

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, October 8, 2024

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

Meeting started at 7:33 pm

Board Members in attendance:

President - Chris Beckhans

1st Vice President/ Safety – Nick LaMorte

2nd Vice President – Josephine Leonardi

Treasurer – Sherril Hart

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Sergeant At Arms - Joe Schmid

Legislative Liaison / MRF / Lottery / Public Relations - Debbie Stondell

Website / Newsletter – Margaret Nicosia

Products - Kathy Pfeil / Donna Fowler

Chaplain - Gerry

Volunteer Coordinator – Gary Hart

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

National COIR Rep – Jim

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:33 PM on October 8, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

Guest/New Member: N/A

Motion #1 made to accept the September meeting minutes, motion 2nd and carried.

Treasurer Report made by Sherril Hart.

General Account: \$31,287.00

Expenses: storage, mail chip, Pay Pal Charges \$9,703.00

Pay Check \$4881.00

Ending balance in General Account \$16,021.00

Pay Pal transferred from pay pal for membership - \$1757.00

Vets Account

\$56,213.17

As of today, 10/8/24 - \$55,313.17

Purchased checks for the account. Money was transferred between the accouns.

-9/3 Nassau Vets Jug \$57.00

-9/5 Ronkonkoma Street Fair Vets Jug \$61.0

-9/12 Suffolk Vets Jug \$155.00

-9/16 Donor match sent to wrong account (MM) \$6953.00

-9/16 Transfer of sponsorship monies from Gen acct to cover costs \$1000.00

-9/24 – Transfer of cleared bounced check \$750.00

-9/28 – Nassau Vets Jug \$100.00

- Indian Larry donations to Vets Jug \$95.00

-Brotherhood event Vets Jug \$25.00

Total collected \$9196.00

Total collections June through Sept \$22,117.00

Motion #2 made to accept the Treasurer report for September 2024, motion 2nd and carried.

Vets meeting scheduled for Thursday 10/10/24.

RECAP

9/14/24 – Nassau Harley – Donna set up a tent and had help from Joe Mulligan. Day was short and there was not much foot traffic.

9/14/24 – Brotherhood event – Josephine had a tent set up. Event went well. 2 new members were signed up. She spoke with people from the sports biking world about Abate in hopes of signing them up. There was a lot of traffic at the table. A 5-year membership was paid for my Sarah and her husband.

9/21/24 – Indian Larry's – Chris and Josephine were at the event. They got the word out there, street signs were given out. There were no new sign ups. A lot of education. Anna was there as well as DOT were there that we made connections with.

9/26 – 9/29/24 – Meeting of the Minds

-Josephine – met with old friends and new friends were made. There were 43 MC right organizations and each person spoke about what each state is up against in the legislative. In NC and TN there is Bentley's Law – would require the intoxicated driver who killed the parent of a minor to pay a court-determined amount of restitution until the child is 18 years old. Josephine attended a break out session on how to pick volunteers and how to get the most out of them.

-Margaret – Margaret went over what Bentley’s Law was and how it came about. In addition to MC Rights Organization they had MC Clubs there as well. Margaret found it very interesting that all the organizations and clubs were getting along.

- **Deb** – Discussed hearing from the top people of MRF and what they’re lobbying for. Issue - not getting enough senators and congressman to sign on to these bills. She attended legislative strategy on how to start a bill and get it passed. There was a meeting on Saturday at 7:30pm which was a fast paced MC round table meeting.

Louisiana has a congressman on their board. NH has a speaker of the house on their board.

-Deb will have a list of bills at the next meeting.

-Deb is the state rep for NY for the MRF.

- **Nick** – Discussed the next Bikers on the Belt is May 19 and 20th 2025. He brought back a book with information on what other activities other organizations are doing. He went to several sessions and found it very awarding. The 2025 Meeting of the Minds will be in Louisiana and 2026 will be in Milwaukee.

- **Chris B** - Discussed IOA – protects independent after market/independent shops. MRF, NCOC and COIR.

-9/29/24 – 2 events were being held and Abate was unable to attend either event.

-10/5/24 – Amvets Post 48 – Donna and Nike set up an Abate Tent. Event was to show support for veterans.

-10/5/24 – Randalls Island – Basic Skills that Chris went to. NYC DOT contacts were made. NY City Mac Laure Sekular (?) was there as well. Mark, who sets up the parking lot practices was also there. They would like to set up about 5 sessions like this in 2025 throughout the 5 boroughs.

