:05 pm**



**Members in Attendance: (11)**

John DeFiore: Director

Ed Allmond: Assistant Director

Ken Malette: Treasurer

Rosemary Durso Malette: Secretary & Health/Welfare

Chris Timber: Membership

Lynn Baum-Jakubiak: Newsletter

Al Patnode

Ed Marcy

JoAnn Rupeka

John Schmid

Sharon Summer (non-member)

**Minutes respectfully submitted by: Rosemary Durso Malette.**

**Meeting ended: 8:05 pm.**

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.**

**6 pm for dinner and 7 pm for the meeting. Metro 7 Diner.**

***Happy New Year!!***