

LI ABATE membership meeting 11-13-18, Ronkonkoma, NY

7:34 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence for our Veterans in honor of Veterans Day.

Salute to all active and non-active veterans present.

Welcome new members and guests. *New member Damien spoke of his involvement with Veterans Crew, which trains veterans for careers in construction, and Boots to Blues for veterans.*

Minutes for the October 2018 membership meeting were published in the November newsletter and on the LI ABATE website.

Motion 29-2018: Motion to accept October 2018 membership meeting minutes as published in the November newsletter and on the LI ABATE website. (Seconded) All in favor.

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

Motion 30-2018: Motion to accept treasury report. (Seconded) All in favor.

Committee Reports

Nancy /VP / Newsletter: If you did not receive an e-mail notification for the November newsletter, please check SPAM, or let Nancy know. **Website:** Many pictures of the Veterans Appreciation Dinner and LI ABATE Food and Toy Run on website.

Mike / Legislative Liaison: Mike will be introducing LI ABATE to newly elected officials in the upcoming months. **Safety:** Any major roadway concerns, please bring to Mike's attention. *In the Town of Huntington, potholes can be reported on their website.* If anyone has any safety topics you wish to be addressed in newsletter, please let Mike know.

Joe / Road Captain: Joe thanked all those who helped with the staging and road guarding on the Food and Toy Run.

Josephine / Public Relations: Josephine is getting the word out about LI ABATE's upcoming holiday party. *Saturday, 12/8 @ 7pm, Grille In The Ville, Farmingville.*

George / Membership: LI ABATE membership is over 2100, with over 15 new members signing up at the food and toy run. Year pins are available at LI ABATE membership meetings and LI ABATE booths. 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. If you are not receiving LI ABATE newsletters or e-mails, please let George or Nancy know and the e-mail data base will be updated.

Kathy / Products: Gift certificates for LI ABATE memberships / products are available. Gift certificates include a LI ABATE sticker and magnet. Special holiday incentives include buy 3 get 1 free crew sweatshirts. *Check out new colors in sweatshirts.*

Old Business

LI ABATE's Food and Toy Run Thank you to all who participated in the run. Thanks to the generosity of all participants, \$3700 in monetary donations was collected in addition to the truckloads of toys and food that were donated. Concerns were raised about riding in a group. **Mike**, along with **Bruce**, will work together on this topic.

Tom Schiliro's radio show, **Your Island Live**, airs M-F 12 noon -2:00. LI ABATE is a sponsor of this show. We will be stopping this sponsorship for the winter months and will begin again in the spring. *Thank you Tom for your support and promotion of LI ABATE.*

First Amendment violation: There is a new vendor at Cedar Beach in the Town of Babylon, who had a "no colors" sign posted outside his establishment. It is a First Amendment right for colors to be worn, and government entities are not permitted to discriminate. Since Cedar Beach is a Suffolk County beach, the vendor must follow this law, as the establishment is government property. Jim contacted **Double D**, who wrote and sent a letter to the Town of Babylon and to the new vendor expressing this First Amendment discrimination. Both responded cordially and forwarded the letter to the Babylon Town Attorney. Double D was asked to provide case law, and immediately submitted five case laws. Babylon Town Attny. Stated that they disagreed with our case law, however agreed to take down the sign in question, however additional signs remain. LI ABATE will continue to follow up on this matter.

New Business

2019 New York State Governor's Traffic and Safety Board Grant: LI ABATE was approved for \$31,000 for 2019. We will continue to focus on drivers turning left in front of motorcycles.

NY Motorcycle Show at the Jacob Javits Center will be held November 30 – December 2. Expenses will be reimbursed through the 2019 NYSGTSB grant. We need volunteers to man the booth. Volunteers will get free admission. *We must have volunteer list in advance.*

Nassau Meeting: There will be a membership meeting in Nassau next Tuesday. This will be a catered meeting to celebrate the holidays. There will be no December membership meeting in Suffolk or Nassau.

Taxi Cab Signs: Phil from **The Sons of Italia**, owns numerous **Long Island Checker Cabs**. He agreed to put motorcycle awareness signs on 24 of his cabs, 12 in Suffolk and 12 in Nassau. He is not charging LI ABATE for these signs to be posted. LI ABATE did pay to have the signs made. *Thank you Phil for your generous offer.*

Motorcycle Riders Foundation tracking software will track any and all bills pertaining to motorcycles. MRF proposes that SMROs pay a nominal monthly fee, \$25, to track legislation pertaining to motorcycles on a state level.

