

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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

Doors Opened at 6:00 PM

Food Service Started at 6:30 PM

Board Members in attendance:

President - Chris Beckhans

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

Products - Kathy Pfeil / Donna Fowler

Chaplain - Gerry

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

National COIR Rep – Jim

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

Veterans Distribution Program Began at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

National Anthem sung by Lyza Paradise.

There are 2 sponsors that have been with Abate since the beginning. Overall since then Abate has raised approximately \$1,388,000.00. Veterans Committee is: Deb Stondell, Bill Quinn, Chaplin Gerry Waldron, Nick Lamorte, Mark Wolf, Chris Beckhans, Mike Osip and Bruce Bianco.

Gold Star Families both are Vietnam Veterans – Mel Cowan, Rich, Richard Baylis, so Mathew, Joanne Lyales, son Jordan.

The next Vets Run 6/8/25.

Chris Beckhans, Deb Stodell, Bill Quinn and James Brennen with Suffolk Vets Agency distributed the checks to:

VA Med Center North Port; American Legion Post 11 Bohemia; American Legion Post 694 North Port; American Legion Rider Post 1006, Brentwood; American Legion Rider Post 44 Greenlawn; American Vet Chapter 1174; American Vets Chapter 1174 Ladies Auxiliary; Elks Lodge 2044 Riverhead; Coalition of Vets Organization; Cooking for Vets Organization; Honor Flight LI; Gold Start Mom Lyales; Jewish War Veterans; LI Harley Owner Group Vets Program; Marine Core Legion Suffolk Co detachment; Marine Core Vets of LI; Military Blue Start Mom; Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior; Patriot Guard Rider 8 & 9; Paws of War; Project 9 Line (who was not at the meeting); NY Six Group; Sea Cadets Farmingdale (who was not at the meeting); Specialist Mathew Baylis Scholarship Fund; Suffolk Co Home Front (who was not at the meeting); Support Committee for Calverton Cemetery; USA Patriot Softball Team; VFW Post 2913 – Patchogue; VFW Post 4927-Port Jefferson; VFW Post 2476 – Riverhead; VFW Post 6249-Rocky Point; VFW Post 5350-West Hampton; VFW Riders NY Dist. 11; Sons of Am Vets Post 18 (they are new to Abate); Port Jeff Elks Lodge 6120 Centereach; General Needs Group; American Legion Post 1644 Auxiliary; Vietnam Vets Chap 11; Am Vets Post 48.

The US Patriot Softball Team will be on LI again 6/13 and 6/14/25.

The 3rd Friday of Sept 2025 Event for American Legion Post 1664 Auxiliary.

A total of \$5,840 was raised in the Vets Jug tonight. This ended the Distribution of checks portion of the night. The meeting took a break.

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 8:30 PM on November 12, -2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Guest/New Member: N/A

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

Treasurer Report made by Sherril Hart.

General Account: \$25,158.00

ATM Withdrawals \$361.00

Check withdrawal, St Marys; Islip Product; Membership totaling \$6,383.00

Pay Check \$4881.00

Ending balance in General Account \$16,021.00

Vets Account

\$115,000 – as of 11/12/24

\$60,000 donor payments; \$74,000

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

Nominations:

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

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

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

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

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

All of the above nominees accepted.

Lottery Update: October - \$560 paid out. There were 12 winners. Year to Date pay outs total \$1,630.00.

Products: Vets Shirts; Baseball cap order, \$20 each; Beanies.

Events will be posted on the Abate Website.

11/23/24 & 11/24/24 – Elks Lodge from 9 am to 1PM Team Eva to give Free Turkeys with fixins.

11/24/24 – Vets Affairs – Free Turkey giveaway.

12/13/24 – Abate Christmas Party

12/14/24 – 930 AM Calverton Wreath placement.

12/14/24 – Froggz Toy Run

50/50 total is \$425 – winning # is 4395592. Winner won \$212.00. Abate received \$213.

Winner was Lou with Leathernecks who donated which winnings to the Vets jug.

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

Meeting ended at 9:22 pm