

Long Island ABATE 10-12-21 Membership Meeting, Ronkonkoma FD, Ronkonkoma, NY

7:30 Meeting began

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

Welcome members and guests.

The minutes for our September 2021 membership meeting were posted on the LI ABATE website.

**Motion 11-2021: Motion to accept the September 2021 membership meeting minutes as posted on the LI ABATE website. (Seconded) All in favor.**

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

**Motion 12-2021: Motion to accept treasurer's report. (Seconded) All in favor.**

### **Business**

**Changes in LI ABATE Board:** Suzanne has been learning the membership secretary position from Nancy. She will be taking over this position.

**Veterans Appreciation Fund:** Through the generosity of the motorcycle community, the 2021 Veterans Appreciation Fund continues to grow. Bill reports that we have raised over \$47,000. Two of our benefactors are on board to match this amount. Our third benefactor has offered to match half of the amount raised. **We are so proud to announce that LI ABATE has broken the \$1,000,000 mark this year!! Every cent of the money raised continues to be distributed to local veteran organizations!**

**Veterans Fund Distribution:** All funds raised will be distributed at our **November** membership meeting. This special meeting will be held the Port Jefferson Elks, 41 Horseblock Road, Centereach. (*Next to the old Centereach VFW*). The meeting will begin at 7pm. In lieu of a buffet dinner, due to COVID restrictions, coffee and desserts will be served.

**New Membership Meeting Location:** LI ABATE will be holding its membership meetings at the Port Jefferson Elks, 41 Horseblock Road, Centereach (*Next to the old Centereach VFW*) in 2022. This location gives us the opportunity to build up a relationship with the Elks and hold events there.

**LI ABATE Lottery:** LI ABATE is again holding a lottery fundraiser beginning January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. Winning tickets will be based on the NYS daily number. Tickets are now

available at \$20 each. Debbie has packets of 20 tickets for anyone that wishes to help sell them.

**LI ABATE Paint Night Fundraiser:** LI ABATE hosted a paint night October 8, 2021 at the Am Vets Hall, Bohemia. LI ABATE members and guests enjoyed painting a motorcycle riding into the sunset. Debbie presented a \$350 check to LI ABATE from the proceeds of this paint night.

**Basic Rider Course 2 / Advanced Rider Course:** Due to low participation, this course will be on hold until next year. The course is \$100 per person and is limited to 12 people. Steve, from *On the Road Again Motorcycle School*, has generously offered to donate all the proceeds back to LI ABATE. Please take advantage of this value and opportunity to increase rider skills when the course becomes available again.

**Radio Shows:** Listen to Chris on the *Motorcycle Mayhem Radio Show* with Johnny Rizzo on Facebook and You Tube Monday 8-10pm. Chris was again a guest on 103.9FM with Ken Auerbach. He spoke about the importance of being a member of a motorcyclist rights organization. Chris will continue to periodically be a guest on this radio show.

**MRF / Meeting of the Minds:** The Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Motorcycle Rights Organizations from around the country met in Atlanta, GA, Sept 23 through Sept 25 to discuss issues relating to motorcyclists and plan the legislative agenda for the 2022 legislative session. Chris, Nick, Debbie and Jim attended this conference. The MRF and MROs across the country will be lobbying in 2022 for 1) a national Anti-Profiling Bill for motorcyclists. Currently 50 US Representatives have signed on to this bill. 2) Better labeling on E15 ethanol pumps to warn consumers of the damage this causes to small engines. 3) Requiring autonomous vehicles to recognize the presence of motorcycles. Currently these vehicles recognize bicycles and pedestrians. The MRF and MROs across the country are united in fighting a bill in California calling for 0 emissions in California by 2025. Passage of this bill will have ripple effects in other states across the nation. Debbie and Jim were also made assistant MRF representatives for NYS. Individual memberships to the MRF are \$35 per year, or \$100 per year for organizations.

**LI ABATE Food and Toy Run** will head to St. Mary's Church again this year on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at the Riverhead Elks beginning at 9am. KSU 11:30. Due to COVID restrictions, St. Mary's is requesting cash donations in lieu of toys. Gift cards will be given to families to purchase toys and gifts for the holidays. Nonperishable foods are also requested for donation. Motorcycles will be permitted on the church property where food will be served to participants outdoors. *Volunteers are needed to assist with parking, registration, and the sale of products.*

**Motorcycle Profiling Project** has a survey online. Members are encouraged to fill out this survey. You will be identified only by your zip code.

**Car Donation:** A 2008 Hyundai Sonata was donated to LI ABATE. Chris went over the car, will make necessary repairs, then the car will be sold with proceeds going to LI ABATE. Also noteworthy, Bill Bartasek from American Legion Greenlawn, answered the call and volunteered his time to pick up and repair a car needed for a US Veteran.