Motion 31-2018: Motion to subscribe to the MRF tracking software for \$25 per month, to come out of LI ABATE's general fund. (Seconded) All in favor.

MRF Ballot: LI ABATE received a ballot to vote for a candidate for the position of MRO representative. Jim read each candidate's credentials.

Motion 32-2018: Motion for Jim/LI ABATE to cast ballot for Lenny Holcomb. (Seconded) All in favor.

National Income Life Insurance: When you join LI ABATE, you automatically receive a \$4000 accidental life insurance policy / \$2000 dismemberment insurance. When members receive a notification letter, a card is enclosed to have an agent come to your house. We'd like to have this agent come to our January membership meeting and do a short presentation. NO sales will take place at this presentation. *Death benefit was paid to the widow of LI ABATE member Todd Dugan. Thank you Chaplain Gerry for delivering this check to her.*

Nassau County Fire Riders Turkey Run: Nancy and Josephine dropped off 18 turkeys donated by LI ABATE.

Port Jefferson Motorcycle Parking: Lou notified LI ABATE that a small dumpster was blocking 4 of the 50 motorcycle parking spots and wanted it reported. Jim did not feel any action was warranted at this time, since it is off season and not all spots are being utilized. Jim suggested it be discussed at the membership meeting. Discussion ensued.

Motion 39-2018: Motion to table issue until March. (Seconded) Majority ruled.

Election Nominations

Nominations for officers for 2019 will 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, 1st Vice President, 2nd 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 Volunteer Coordinator, and Chaplain.** We encourage all who are interested to become involved.

At the October membership meeting, a motion was made to nominate all existing board members for President **Jim Barr**, 1st Vice President **Nick LaMort**, 2nd Vice President **Nancy G**, Treasurer **Bill Quinn**, Membership Secretary **George DeMott**. The motion was seconded, and all in favor. All existing board members accepted their nominations.

President There were no additional nominations.

Motion 33-2018: Motion to close nominations for president. (Seconded) All in favor.

1st Vice President: There were no additional nominees for 1st Vice President.

Motion 34-2018: Motion to close nominations for 1st Vice President. (Seconded) All in favor.

2nd Vice President: There were no additional nominees for 2nd Vice President.

Motion 35-2018: Motion to close nominations for 2nd Vice President. (Seconded) All in favor.

Treasurer: There were no additional nominees for Treasurer.

Motion 36-2018: Motion to close nominations for Treasurer. (Seconded) All in favor.

Membership Secretary: There were no additional nominees for Membership Secretary.

Motion 37-2018: Motion to close nominations for Membership Secretary. (Seconded) All in favor.

Motion 38-2018: 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, Volunteer Coordinator and Products Officer.

LI ABATE Runs / Events

December 8 - Holiday Party at the Grille In The Ville, Farmingville, 7pm, free to all LI ABATE members. free buffet / drink specials. Non-members \$10.

Club Runs / News

Patriot Guard Riders: NOA, No One in Attendance, ceremony the second Wednesday of each month at Calverton National Cemetery. Group meets up by the restrooms at 9:30am. *Approximately 20-30 veterans are buried each month with no family in attendance. Karen encourages anyone to be a part of the flag line and honor those who served our country.*

If anyone is interested in joining the Patriot Guard Riders, go to PGRNY.org to sign up. There is no registration fee or dues. You will receive e-mails with the dates and times of PGR missions.

Red Knights MC NY Ch26: Teddy Bear Run 11/18 to benefit the kids of Brookhaven Town Interface.

Pastor Gerry / Bikers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry: 12/15 Christmas celebration.

Floor

US Spider Riders have 66 chapters across America. A new chapter was started on Long Island.

Am Vets Ladies Auxiliary: Debbie showed members the gift bags that the ladies auxiliary had made up for 120 homeless veterans, with the funds they received from the Veterans Appreciation Fund. Gift bags included; a blanket, hat, gloves scarf, toiletries, etc.

A suggestion was made by **Karen** to invite some of the organizations that received Veterans Appreciation funds to talk at a membership meeting about some of the things that they do for veterans. Another suggestion was for the organization to write an article for the LI ABATE newsletter.

50/50: \$70 to the winner.

Motion 40-2018: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:27.