

LI ABATE membership meeting 11-15-16, Ronkonkoma, NY

BBQ before the meeting. *Thank you to Joe, Jackie, Claudia and Mike for barbequing tonight.*

7:33 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence for Veterans Day.

Salute to all active and non-active veterans present.

Welcome new members and guests.

Minutes for the October 2016 membership meeting were published in the November newsletter.

**Motion 33-2016: Motion to accept October 2016 membership meeting minutes as published in the November newsletter. (Seconded) All in favor.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Detailed income and expenditures were reported.

**Motion 34-2016: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.**

### **Committee Reports**

**Jackie / Membership:** LI ABATE now has **1,600+ members** and continues to grow. November membership renewal letters have been sent out. Memberships can be renewed by mail, online or at a membership meeting. Memberships can be renewed at any time. Your current membership will be extended for one year. *It is imperative that members renew and that we keep our membership numbers up. It is the only way we can be effective when we meet with public officials, as we are representing over 1600+ members.* If you are not receiving LI ABATE newsletters or e-mails, please let Jackie know and she will update her e-mail data base.

**Nancy / Newsletter:** If you did not receive an e-mail notification for the November newsletter, please check SPAM, or let Nancy know. **Website:** Click on the *news* tab for meeting dates, event dates, etc. If you are getting virus messages from the website, please contact Nancy.

**Doreen / Legislative Liaison:** **Senator Robach**, chair of the transportation committee, drafted legislation to include motorcycle safety in defensive driver courses. Doreen reports that he is filing this legislation in December.

**Mike / Public Relations:** Mike sent out public relations announcements to various media outlets, to cover our annual toy run. The **South Shore Press** will publish, both article and pictures, of our Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Toy Run. **NYS Assemblyman, 5th District, Al Graf** had an article and picture published about our Veterans Appreciation Dinner in the latest edition of **Our Place**.

**Products:** *Great job Kathy for selling over \$1600 worth of products at the St. Mary's food and toy run!* Gift certificates for LI ABATE memberships are available. Special holiday incentives: \$30 membership + crew neck sweatshirt, \$35 membership + hoodie sweatshirt, \$40 membership + zippered sweatshirt. Gift certificates include a LI ABATE sticker and magnet.

### **Old Business**

**St. Mary's Food and Toy Run** was a great success. There were approximately 500 motorcycles in attendance. Thanks to the generosity of all participants, \$5500 in monetary donations was collected in addition to the three truckloads of toys and food that were donated. We would like to thank **Butch** for his very generous donation of \$1400, and **Carol Carey** for her generous donation of \$500, made in memory of her late husband, **Mike "Buff" Carey**, who always cared about this toy run.

**Court Dates:** The 11/22 court date for Yoneyama, the driver who hit and seriously injured motorcyclist **Ron Starke**, has been cancelled. We will update members when a new date is scheduled.

**Nassau Membership Meeting:** LI ABATE would like to begin holding membership meetings in Nassau County on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. **Paul, from Leathernecks MC**, was able to obtain the Marine Corps League Building, Rt. 107, Massapequa, for LI ABATE to use for these meetings, free of charge. *Thank you Paul.*

**There is no December Membership Meeting.**

### **New Business**

**Motorcycle Only Checkpoint:** A motorcycle only checkpoint was set up on the LIE eastbound, between exits 65-66, at 11am on November 6, the day of our St. Mary's Food and Toy Run. Suffolk County Police Dept., NYS Troopers, and the MTA were involved in this checkpoint. *Previously Jim had met with **Suffolk County Legislator, Kate Browning**, chair of the **Suffolk County Public Safety Committee**, **Police Commissioner, Tim Sini**, and **Chief of Department Cameron**, to discuss the matter of motorcycle only checkpoints. It was agreed that the conversation would continue, however Jim has not heard anything afterward.* **Double D, Prospector, member of NCOM**, and **Meagan**, from the **MRF**, are now involved in this ongoing fight. A FOIA request has been made, and Jim along with other motorcyclists, will again speak before the Suffolk County Legislature. Jim asks members to call Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone's office at (631) 853-4000 to register a complaint about the discriminatory practice of motorcycle only checkpoints, and ask that an end be put to this practice.

**LI ABATE Scholarship Fundraiser:** We will be looking into some ideas for fundraising events for the 2017, LI ABATE Scholarship fund. Please let any scholarship committee member or board member know of any suggestions.

**NY Motorcycle Show** at the Jacob Javits Center will be held December 9-11. **Mitch Proner** will be funding a booth for LI ABATE, ABATE of NY and CMRA to participate in this event.

