

ABATE membership meeting 10-2-09 at the Wedge

29 members present, heroes/salads served, ABATE products available

7:36 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business

Membership Drive Incentive: Any current member that signs up a new member will receive a \$5 certificate good toward sponsor's membership renewal. Our goal is to reach 750 members by the end of 2009. The more members we have, the more effective ABATE will be with our local politicians.

Vets Rock Concert: Long Island ABATE is involved in the production of the Town of Brookhaven's Vets Rock Concert. ABATE is not profiting from the ticket sales, however we are getting name recognition and are increasing our rapport with local politicians. We would like to raffle off a guitar signed by all of the band members.

Motion to purchase a guitar for \$200 for the purpose of having bands sign and to raffle (seconded and passed)

Motion to purchase 10 lawn tickets @ \$25 each (seconded and passed) *Tickets were raffled off to 10 members at this meeting.*

Charlie Daniels / Marshall Tucker tickets sold out!

Lynyrd Skynyrd tickets and party bus @ Capital One Theater 10/18 still available. There are only 12 left and they are going fast.

New Business

ABATE State Board Meeting: Jim proposed weighted voting state wide. Each chapter gets 1 vote for up to 50 members. Each additional 50 members would receive another vote.

Kathy Walsh Fundraiser: Kathy is a large supporter of ABATE. PAC funds purchased 5 tickets. Attending officers were able to network with local politicians about ABATE.

New Proposed Alternate Meeting Location for 2010 is the American Legion Hall on Church Street in Ronkonkoma. It was proposed that we continue with the 2nd Tuesday @ Riverhead Elks and alternate months with the 2nd Wednesday @ Ronkonkoma.

Motion to try to get the American Legion Hall for the 2nd Wednesday alternating monthly meetings. If the 2nd Wednesday is not available, President would do what he thought was best for our organization. (seconded and passed).

Nominations: Proposed to limit board officers to 7 members (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Sergeant at Arms, Legislative Liaison) as outlined in NYS ABATE by-laws.

Motion to limit board officers to 7 members (seconded and passed unanimously).

Nominations for new board officers in 2010:

President: Jim Barr (accepted)

Vice-President: Joe Biloti (accepted)

Treasurer: Bill Quinn (accepted)

Secretary: Roseann Barr (accepted)

Membership: open

Legislative Liaison: open

Sergeant at Arms: Jim Coon (accepted)

Appointed positions include: Products, Public Relations, Road Captain / Road Guards, Newsletter / Webmaster, Distribution, Chaplin, Photographer, Safety Officer, Run Researcher. *Anyone interested in holding or helping out in any of these positions, please let your interest be known. We would love as much participation as we could get!*

Networking: Little John organized a meeting of multiple fire riders clubs and invited Jim (President) and Joe (Vice-President) to attend, discuss issues and join forces.

Jim was also invited to speak about ABATE at the upcoming Local 3 Electrical Workers meeting. Local 3 electrical workers promised to provide support for ABATE's causes.

St. Mary's Food and Toy Run will be November 8th. We have boxes available to put in various locations for food and toy donations. Joe also has tax deductible forms for any business donating \$500+.

10:36 Motion to adjourn (seconded and passed).