-10/5/24 – Josephine set up a booth at US Military – End of Summer bash. She has 1 new member sign up; 1 renewal, sold a T-Shirt and collected \$38 from the Vets jug.

-10/6/24 – Rockin Road for a Cure event. Abate received a Certificate of Appreciation award from Dawn. 6 new 1 year sign ups; 2 new 5 year sign ups; 1 renewal; 1 Jr. member sign up and \$30 donation in the Vets jug.

-Per Deb - the bill in support of removing the wire guard rails has died as there was not enough support. We would then have to present the bill. This will wait until after elections.

11/3/24 – St. Mary’s Run is all set up. Kickstands up at 11:30-ish. Arrival about 12:15.

At the Vets Distribution night – we will have a dinner and then awards after the dinner.

Update from Nick – 10/8/24 was 6th Precinct meeting and the speaker spoke about domestic violence. Inspector went through list of burglaries, firing of gun or rifles, grand larceny, young adults blocked intersection in Miller Place doing donuts. A motorcycle rider was killed during this. A similar incident took place in Patchogue and someone was injured. In Sept 698 crimes

were report including burglary and larceny. There were: 174 arrest; 261 charged; 23 DWI and 1781 tickets written.

Update from Deb Stondell - IMA – Repair Shops. If you know of a shop/owner, have them join the IMA. The MRF is working with the IMA.

Lottery Update – September - 7 Winners = \$300.

Update from Donna Fowler – Membership:

September membership packets were mailed. Working on mailing out October renewal letters which should go out the weekend of 10/11/24.

Merchandise: Crew Necks \$15; Zips \$20; T's \$10 or 3 for 25; Vets T's \$10 or 3 for \$20; Abate long sleeve \$20.

Update from Margaret – Website

She will be posting the meeting minutes on the website.

The owner of Thunder Bikes passed away on 10/8/24.

Update from Constantine

Nordic Lodge event was cancelled due to weather. He discussed the St. Mary's Run and that it was all set up and looked good.

St. Mary's Run is on 11/3/24 and will need volunteers at 8:00AM

-Biker's For Christ is having their Christmas event on 12/21/24 from 3pm to 7pm and it's \$20 per person.

Update from Jim – COIR

-Members in 45 states.

-National Council Club Meeting – there were about 300 from all over. Jim did a presentation at this meeting. It was voted to put all people into COIR who have attended of these meetings.

Meeting of the Minds – Wisconsin Volunteer – brought 3800 4x6; 1900 3x5 and there were only about 100 left. Votes are need for Florida and California Abate to sign up for COIR. All Georgia Abate members are now signed up for COIR.

-National Council of Informed Riders LL. Opened week of 10/1/24.

-Week o 10/14/24 Going to Arkansas for mini meeting of the minds.

-Starting a quarterly Newsletter with Margaret.

-Selling Ad space in COIR newsletter.

-Goes through 45 per space.

-Facebook page is a good way to get info out.

-\$10 for COIR patch.

New Business:

Nominations:

Membership – Donna Fowler nominated, this is seconded and all concur.

Treasurer – Sherril Hart nominated, this is seconded and all concur.

2nd VP – Josephine Leonardi nominated, this is seconded and all concur.

1st VP – Nick LaMorte nominated, this is seconded and all concur.

President – Chris Beckhans nominated, this is seconded and all concur.

All of the above nominees accepted.

Upcoming Events:

10/13/24 – Rolling Thunder PTSD Run

10/13/24 – 81st Suffolk Octoberfest

10/19/24 – Kulture fest – Abate will have a booth set up. This is in Queens, LIC.

10/20/24 – Islip Street Fair – Volunteers. Nick w/Gary. Josephine will be there with the truck.

10/26/24 – Queensboro Halloween Park; 7:30pm \$20 donation

11/3/24 – St. Mary's run

11/9/24 – Leathernecks VA run

11/11/24 – MC volunteers for Team Eva to escort when she starts off on her run. Start is at about 8:00 AM in Bayville.

11/12/24 – Meeting & Vets Fund Distribution / Abate elections.

Poker Run was cancelled.

50/50 – winning # is 747038. Winner won \$68.00. Abate received \$67. Winner was Joe Mulligan. \$40 was put in the Vets Jug. The rest was donated to Down Biker.

Vets Jug – Collected \$217

Motion #3 by Deb Stondell to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:59 pm