

ABATE membership meeting 11-13-12 at the Riverhead Elks

7:50 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance; Moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day

Welcome to new members and guests.

Motion 20-2012: Motion to accept meeting minutes for the 2012 year. (seconded) All in favor.

Bill / Treasurer: Treasury reports are all up to date. LI ABATE had a successful fundraising year due in large part to the success of our 2012 handbook.

Motion 21-2012: Motion to accept treasurer's reports for the 2012 year. (seconded) All in favor.

Old Business

St. Mary's Food and Toy Run: Approximately 200 motorcycles attended this run. We appreciate the turn out in light of the recent devastation by Superstorm Sandy and the current gas shortages. All who attended were extremely generous. In addition to all of the food and toys donated, we raised an additional \$1800, + \$300 from LI ABATE to make a total monetary donation of \$2100. LI ABATE also purchased \$300 worth of toys.

2012 Veterans Appreciation Run: Last month's membership meeting, at the Centereach VFW, 16 veterans organizations received funds raised from this run. Bill Quinn received a proclamation from **Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone**, for his unending dedication to veterans. **Full Throttle magazine** printed an article, written by **Nancy G.**, about this event.

New Business

2013 Handbook is currently being developed. This year the handbook will contain run schedules for all bike clubs who submit this information, tech / safety tips, etc. We would like this book to contain more resources for the motorcyclist. There is a March 31st deadline for all advertisers. More information will follow.

11/18 – Red Knights MC Teddy Bear Run. Registration is 10:00 at the Terryville Fire Dept., with an escorted ride to Maples in Manorville. Please bring a new teddy bear.

12/2 – LI HOG Annual Toy Run. This is the 28th year for this run, making it the oldest toy run on Long Island. Run begins at Babylon Town Hall, riding to Little Flower in Wading River. Please bring an unwrapped gift for boys and girls 13 – 17 years old.

12/8 – Holiday Party at the Brickhouse Brewery. Party is free to members. There will be food, a cash bar and live music by **Wildflower**.

NYS ABATE quarterly meeting will be held next Saturday in Binghamton. Jim and Stavros will be attending. State board elections are being held.

Officer's Reports

Wayne / Vice President: LI ABATE will be sending an e-mail for those who wish to meet and ride to LI HOG's toy run together.

Wayne O. / Road Captain: Thanks all who helped with road guarding for the St. Mary's Food and Toy Run. Wayne also talked about three separate accidents involving motorists turning left in front of a motorcycle. A friend of Jimmy Punder was involved in such an accident, and passed away this evening.

Kim / Membership: Approximately 75 provisional members were signed up at the St. Mary's Run as well as 20 new members / renewals.

Gina / Products: Members may contact Gina (e-mail address is printed in the newsletter) to purchase products. Sweatshirts and ladies sweatpants are available and make great gifts for the holidays.

Ski / Chaplain: 11/17- Blood Drive at Rushing Wind Biker Church, 129 Knickerbocker Ave, Bohemia, 12:00 – 5:30. 11/24- Coffeehouse at the church, live music. 12/1- Big Tom Toy Drive, run starting at the church. 12/15- Holiday celebration and play at the Brentwood VFW. \$10 donation goes to the downed biker fund. Wednesday night service at the Church starting at 6:30, soup, sandwiches served. *Ski asks if anyone knows of someone affected by hurricane Sandy, please give him their name and phone number/contact information.*

AJ / treasurer/trustee of ABATE RRF (purpose is to make contributions to the campaigns of candidates who have the best interest of the motorcycle community): Campaign disclosure reports have been filed. Anyone interested can contact the Board of Elections or each candidate's campaign site to see who has contributed to a candidate's campaign.

Nominations

President: Jim Barr nominated and accepted nomination at previous meeting.

1st Vice President: Wayne Piro nominated and accepted nomination at previous meeting.

2nd Vice President: Stavros Dalambakis nominated and accepted nomination at previous meeting.

Membership: Kim Piro nominated and accepted nomination at previous meeting.

Treasurer: Bill Quinn nominated and accepted nomination at previous meeting.

Secretary: Roseann Barr nominated and accepted nomination at previous meeting.

Sergeant At Arms: Bob Laub nominated and accepted nomination at previous meeting.
Wayne Okula nominated and accepted nomination at previous meeting.

Legislative Liaison: AJ Travis nominated (seconded), AJ declined nomination.

Motion 22-2012 : Motion to close nominations. (seconded) All in favor.

Motion 23-2012 : With exception of Sergeant At Arms, motion that secretary cast one vote for all uncontested offices. (seconded) All in favor.

Secret ballot held for Sergeant At Arms. Three members, **Jean, Lorenzo** and **Kathy** volunteered to count the votes. Bob Laub was reelected.

Appointed positions: Volunteers taken for appointed positions which include: products, public relations, road captain and road guards, newsletter, webmaster, distribution, rider safety, chaplain and photographer. *Anyone interested in assisting with any of these positions, please contact the board.*

There is no December meeting. Possible new location at Cathedral pines, Middle Island, discussed for monthly membership meetings in 2013.

Motion 24-2012 : Motion to adjourn. (seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.