

## Membership Meeting Minutes April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Call to order 7:01 pm

**Joe S.** Started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence for Fallen riders, Danny Berrios who died of his injuries from a left-hand turn crash and Jose David Velasquez who died from a left turn Crash and their families as well as those others who are no longer with us.

**Chris** Thanked everyone for coming as well as acknowledged any members and guests.

**Chris** Motioned to accept previous Minutes as written, seconded, all in favor. Motion accepted.

**Chris** Treasurer report not available currently and Treasurer absent. Report to follow at the next meeting.

**Chris** Introduced guest speakers, Sergeant Brendan Pilkington from SCPD Highway Dept., Brian and Debbie Camardella from Twisted Cycles, and Ira Dunne from the Social Brain.

**Sergeant Brendan Pilkington** From SCPD Highway department started the evening with Motorcycle crash statistics. He first mentioned that all statistics are available on the DMV website. Sergeant Pilkington then spoke about how our relationship has changed for the better over the years and how their grant has been rewritten toward Motorcycle Safety. Their focus is on Distracted driving and traffic control devices. Sergeant Pilkington also brought booklets with him to give out to the members. He then presented the members with 2022 crash statistics.

In 2022 there were 311 recorded crashes in Suffolk County 27 of which were serious or fatal (14) fatal, (13) serious. 202 had some personal injury. Of the serious or fatal 48% were unsafe speed. 30% were unlicensed or riding out of class. He then broke it down even further by the day of the week, time of day, contributing factors, precinct etc. He also spoke of the most active roads for Motorcycle crashes.

There were questions from the members about Contributing factors, experienced riders as well as Motorcycle and Motorcycle crashes. The age group for the most crashes is 18-40 years old. Also spoke about was group riding and skill levels and Autocycles.

Nancy asked about Long Island ABATE being brought up at other Police Presentations. Chris will fwd. a copy of our flier to Sergeant Pilkington.

The next topic was Helmets and the data pulled to support their effectiveness and attachments to them. Also, there were questions about lighting and what is legal and what is not.

8:12 PM

**Brian Camardella** from Twisted Cycles started his presentation with the NYS Inspection procedure and requirements. Brian went over things to check on a Motorcycle before a ride and periodically including, tires, lights, brakes, controls, drive belts and fluids etc. There was talk about gasoline requirements and when to use additives as well as fuel stabilizer. There were many questions about tires and battery maintenance.

8:44pm

**Ira Dunne** from the Social Brain spoke about his organization and what it does. His organization helps those who are affected by TBI Traumatic Brain Injury. Along with helping those affected by TBI they also help the families of as well. The organization Has an Annual Bicycle helmet drive for children and adults. They have given away over

800 helmets in the past 2 years. They also collect and redistribute medical supply donations. We were invited to their event to set up again this year. Deb Motioned that Long Island ABATE donate 5 helmets to the organization the motion was seconded, All in favor.

**Old business-** Chris spoke about the open positions Recording secretary, and Donations Coordinator. There was also newsletter article submission request from the members as well as free classified articles. There was a recap of past events.

**New business-** Upcoming events, 4/23 Cars and Guitars, 4/23-4/29 Team EVA's 7 Marathons in seven days, 4/29 Elmont Legion Riders Blessing, 4/29 Middle Country Fair, 4/30 Awareness Run, 5/7 Red Knights bike Blessing, 5/15-5/16 Bikers in the Beltway, 5/19 Heroes Among us fund raiser, 6/6 Solomon case sentencing.

**Reports- 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.** - None

**2<sup>nd</sup> V.P.** Josephine spoke about handbook.

**Legislative/MRF/Fund raiser-** Deb spoke about the recent passing of the Clean Pass parking legislation for Motorcycles at Suffolk County facilities. Deb also spoke about the fundraiser lottery tickets being available at the next meeting.

**Safety** - None

**Membership-** Donna reported 70 New and Renewals this month and May renewal letters going out soon.

**Public relations-** Jo spoke about past events.

**Website/Newsletter-** None

**Road Captain-** Joe P. Verified upcoming event logistics.

**Volunteer Coordinator-** Gary updated everyone with Awareness Run details and asked for volunteers.

**Products-** Donna- Pullover hoodies, Zips, Crew sweatshirts, and Vets shirts

**Chaplain-** Bikers for Christ and Rushing Wind Biker Church will be at the Awareness Run for the Blessing of the Bikes

**Open floor-** Members spoke of upcoming events 5/5-5/7 Rhinebeck car and bike show, Heroes among us and Rolling Thunder event 7/1

**50/50-** Deb won and donated it to The Social Brain for Helmets

**Adjourn** 9:35pm