

ABATE Membership Meeting 1-13-09

Heroes/salads served at 7:00, Meeting began at 7:54

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Officers and Members

Safety Officer reports that she had lunch with Legislator Jack Eddington and he supports ABATE's effort to improve motorcycle safety. She also met with the past safety officer who will attend the first Traffic Safety Meeting with her. Anyone with knowledge of a particularly dangerous road condition, please e-mail Manna. One such condition reported was multiple potholes on County Road 97.

Distribution Officer puts out flyers to advertise ABATE runs/events. Anyone interested in helping to distribute flyers, please contact Lee.

Treasurer's report was given. ABATE's biggest expense continues to be the printing and mailing of our newsletter. Anyone interested in receiving the ABATE newsletter via e-mail, please let us know by calling our hotline @ 1-888-LI ABATE or by e-mailing LongIslandABATE@aol.com or Raybud@optonline.net.

Public Relations Officer requested that anyone who wishes to take pictures at ABATE events, please let her know. Donna volunteered to do so and was gratefully accepted.

At Cold Finger Run, Fingers, of WBAB, was presented with an honorary membership to ABATE for 2009, as well as a custom t-shirt embroidered by Raybud, for his help in promoting ABATE and his role in helping to fight the motorcycle only traffic stops.

An ABATE member reported that the Chief of Patrol had indicated a disagreement with ABATE's understanding of the outcome of the motorcycle only traffic stops. Discussion ensued. President will follow up with the Chief of Patrol.

*(Follow up results: Chief of Patrol indicated that the random **vehicle** checkpoint would be a random **motorcycle** checkpoint in which every 3rd, 5th or 7th motorcycle would be subjected to a safety inspection, rather than all motorcycles.)*

ABATE's 2009 event schedule discussed. (Please see events page in the newsletter.) It was reported that ABATE will hold it's first annual bike show in July (date to be confirmed), at the Wedge in Mount Sinai.

It was reported that the schedule/location of membership meetings will be changed for 2009 in effort to achieve increased membership participation. Beginning in April, alternate monthly meetings will be held on Friday night at the Wedge, located on the corner of County Road 83 and Route 25A in Mount Sinai.

The meeting dates for Riverhead Elks are Tuesday 2/10, 3/10, 5/12, 7/14, 9/8 and 11/10.

The meeting dates for the Wedge are Friday 4/3, 6/5, 8/7, 10/2 and 12/4.

Please see monthly newsletter reminder for meeting dates.

ABATE will be reaching out to Presidents of other motorcycle organizations to encourage their participation in ABATE. ABATE President will request to speak at other motorcycle organizations'

meetings to promote ABATE and encourage all organizations to work together to protect the rights of **all** motorcyclists.

ABATE will be reaching out to encourage vendors to the motorcycle community to offer discounts to ABATE members. Members were encouraged to seek vendors to participate in this program. Members were also encouraged to support the businesses advertising in our newsletter.

NICE JOB ABATE!!! Our 2008 St. Mary's Toy Run provided 895 children with food and toys for the holidays.

Motion to adjourn (seconded). Meeting ended 9:44.

Next meeting 2/10 @ Riverhead Elks. 7pm food will be provided. 7:30 meeting begins.