**LI ABATE Towing:** A new idea was presented about forming a committee to tow motorcycles that break down on Long Island, as another benefit to joining LI ABATE. Feedback about this idea is wanted along with any information on towing companies willing to tow motorcycles.

**LI ABATE 2017 Motorcyclist Handbook:** Nancy will begin working on the 2017 Motorcyclist Handbook. If anyone is interested in advertising, please let Nancy know.

### **Election Nominations**

Nominations for officers for 2017 will again be taken tonight and elections held immediately following nominations. New officers will take effect in January. Our corporation is set up to include five trustees: President, **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer,** and **Membership Secretary.** Elections will be held for these five titles. These five elected officers will then appoint six more officers, who will also be voting board members: **Sergeant at Arms, Recording Secretary, Legislative Liaison, Public Relations, Safety Officer** and **Road Captain.** In addition to these eleven voting board members, other positions will be appointed. These positions are non-voting board members: **Newsletter, Webmaster, Products,** and **Chaplain.** We encourage all who are interested to become involved.

President: **Jim Barr** was nominated for the office of President at the October membership meeting. The nomination was seconded. Jim accepted the nomination. **Mike Lauro** was also nominated for the office of President. Mike declined this nomination.

**Motion 35-2016: Motion to close nominations for president. (Seconded) All in favor.**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: **Nick LaMorte** was nominated for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President at the October meeting. The nomination was seconded. Nick accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

**Motion 36-2016: Motion to close nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. (Seconded) All in favor.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: **Nancy Greenseich** was nominated for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President at the October membership meeting. The nomination was seconded. Nancy accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

**Motion 37-2016: Motion to close nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. (Seconded) All in favor.**

Treasurer: **Bill Quinn** was nominated for the office of Treasurer at the October membership meeting. The nomination was seconded. Bill accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees for Treasurer.

**Motion 38-2016: Motion to close nominations for Treasurer. (Seconded) All in favor.**

Membership Secretary: **Jackie Dalambakis** was nominated for the office of Membership Secretary at the October meeting. The nomination was seconded. Jackie accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees for Membership Secretary.

**Motion 39-2016: Motion to close nominations for Membership Secretary. (Seconded) All in favor.**

**Motion 40-2016: Motion for recording secretary to cast 1 vote for all unopposed positions. (Seconded) All in favor.**

Volunteers were taken for the following appointed positions: Sergeant At Arms, Recording Secretary, Legislative Liaison, Public Relations Officer, Safety Officer, Road Captain, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Chaplain, and Products Officer.

### **LI ABATE Runs / Events**

**December 10 - Holiday Party** at the Backstage Pass, Ronkonkoma, 7pm, free to all LI ABATE members. Live music, free food, drink specials. Non-members \$10.

### **Club News**

**Patriot Guard Riders:** 11/16 Help on Homefront mission. *Building Homes for Heroes rebuilt a home for accessibility, for a veteran who was in a motorcycle accident. Meet 8:45 in the Amphitheater parking lot to welcome him home.*

**American Legion Riders:** 11/19, Bellydance Extravaganza, 6-9:30pm, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Huntington Station. *Funds raised will assist local veterans in need.*

**Tier Rats LEMC / Miller's Ale House** 4<sup>th</sup> annual ride for Toys for Tots, 11/19, \$10 pp with toy, \$20 without toy. Sign up Miller's Ale House, Deer Park. KSU 11am. Ride to Miller's Ale House, Levittown.

**Jim / Red Knights MC, NY Ch.26:** 11/20 – Teddy Bear Run. Registration 10:30 @ Terryville Fire Dept., Jayne Blvd., Pt. Jeff Station, KSU 12:00. *Bring a new teddy bear!* Riders / passengers \$20 (or \$25 without bear) Escorted ride ends for lunch at Painters' Restaurant, 416 south Country Rd., Brookhaven.

**Bob / Long Island HOG:** 12/4, Annual Toy Run. Meet at Babylon Town Hall, Sunrise Hwy, Lindenhurst. Reg. begins at 10, KSU 12 noon. Run goes to Little Flower, Wading River.

**Pastor Gerry / Bikers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry:** 12/17 Christmas celebration, 4-8pm, American Legion Hall, Brentwood. \$15 adults, children under 12 free.

**Hibernian Riders:** 12/18 Kids Christmas Party, Hibernian Hall, Selden. *Bring the family along with a wrapped gift with your child's name on it.*

**George / Am Vets Post 1174** expressed his gratitude for the funds his post received at our Veterans Appreciation Fund Dinner.

50/50: \$85 to the winner

*LI ABATE member, Mark, wanted to recommend Attny. Mitch Proner, to anyone who is injured in a motorcycle accident, and praised him for successfully fighting for him.*

**Motion 41-2016: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 9:05.