ABATE membership meeting 8-14-12 at the Am Vets, Ronkonkoma

7:45 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of silence

Welcome new members and guests

LI ABATE has developed a 30 sec. motorcycle safety / awareness PSA which will begin airing tomorrow on WRCN. The PSA has the Marshall Tucker song "Can't You See" in the background, while the announcer speaks of various scenarios in which a car and a motorcycle may collide. Doug Grey, of the Marshall Tucker Band, trails the PSA with a message promoting motorcycle safety and LI ABATE.

8/18-8/18- LI ABATE campout!

8/26- Free family picnic to all ABATE members and their families. Picnic will be 12:00 – 4:00 at Southhaven Park. There will be food, drinks, bouncers for the kids, etc.

Upcoming Concerts: 9/2 Bus trip to Marshall Tucker Band @ Westbury. Ticket prices include party on the bus and at Westbury. 9/8 Charlie Daniels Band at Westbury. Tickets include tailgating party in parking lot before the show. There are still tickets available for this event.

9/16- Nordic Lodge – We will be taking the Orient Ferry to the Nordic Lodge in Rhode Island. We need 20 people to make reservations. Please e-mail Jim at LongIslandABATE@aol.com if you interested.

9/27 (Thursday) Shriner's Hospital for Children Benefit, Mediterranean Manor, Patchogue. Tickets are $50 and include dinner, beer, wine, soda, music. Auctions and raffles will be available.

9/20 – 9/23 Meeting of the Minds, Durham, North Carolina

12/8 Holiday Party at the Brickhouse Brewery. This party is free to all ABATE members.
Motion 13-2012: Motion to suspend December 2012 membership meeting. (seconded) All in favor.

Meeting locations: This is our last membership meeting here at the AMVETS, Ronkonkoma since they will be moving. Special October meeting will be at the Centereach VFW, where Bill Quinn will be distributing $21,000 to various veteran organizations. *We will be serving a variety of hot food at this meeting.*

Officer's Reports

Bill / Treasurer: Bill reports that our treasury is in good shape. He and Jim met with Tom Romaine of Veterans Administration, and confirmed a list of veterans organizations to receive donations from the Veterans Appreciation Run. All *organizations chosen have minimal or no administrative expenses, so money raised will go directly to our veterans.*

Stavros / Vice President: 10/21 Bike Run for Autism, begins at Suffolk Police Department Headquarters, Yaphank and ends at Martha Clara Vineyards.

Wayne O. / Road Captain: Approximately 40 bikes registered for the Mystery Card Run which ended at the Beach Hut, Smith Point Park. Wayne thanked the Beach Hut for giving us so much more than was expected. He thanked **LI Rides** website for posting this event and bringing in riders who otherwise would not have known about this run, and **Cliff**, from the **Elbow Room II** for hosting registration for this event. Cliff also won $50 in raffle and graciously donated it back to ABATE.

Ski / Chaplin: At the campout, this weekend, there will be a wedding ceremony Saturday at 3:00, and a service Sunday morning at 10:00. Last Saturday of each month is Bike Night Coffee House / live music at the Rushing Wind Biker church. All are welcome.

Motion 14-2012: Motion to accept minutes written in newsletter. (seconded) All in favor.

Motion 15-2012: Motion to adjourn. (seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:10