

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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

Meeting started at 7:08 pm

Board Members:

President - Chris Beckhans

1st Vice President - Nick LaMorte

2nd Vice President - Josephine Leonardi

Treasurer – Sherril Hart

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Recording Officer - Margaret Nicosia (temporary)

Sergeant At Arms - Joe Schmid

Safety Officer - Nick LaMorte

Legislative Liaison - Debbie Stondell

Ride Captain – position open

Products - Kathy Pfeil

Chaplain - Gerry Waldron

Public Relations - Josephine Leonardi

Volunteer Coordinator - Gary Hart

Website/Newsletter Content Manager - Margaret Nicosia “Momma Duke’s”

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:08 PM on January 9, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

President, Chris Beckhans welcomed guests. Guest at tonight’s meeting was the LI Vets Fund & US Coast Guard.

Legislator Nick Caracappa swore in the LI Abate Board. After the swearing in Nick Caracappa prepared a speech.

Motion made to accept the November meeting minutes, motion 2nd and carried.

Report by Sherril Hart, Treasurer, of November and December money in all accounts. Motion made to accept the Treasurer report for November and December, motion 2nd and carried.

Bill Quinn will continue to chair the Vets Committee and Run. Special Guests from VFW Post 9482 in Copiague. Dennise Smigiel presented Abate with a donation of \$25,000.00.

Old Business:

12/2/23 – Am Vets Riders Post 18 - Joe Dameica is home and undergoing rehab.

12/3/23 – Andrews wake, NY Abate President. Audrey is now the new president.

12/10/23 – Frogzz Toy Run

12/12/23 – Toy disbursement at an elementary school and Sachem North.

12/15/23 – Abate Christmas party

12/16/23 – Wreath placement at Calverton. Our Section was 69 and there were 3,366 headstones.

-1/20/24 they pick up the wreaths at Calverton and National at 9:00 AM. Looking for a corporate sponsor for the wreaths. We have obtained our first sponsor, 1-800-Flowers. They flew in from Denver and they stated they would help us get sponsors. On their website there is a link to sponsor a wreath. National wreath pick up is at 8:00 am.

Motorcycle Awareness class in the Driver Ed classes in schools. There were 9 classes in December 2023. There are 2 classes scheduled for 2/2024.

Update from Nick LaMorte – attended the wreaths being placed at Calverton. The next Suffolk Co Transit Traffic & Safety meeting is 1/17/24. Nassau Safety Meeting – you meet with cops from all the towns and DOT people. Nick asked about the guardrails and traffic cameras and will follow up at the 1/17/24 meeting.

Update from Deb Stondell – MRF – violation to muffaler and exhaust laws. If you get a ticket you have until end of business the next day to correct.

The ticket will be a summons with proof. Trying to push no one under 12 on any type of bike.

With a license renewal drivers are to get a certificate after attending a 6 hour class.

Permanent signs on any state highway saying to Watch for Motorcycles.

Chris Beckhans spoke with Nick Caracappa who is all about motorcycle awareness in Brookhaven.

Website loaded by Margaret with all of Deb Stondell's updates.

Deb presented the Abate board with citations from Alexis Weik.

Update from Donna Fowler – 32 memberships mailed last week. There were 3 new member sign ups and 29 renewals.

No updates from Products

Gary Hart stated at the next meeting to submit suggestions on what members want to see.

Update from Jim Barr – National Core Rep. Followers: 1400 members nationally; 2100 on Facebook; 1600 on group page – motorcycle rights. Margaret assisted Jim with advocate sites. Go to NationalCore.org to see legislation for each state. On 1/20/24 Jim is going to NY Abate to give a presentation. Jim is working with California to set up Core there and in April going to Kansas and then going to Arizona.

New Business:

4/28/24 – Awareness Run

6/9/24 – Vets Appreciation Run

6/14-6/16/24 – US Patriots Softball

8/24/24 – Camp Out

11/3/24 – St. Mary's Run

12/13/24 – Abate Christmas Party.

Positions to fill:

Road Caption –

Donations Coordinator

Public Relations

Products

Upcoming Event – 1/12/24 – Susana Smith Court Case.

Tesla recalled vehicles.

Open Floor:

Received a Donation of \$1,000.00 from Fire Fighters MC.

Vets Jug total of \$956 with match

50/50 \$140 was won by Joe Schmid who donated his winnings back to Abate.

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

Meeting ended at 8:17pm