

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 8, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Elks Lodge; 41 Horseblock Road, Centereach, NY

Meeting started at 7:30pm and ended at 9:00pm

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:30 PM on August 8, 2023 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe S.

A moment of silence for those that are no longer with us – Joe S

President, Chris Beckhans welcomed guests and new member.

Motion #1 made by Chris Beckhans to accept the meeting minutes as written from last week. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Motion #2 made by Chris Beckhans to accept the Treasurer's report. All were in favor, so the motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

We did the escort for the USA Patriots Amputee Softball Team on 7/15/23 and stayed for the game which was a great turnout. The game was canceled on Sunday, 7/16/23 due to the rain. They had a meet and greet in Glen Cove at the Mansion where they had a barbeque. After they left they posted they did the kids camp for kids with disabilities. Our support of the USA Patriots helps this happen.

We did driver's ed classes in 5 schools and we have 4 more scheduled for August in 2 different schools. We are working on scheduling fall classes. We are working with Amy Fink from Nassau County is going to help with soliciting schools and scheduling. Teachers of the classes have given positive feedback.

We had a booth set up at 7/30/23 Alliance Life Ride which turned out to be a great day and great turn out.

On 8/5/23 there was a booth set up at Kulture Feast in Long Island City NY. Josephine will be putting together a story and pictures of the bikes that were there. Contacts were made with a teacher in the Bronx and NJ to get our program into schools.

Deb Stondell updated the group on the Ocean Parkway Guard Wire. She spoke with Congressman Andrew Garbarino, he stated he hates to use the tragedy of this mother's day accident but we are going to in order to get the wire changed to a guard rail and moved.

Nick LaMorte provided an update on speaking with the County and Towns in getting the ABATE signs put up. The County does not want anything on County property. They are okay with ABATE putting the signs up in the Towns and Villages. Nick is getting the applications from towns Brookhaven, Islip, Babylon to complete in order for our signs to be put up.

Camp Out Meeting was on 8/7/23. We cannot get into D field early as there is a wedding the two days before. You can reserve and stay in tent sites or reserve a camper site. There will be 5 bands, motorcycle games, food, chili competition, Chinese auction, lottery hat, 50/50.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There are a lot of motorcycle accidents recently, be careful, watch, be diligent and watch for left turns.

We will set up another parking lot practice at the Ronkonkoma Long Island Railroad Station. There is no teaching just skills practice.

There will be bike night on 8/10/23 at Texas Roadhouse in Deer Park.

On 8/12/23 there will be a Claim Bake from 1pm to 5pm at the 1533 American Legion at 110 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic, NY.

On 8/19/23 we will have a booth set up for Community Music Festival here at the Elks on 41 Horseblock Road. Donna Fowler and Patrick Sheil will be setting up and handling the booth.

On 8/21/22 the case with Suzanna Smith will be in Nassau County Part 55 at 9:00 AM. Mark will be keeping up on when the exact time will be.

On 9/6/23 LI ABATE and the Elks are having a blood drive from 2-8pm.

On 9/21 to 9/23/23 the Meeting of Minds will take place in PA. There are about 6 people going and we will be meeting the MRF and other organizations.

Articles for the newsletter are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Reports by:

1<sup>st</sup> VP-Nick

2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Josephine

Treasurer – Bill

Legislative/MRF – Deb

Safety – Nick

Membership – Donna

Public Relations – Josephine

Sergeant at arms – Joe S

Website/Newsletter – Margaret

Road Captain – Joe P

Volunteer Coordinator – Gary

Products – Kathy / Donna

50/50

Motion 3 to Adjourn the meeting, motion passed.