

ABATE membership meeting 11-9-10 at the Riverhead Elks

51 members present / heroes, salads, cake, coffee served

7:38 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence in honor of Veterans Day

New Business

Manna Cali, ABATE member and owner of On The Road Again, motorcycle riding school, is offering an advanced skills training day for motorcycle riders at a discount rate of \$20 to ABATE members (\$50 non members). This training brings 12 riders together with 2 instructors for 3-4 hours. This advanced skills course is held 1x/month. For more information contact Manna.

LI ABATE meeting locations for 2011 will continue to alternate as they did this year. We will be at the Riverhead Elks for the even months of 2011 and the Am Vets in Ronkonkoma every odd month. This was unanimously approved by members attending the October and November chapter meetings.

ABATE of NY quarterly meeting of all chapters will be held November 20 in Binghamton. (Each chapter is required to attend 3/4 of the quarterly meetings in order to qualify for the membership rebate. For LI ABATE this is approximately \$3000). Elections at the state level will be held at this meeting, which is open to all ABATE members.

St. Mary's Food and Toy Run. Thank you to all participants. In addition to all of the food and toy donations, we were also able to raise \$3657.

Motion (seconded) to bring St. Mary's monetary donation to an even \$4000, supplemented by LI ABATE after receiving any additional donations. All in favor.

Kim, our products officer, offered long sleeved event shirts for sale – which at this time are all sold out. We also extend a special thank you to Bill Quinn and Terry Flanagan for securing all of the necessary permissions, permits, and the police escort for this run. Also we thank Terry for the after party at the American Legion. Please see the article and pictures on Riverheadlocal.com, as well as on our website, for coverage of this event.

LI ABATE Holiday Party will be held December 11 at the Brickhouse Brewery in Patchogue. Discussion ensued about admitting members free and charging non-members \$10. ABATE possesses gift certificates for PC Richards which will be used to purchase raffle gifts at the party.

E-mail data base: We are working on increasing this data base in effort to decrease monthly costs of printing our newsletter.

Frank Banya, ride captain for the Patriot Guard Riders, is looking for furniture donations to assist Veterans in need. He also told of a "Welcome Home Ride" he was leaving for that night to escort a marine returning from overseas.

Karen (membership) reports that we currently have 585 members, 10 new members signed up at the St. Mary's Food and Toy Run. She reports that our incentive program is still running (a \$5 discount on membership renewal is given to an existing member for *each* new member (s)he signs up). Also, gift certificates for new memberships are available in our newsletter.

Terry (legislative officer) reports that Lee Zeldin beat Brian Foley in the state legislature. (Foley asked ABATE to fill out an application before he would consider meeting with us at the freedom rally). The victors in the Losquadro / Alessi race for state assembly, and the Bishop / Altschuler race for U.S. Congress are too close to call.

Ski (Chaplin) shared that on 12/18, his church, the Rushing Wind Biker Church, will be hosting a biker Christmas celebration. This celebration will include a band, food and a play with the theme "if Jesus was born today in a biker community". Ski says "this celebration is our gift back to the biker community" and invites all to come at no cost. (The church is located on Wading River Hollow Road.) Ski also told of a custom chopper his church is raffling off. The chopper depicts the life of Christ from the front fender to the back fender. The raffle will be one year long, tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Half of the money raised will go to "Outreach World Vision" and half would go to a new building fund for the church.

Nominations

Sergeant at Arms: Bob Laub was nominated at the previous meeting and accepted. There were no new nominees. **Motion to close nominations for Sergeant at Arms (seconded). All in favor**

Legislative Liaison: Terry Flanagan was nominated at the previous meeting and accepted. There were no new nominees. **Motion to close nominations for Legislative Liaison (seconded). All in favor**

Membership Officer: Dawn Flanagan was nominated last meeting and accepted. Kim Piro was nominated this meeting, (seconded) and accepted. There were no other nominees. **Motion to close nominations for Membership Officer (seconded). All in favor.**

Recording Secretary: Dawn Flanagan was nominated last meeting and accepted. Tina Armstrong was nominated this meeting, (seconded) and accepted. There were no other nominees. **Motion to close nominations for Recording Secretary (seconded). All in favor.**

Treasurer: There is currently no one running for this position. Carmella Borzelleri was nominated this meeting, (seconded) and accepted. Bill Quinn was also nominated and seconded, however he declined the nomination. There were no other nominees. **Motion to close nominations for Treasurer (seconded). All in favor.**

Second Vice-President: Stavros Dalambakis was nominated last meeting. There were no other nominees. **Motion to close nominations for Second Vice-President (seconded). All in favor.**

First Vice-President: Doreen Pesce was nominated last meeting. Wayne Piro was nominated this meeting (seconded) but declined. There were no other nominees. **Motion to close nominations for First Vice- President (seconded). All in favor.**

President: Raybud was nominated last meeting. Doreen Pesce was nominated this meeting (seconded) and accepted. There were no other nominees. **Motion to close nominations for President (seconded). All in favor.**

Elections

President: secret written ballots counted, Doreen Pesce elected.

First Vice-President: Doreen Pesce withdrew nomination. **Motion to reopen nominations for First Vice-President (seconded).** Raybud was nominated (seconded) and accepted. Wayne Piro was nominated (seconded) and accepted. Raybud withdrew nomination. There were no other nominees. **Motion to close nominations for First Vice-President (seconded). All in favor. Motion to ask secretary to cast one vote for Wayne Piro as First Vice-President (seconded). All in favor.**

Second Vice-President: **Motion for secretary to cast one ballot for unopposed Second-Vice-president (seconded). All in favor.** Stavros Dalambakis elected.

Treasurer: **Motion for secretary to cast one ballot for unopposed Treasurer (seconded). All in favor.** Carmella Borzelleri elected.

Recording Secretary: secret written ballots counted, Dawn Flanagan elected.

Membership Officer: Dawn Flanagan withdrew nomination for membership. **Motion to reopen nominations for Membership (seconded).** There were no new nominations. **Motion for secretary to cast one ballot for unopposed Membership Officer (seconded). All in favor.** Kim Piro elected.

Legislative Liaison: **Motion for secretary to cast one ballot for unopposed Legislative Liaison (seconded). All in favor.** Terry Flanagan elected.

Sergeant at Arms: **Motion for secretary to cast one ballot for unopposed Sergeant at Arms (seconded). All in favor.** Bob Laub elected.

Motion to adjourn (seconded). All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:39

