

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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

Meeting started at 7:32 pm

Board Members:

President - Chris Beckhans

1st Vice President - Nick LaMorte

2nd Vice President - Josephine Leonardi

Treasurer – Sherril Hart

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

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/Deb Stondell

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 7:32 PM on February 20, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

President, Chris Beckhans welcomed guests. Guest at tonight’s meeting: Rosmary, President, from LI Blue Star Moms. Ed Lee from Mt Sinai, Holly from South Setauket, Mike Stevens from Mastic and Robert from Huntington.

Motion #1 made to accept the January meeting minutes, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

Report by Sherril Hart, Treasurer. \$71,497 in the bank, \$36,178 in deposits, \$4251 in expenses and \$507 on the credit card.

Motion #2 made to accept the Treasurer report for January, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

Discussed the Blood Drive being held on 2/21/24 at the Elks.

Gary Hart passed out forms to all the members for suggestions on what they might want to see happen this year, i.e. rides events etc.

### **Old Business:**

1/20/24 Wreath pick-up went well. Deb to have patches at the next meeting. She is hoping to have more wreaths next year since we have a sponsor, 1-800-Flowers. Our Section, 69, was done within an hour. We had over 3600 graves to pick up from. This year's date from placement of wreaths is December 14, 2024.

On 1/20/24 Chris, Josephine, Jim Barr and Tracey from N.H. went to ABATE of NY State Meeting. They were able to meet Audrey, who is the new President. Upstate NY is made up of 11 regions. They are looking to us for assistance and how we set up programs.

From 1/26/24 to 1/27/24 we went to ABATE of PA L&L seminar. PA has 45 chapters and each chapter does their own thing. Donna Fowler attended the product seminar and traded information. Donna also went to the membership one as well.

Driver's Ed classes were held on 2/14 and 2/15/24. Pat is the lead volunteer on these classes. There driver's ed classes scheduled for 5/14/24 – 5/16/24 and 5/20/24. There was a meeting with Amy Fink to write letter in order to get more schools involved in this program.

They resigned the ADD insurance contract with National Income Life Insurance.

Update from Nick LaMorte – attended the Coffee with a Cop meeting at BJ's in E Setauket. Nick also met with a police officer and advised him of a road in Miller Place that is dangerous due to speeding. Nike missed the Suffolk County Safety Meeting. The next meeting will be on 3/20/24.

Update from Josephine – She is working on the new hand book. New prices for ads: Full page is \$120 and ½ page is \$60.

Update from Deb Stondell – On 5/25/25 @ 9:30 AM, Section 24 at Calverton will be flag placement. This is rain or shine. Bill 4102 – Congestion Price – Business district tax for motorcycle is ½ the price of a passenger car. Bill S4707 for the entire state is for motorcycle profiling for re-training of law enforcement to not profile motorcycles. They want to establish a NY Task Force on auto vehicle technology. Assem. 2690 has not passed for anyone under 12 to not be on any type of motorcycle. Bill is in for Motorcycle Awareness signs that lights up on the state roads. Assembly #1987 and Senate #1388. Amend. Admin Code in NY – Prohibit the sale of off road motorcycles, ATVs. This is in the City and they want to outlaw these bikes.

Assembly #6075 and Senate #S2773. Deb will post the link in order to follow the bills discussed on the ABATE website.

Update from Donna Fowler – Mailed over 20 new and renewal memberships

Update from Kathy/Donna – Long sleeves are on special; crew neck sweatshirts also on special. Payment via cash, check and credit card. The zip sweatshirts are \$30.00

Update from Gary Hart - Paperwork was submitted for the Awareness Run and the state is waiting for the Road Captains.

At the March meeting the Suffolk County Police department will be here doing a statistic meeting.

Update from Jim Barr – National COIR (Counsel for Independent Riders) Rep. Jim went over what COIR is for the new members. Jim returned from Myrtle Beach who are supporting it and a lot have counsel of clubs and independents. Going to LI Harley Riders on 3/2/24 as a guest speaker. Also going to Kansas as a speaker for counsel of clubs.

New Business:

3/6/24 – IMA motorcycle riders – MC Shop owners & speakers.

3/9/24 – Suffolk Co Harley Chili cook off.

3/12/24 – Kathy from National Income Life

3/31/24 – Easter Sunrise Service for Easter Sunday at 5:00 AM – Rushing Wind Biker Church. Leaving 5:45 AM for Smithpoint Park.

Open Floor:

Rosmary, president of LI Blue Star Moms – veterans conference to help change the community perspective, train the community and help new veterans coming back to get them services.

This free conference will be held on 4/27/24 at Farmingville State College – The Journey Home.

Constantine w/Big Apple MC School which is at Heckshire State Park has a 2 hour intro the motorcycle class which is for non-licensed riders. A skills lab is pending.

50/50 – total is \$140 and the winning ticket #304408 pulled by Nick LaMorte. The winner, Scott, donated his winning, \$70, to the vets jug.

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

Meeting ended at 8:45pm