**Amazon Smile:** LI ABATE is a recognized charity of AmazonSmile. When purchasing on Amazon, log onto AmazonSmile, enter Long Island ABATE as your designated charity and continue to make your purchase. ½% of all purchases will be sent to LI ABATE.

### **Officer Reports**

**Nick / 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Nick attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Meeting. He informed Suffolk County residents that the SCPD offers free community notifications via social media. Residents can receive emergency alerts and daily information through text, email and web by registering on the [www.suffolkpd.org](http://www.suffolkpd.org) website. Click on the “NIXLE” icon then click sign up. OR text zip code to 888777 to receive alerts.

**Mike / 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Mike attended a Governor’s Traffic Safety Board zoom meeting. Motorcycle issues were discussed, specifically ticketing ANY after market exhaust systems. Fines and penalties will be increased to riders and to bike shops that install such exhaust systems. Mike spoke of the SLEEP Act (Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution) which previously passed through the NYS House and Senate. He reminds us of totalitarian enactments and strongly encourages all riders to get involved in stopping these encroachments.

**Debbie / Legislative Liaison:** Debbie reports that there is not much bill activity relating to motorcycling. The MRF software, which LI ABATE purchases each year helps to keep us updated on pending legislation that is related to motorcycles in NYS.

**Kathy / Products:** Zippered LI ABATE sweatshirts and long-sleeved LI ABATE shirts are being ordered in a variety of colors.

**Margaret / Website:** Margaret met with Nancy and now has full access to the LI ABATE website. She will be updating the site, making it more user friendly. Margaret then wants to automate membership applications and renewals on the website.

### **LI ABATE Booths**

*Follow us on Facebook to see where LI ABATE booths will be located.*

Radio Mayhem Bike Night Wednesdays 6pm *location varies.*

Bike Night Thursdays 6pm at Red River

**10/27** – Millers Ale House, 88 Vets Hwy, Commack, hosted by Radio Mayhem and Punishers  
NYC LEMC 6:30 – 9:30.

*Volunteers to help with these booths are greatly appreciated!*

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

**11/7** – LI ABATE Food and Toy Run to St. Mary's Church

**11/9** – Veterans Fund Distribution.

**12/** - Christmas Party. Location to be announced.

### **2022 LI ABATE Board Nominations**

Nominations for LI ABATE Officers for 2022 will be taken tonight and again at the November membership meeting. 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 Volunteer Coordinator, and Chaplain**. We encourage all who are interested to become involved.

#### **President**

**Chris Beckhans** was nominated for the office of President. (seconded) Chris accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations. Nominations recessed.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

**Nick LaMort** was nominated for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. (seconded) Nick accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominees for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Nominations recessed.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**

**Mike Lauro** was nominated for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. (seconded) Mike accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominees for 2nd Vice President. Nominations recessed.

#### **Treasurer:**

**Bill Quinn** was nominated for the office of Treasurer. (seconded) Bill accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees for Treasurer. Nominations recessed.

**Membership Secretary:**

**Suzanne Love** was nominated for the office of Membership Secretary. (seconded) Suzanne accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominees for Membership Secretary. Nominations recessed.

Nominations recessed until November membership meeting.

**Floor**

**10/15 – 10/18** - A miniature version of the Vietnam Memorial Wall will be traveling to and be on display in Roslyn.

**10/16** – Ironheads MC Fall Bash, 7pm \$15, 960 Sunrise Hwy, W. Babylon

**10/17** – St. Thom’s Food Pantry Classic Car and Bike Trophy Show. 12-3, \$15, 29 Brookside Dr., Smithtown

**10/17** – Hibernian Riders Food Drive benefitting Beacon House. 11-3, 27 Locust Ave., Babylon

**10/17** – Spectrum Designs Foundation Benefit Ride, Reg: 9:30-11:30, Elks Lodge 901 Lakeville Rd., New Hyde Park. \$20bike, \$10passenger.

**10/24** – Brotherhood of United Bikers MC Stunt Show \$20, 1pm, 80 Knickerbocker Ave, Bohemia

**10/30** – Abaddon Soldiers Halloween Party. 8pm, \$20, 100 Knickerbocker Avenue, Bohemia. Food, drinks, music, prize for best costume

**12/5** – LI HOG Holiday Toy Run, Police escorted from Babylon Town Hall to Little Flower, Wading River. *Gifts for the 13+ age group.*

**12/18** - Rushing Wind Biker Church Christmas Party to be held at the church.

**50 / 50** - \$73 to the winner. **Bill Burn** donated winnings to Veterans Appreciation Fund

**Motion 13-2021: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.**

Meeting adjourned 8:36.