

Long Island ABATE 3-12-19 Membership Meeting, Ronkonkoma, NY

Bbq before the meeting.

7:30 Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome new members and guests.

There was no membership meeting in February due to inclement weather.

The minutes for our last membership meeting, January 2019, were posted on the LI ABATE website.

Motion 4-2019: Motion to accept January 2019 membership meeting minutes as posted on the LI ABATE website. (Seconded) All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report not given, as Bill was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Committee Reports

Nancy /2nd Vice-President / Website: Nancy continues to update the website. Pre-registration for our *Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run* is available on our website at a discounted rate through 3/31. **Newsletter:** Anyone wishing to advertise in our monthly newsletter, please contact Nancy. She also encourages members to submit articles about recent trips, etc. for publication in the newsletter.

George / Membership: George is requesting volunteers to help him stuff envelopes for membership renewals at his office in Bohemia, the first Tuesday of each month. Please contact George if you can volunteer.

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 in protecting the rights and safety of motorcyclists.*** 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. Also, if anyone would prefer to opt out of auto-renewal on the LIABATE website, please let George or Nancy know.

Josephine /Public Relations: If anyone knows of a business that is interested in giving discounts to LI ABATE members in exchange for free advertising in our newsletter, please let Josephine know. Josephine also requested help with the distribution of LI ABATE event flyers.

Gary / Volunteer Coordinator: Gary will be collecting e-mail addresses and phone numbers for volunteers who wish to assist, in any capacity, on upcoming runs, events, booths, etc. Please see Gary if you are willing to volunteer. Your help is always appreciated.

Old Business

LI ABATE 2019 Motorcyclist Handbook: Nancy has been working on the LI ABATE 2019 Motorcyclist Handbook. Advertising space is sold out! The centerfold will once again have a list of motorcycle runs / events. Handbook will be available at the *Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run*.

LI ABATE Truck: The LI ABATE truck is running well. It was recently painted by **New Tech Auto Collision** for \$2500. *Thank you to Concourse Auto Body for the donation of \$250 to put toward the cost of painting and repairs.*

NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant: 2019 New York State Governor's Traffic and Safety Board Grant: LI ABATE was approved for \$31,000 for 2019 for educational and awareness materials to emphasize motorcycle awareness to the public sector. Materials approved include a *GoPro* to produce PSAs and a laptop, projector and screen to do safety and awareness training. We were also approved for materials to make additional highway signs.

LI ABATE Highway Signs: While we were approved in the 2019 NYSGTS Grant to produce additional highway signs, posting them is difficult, as Suffolk County is no longer permitting signs on county roadways, nor can signs be posted in the Town of Islip. Brookhaven Town, in conjunction with LI ABATE will continue to post highway signs as will Babylon Town. If anyone knows of visible private property where signs can be posted, this is also an option.

New Business

LI ABATE Lottery: LI ABATE will be fundraising through a 6month daily drawing, based on NYS evening daily numbers. The lottery will run from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Tickets are \$20 each. We can sell up to 1,000 tickets.

Grant Money: LI ABATE would like to seek additional grant funding to assist us in providing educational, safety and awareness materials. We are looking into pursuing grant applications through _____, the company that assisted us in our original 501C3 application. This company will help to write the grant application and send the final application to ten different foundations pertaining to our goals.

Motion 5-2019: Motion for LI ABATE to pay _____ up to \$3000 in effort to write and administer grant applications. (Seconded) All in favor.

Corporate Sponsorships: In addition to additional grant funding, LI ABATE would like to pursue corporate sponsorships to raise funds. The same company, _____ would develop a professional portfolio of LI ABATE and provide a list of corporations we can send this to.

Motion 6-2019: Motion for LI ABATE to pay _____ up to \$1000 in effort to develop a portfolio and administer to corporations to seek sponsorships. (Seconded) All in favor.

LI ABATE Headquarters: LI ABATE is looking for headquarters large enough to hold our monthly meetings as well as to open an educational and training center. A building in Centereach, on Middle Country Road, became available. Jim and Nick spoke to the landlord about leasing the building and explaining what LI ABATE wanted to accomplish. Jim will further research the feasibility of renting this space, including meeting with the fire marshal and local elected officials.

LI ABATE Lifetime Memberships: Annual membership to LI ABATE is \$20. We were offering a lifetime membership at the discounted rate of \$10 per year up to 25 years. *If a member pays annually, after 25 years member would automatically become a lifetime member.* Jim proposed raising the discounted rate from \$10 to \$15 per year up to 25 years.

Motion 7-2019: Motion for LI ABATE lifetime memberships be increased from \$10 to \$15 per year up to 25 years, effective at the conclusion of the April 2019 Nassau membership meeting. (Seconded) All in favor.

New York Nationals Bike Event: May 11 and 12, Lebanon Valley, NY. LI ABATE is a co-sponsor of this event, paying \$250 to be listed on event flyers being distributed statewide.

Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team fundraiser: to be held May 17 @ 7:30 at **Katies in Smithtown**. There is a \$10 charge (\$8 to go to WWAST and \$2 to go to LI ABATE Veterans Appreciation Fund).

Empire State Motorcycle Safety Education Program: Don Gomo, President ESMSEP, will be offering free *Motorcyclists Tune Up Seminars* (reviewing riding skills, group riding, street strategies, road awareness and more). Check website www.motorcyclesafetyprogram.org for dates, times and locations of seminars throughout April, May and June.

LI ABATE Run / Event List

April 7 - Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Run, in conjunction with **Full Throttle Magazine**. Registration 9:30-11:00 @ H. Lee Dennison Bldg, Hauppauge with a police escorted ride to Grille in the Ville, Farmingville. Bike blessings by members of the **Rushing Wind Biker Church**

MM, will be held upon arrival. \$20 rider, \$15 passenger. Proceeds to support LI ABATE's Motorcycle Awareness Campaign.

Motorcycle Clubs Runs / Events

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.

USVMC – Open house, 3/29 @ 8pm. 615 Acorn Street, Deer Park.

Riders of Fire – Bike Blessing. 4/14, 9:30 registration @ Applebee's, North Ocean Ave.

Rushing Wind Biker Church MM – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service. 4:30am @ church for breakfast, _____ KSU 5:30 for run to Smith Point Park for sunrise service. *All are welcome, all vehicles welcome.*

Floor

50/50: \$70 to the winner.

Motion 8-2019: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:12.