

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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

Meeting started at 7:30 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 – Constantine Mourelatos

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 7:31 PM on March 12, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

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

Report by Sherril Hart, Treasurer. \$77,565.86. There is now one bank account for the veterans’ money and one back account for the ABATE money.

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

Sworn in by Deb Stondell and Chris Beckhans was the new Road Captain, Constantine Mourelatos.

Kathy Pappas from National Income Life aka “Big Red” is here. This company provides the ADD for ABATE. Cards will be sent in the mail to be filled out and the company will contact you. If the card is not completed, there will be no contact. Meeting are now done via “Zoom”.

The policy pays up to \$800 for ICU and \$300 for ER visit due to an accident.

Suffolk County Police statistics has been rescheduled to next months meeting.

Blood drive at the Elks raised with LI Hogs raised over 35 pints or 105 people being helped.

MRO in NH on 3/2/24 with Jim Barr was a good meeting and a good night of networking.

3/9/24 Suffolk County Harley had a chili cook off and ABATE was there with a table on the inside. Handed Donna were 2 new renewals, 3 new members signed up and \$5 for the vets jug which was put in tonights vet jug. There was also one new renewal at tonights meeting.

4/28/24 is the Awareness Run. The new road captain is to lead. 9:30am at the Dennison Bldg and 12:15 kickstands up.

Josephine Leonardi stated the handbook is coming along. Payments are coming in. It's \$120 for a full page and \$60 for a ½ page. Cut off date is 3/22/24 for ads and artwork. It first goes to Kristie then to the printer. Appearance should be at the Awareness Run.

Nick LaMorte attended the Chili event and blood drive. He also went to a breakfast meeting at Suffolk County Girl Scouts and met Anthony Mataro who complained to Nick about the Governor. At the Lindenhurst Library 6th Precinct Meeting with Branden Forte. Given written report of the different precincts and the burglaries, robberies etc. There were 447 motorcycle accidents where 56 were leaving the scene and 2 were fatal.

The Suffolk County Board Safety meeting is the week of 3/18/24.

Donna Fowler – Membership – March renewal mailed out. New and renewed entered and should be mailed out next week.

Shirts: Orange is free; Flame long sleeve is \$15; Long Sleeve ABATE is \$10 and Zip up is \$20.

Gary Hart – discussed suggestions received from members and encouraged the members to submit theirs.

Mararet Nisosia continues updating our website and ensures our emails are working.

Sunrise Service on Easter – 15th year. Meet at 4:30 am then ride from Holbrook to Smith's point park for the service.

Jim Barr w/COIR – update.

COIR also has an ADD coverage of \$3500. Spoke at the NH MRO and there are 2700 members registered. Going to start to send emails in states when legislation is pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Acquired a new laptop for Membership and it is working fine.

Reached out to Wayne Blast about getting lawn signs, stickers etc.

Driver's Ed classes with Bruce LaPort – 25 classes last year and looking to do about 50 classes this year.

3/24/24 – Participating in the Lake Ronkonkoma St. Patrick's Day Parade. Meet at Post 48 on Hawkins. 11:00 am is line up; 2:00 is parade kick off.

Stop the Bleed class is postponed and will be rescheduled to another night along with LI Hog and Elks to participate as well.

4/14/24 – Pig Roast by Alliance MC - \$20 admission.

4/21/24 Cars & Guitars – ABATE will be participating with a table at this event.

4/27/24 – Middle Country Community Fair at Elks. ABATE will be at this event with a table.

4/28/24 – ABATE Awareness Run – this event is rain or shine. We will be escorted by LI Police and LI Hog.

Deb and George to do the lottery again.

First weekend in May is a Car Show in Rye NY.

5/11/24 B Run at the Resorts World Casino – 6:00 AM to register.

Update from Deb Stondell

Attended Sons of Liberty for Beacon House and collected bedding, personal care kits. This organization is interested in joining ABATE.

Adding requirements of licensed motorcyclists.

License plates – limited use MC, electric scooters A7982

Sent out invites to the politicians for Safety Run.

Road Captin, Constantine – encouraged the group to take the Stop the Bleed class.

ABATE going to the following meetings to talk about the organization: BACA; Suffolk Co Harley and Indian Riders.

50/50 – total is \$120 and the winning ticket #304674 pulled by Lisa Sheil. The winner donated his winning, \$60, to the vets jug.

Vets jug total raised - $\$215 + \$120 = \$335$

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

Meeting ended at 8:19 pm