

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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

Meeting started at 7:30pm

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:30 PM on September 12, 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: Laurie Beck and the Leathernecks.

Motion #1 made by Deb Stondell – Minutes to be accepted as written. Motion was seconded and all in favor.

Treasure Report made by Bill Quinn.

Motion #2 made by Deb Stondell – Accept the treasurers report as written. Motion was seconded and all in favor.

Patrick Sheil and Donna Fowler recapped our presence at the Community Festival held on 8/19/23 at the Elks Lodge in Centereach, NY.

Update from Mark on the 8/21/23 court case of Sushanna Smith. Plea was entered for 2-6 years. The DA stated 3.5 to 10.5 years, 2nd degree manslaughter. They want to have the Judge consider 1 1/3 to 4.5 years. Case is back on in December and we should know the final decision.

Recap of the 8/26/23 ABATE Camp out by Gary Hart. There will be an article in next month's newsletter with pictures. Deb Stondell stated the Hat Raffle netted \$968.00. Lauren helped out with the Hat as well as 50/50 with Donna Fowler.

Recap of the Ronkonkoma Street Fair held on 9/3/23. At this fair, Deb Stondell spoke with politicians and they agreed to a PSA for ABATE. The Kennedys will write up the PSA.

Recap of the Iron Horse Run by Chris Beckhans.

Recap of the Blood Drive held with the Elks Lodge on 9/6/23. A total of 39 pints of blood was collected with will help 114 people.

There was an overview of the Queens County and Nassau County safety meeting. Bruce LaPorte has 130 classes of which ABATE would like to take 50 classes. There are 4 classes in October scheduled with the possibility of another 9.

Nick LaMorte discussed the Nassau County Meeting and recap of cameras on school buses. He also discussed the 1st Pct. Meeting.

Chris Beckhans discussed the parking lot practices at the LIRR, which usually the last Saturday of the month and it unofficial. Bill Burns does one on the last Sunday of the month which is more competitive.

The Vets Jar was passed around and a total of \$270 was collected x 4 = \$1080.00.

Mike of the Leathernecks, who is the SAA, discussed their first event being held on 9/17/23 in Islandia. It is a Poker Run with food after the run. The proceeds to help the funding the equine therapy program.

Per Deb Stondell there is a Call to Action sent 9/12/23 for HR1435 – Preserving our choice to purchase vehicles.

Recap of Membership by Donna Fowler.

And Joe P is working on the St. Mary's run scheduled for November 5, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Stony Brook University as a stop the bleed class and looking into a CPR class.

-9/16/23 Indian Larry block party

-9/17/23 LI Hog BBQ

-9/21/23 – 9/24/23 Meeting of the Minds

-10/1/23 14th Rocking The Road for a Cure.

Motion #3 made by Deb Stondell to donate \$250 to Rocking the Road for a Cure on behalf of ABATE. This was seconded and all in favor.

Volunteers needed for the both at the Mount Sinai High School on 9/29/23.

AmVet Post 18 Dancing Shoes and Cowboy Hats at 141 Carleton Ave East Islip, Doors open at 5.

On 10/8/23 Rolling Thunder PTSD run and ABATE will have a booth.

October 10, 2023 escort from Wading River to Calverton for the soldier identified as Bernard Sweeney, from 1944, website PGRNY.org.

Reports by:

1st VP-Nick

2nd 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 raffle was called and number was pulled by Lisa Sheil.

Motion #4 by Deb Stondell to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:50 PM.