

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, April 9, 2024

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

Meeting started at 7:32pm

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 7:32 PM on April 9, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

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

Guest Speaker: Sergeant Brendon Pilkington and Scott \_\_\_\_\_. Sergeant Pilkington went over statistic for preliminary 2023 numbers. 2022 numbers are finalized. Sergeant Pilkington will forward Chris Beckhans the website so he can look up the statistics.

For 2023 – Fatal motorcycle crashes, Suffolk County leads with 19 or 11% of statewide. 12% from 2022. Queens had 17 which is an increase of 7 from 2022. Bronx 8; Kings 10; Staten Island 3 and NY 5 which is an increase of 17 fatalities from 2022.

61,610 motorcycle licenses

247 MC crashes resulting in per injury. 49 serious person injuries. They operate a state grant. Goal is to reduce MC fatalities and serious injuries. 378 down to 362 in crashes. 2023 Contributing factors:

#1 – 62 cases Failure to yield to right away. 57 due to speed. 51 passing improper lane change; 44 \_\_\_\_\_ ; 29 following closely; 68% killed between ages 30 and 59; 91% killed were male. 1% alcohol, driver distraction, traffic control, defective head light.

Of the 19, 2 of them 18-21; 7 are 21-29 and 4 our 30-59. 47 accidents Saturday and Sunday and 48 accidents during day. The largests number of crashes between 3pm to 6pm.

Fatal crashes 7 on Saturday. Most between 6-9pm. Most fatal injuries are from May to September. 6 of the fatal MC crashes involve e-scouters. 1 of fatal MC resulted in arrest of DWI of person who hit the motorcyclists. 8 motorcycle crashes in general resulted in DWI arrest. High crash locations: LIE 10 crashes; Sunrise Hwy – 14; 347 and 454.

Chris Beckhans will send a followup email to the Sergeant with follow up questions.

Presentation was finished at 8:19. There was a 10 minute break then the regular meeting started.

Report by Sherril Hart, Treasurer. There are 2 accounts. One for the Veterans and the General ABATE account. The general account has a total of \$37,000 and there was a transfer from the \$30,000 into the Veterans account. Deposit of \$670.24, paid out \$7,235.94 and paid storage \$461.00. The lottery fund has \$1,800.00.

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

On 3/14/24 met with Joe Bart from USA Patriots and date for their game is 6/15/24.

Josephine with Chris Beckhans went to Suffolk Hog meeting and gave out medical information card. Also went to the Knights on Bike. They go indepth with the clubs about ABATE and then people will sign up. Some clubs will sign up the entire club.

Chris Beckhans met with Joel Geller from Gersh Academy about their private driving classes. ABATE will be doing it's education during these private driving classes.

On 3/24/24 was the St. Patrick's Day parade in Ronkonkoma which was a lot fun and good exposure for ABATE.

On 3/31/24 was the Easter Sunrise Service at Smith's Point Beach. About 150 bikes did show up for the service.

On 4/1/24 was the Suffolk County Veterans Marathon Awards event.

Booth supplies have been ordered and received.

A new booth tent was ordered.

Trauma kits have been purchase and will be in the truck.

Stop the Bleed class will be held on Friday, June 21 from 7pm to 9pm at the Elks. There will be a signup sheet. There is no charge. Stony Brook Hospital will presenting the class.

Update on the 4/28/24 Awareness Run.

Nick LaMorte – ABATE was recognized at the Dennison building.

Josephine Leonardi stated she is working on the hand books and they are coming along. She still has 3 open pages. Deposits should be done by next week. The handbooks should be at the awareness run. Camp Out will begin once the handbooks are complete.

Update from Deb Stondell

Facebook posted MFR – right to repair. This will be going to Washington.

Bills in Albany to remove electric bikes from MC category. Also bill to be registered. Deb has people watching to tell her when these bills go to the floor so the community can contact their reps.

Safety Run – contacting politicians – getting good responses. Mailed invitations. Also looking into getting media coverage.

Lottery Tickets are \$20 per ticket. Runs from 7/1/23 to 12/31/24. Drawings are daily. Bonus on holidays like 4<sup>th</sup> of July an Labor day.

Donna Fowler – Membership – March was mailed out. April renewals were mailed out.

Road Captin, Constantine – will be working with Brendon and his crew on the Awareness Run.

Jim Barr w/COIR – update.

If registered, COIR has ADD coverage of \$3500. Thanking Tim Turner w/LI Hog Chapter 32 for inviting him to their meeting to discuss COIR and received some registrations. He also registered some LI Harley Riders as well.

Money in Vets Jug \$173.00 total of \$692.

Eva, the marathon runner, spoke with at the meeting. All money is raised for the Veterans. She runs 184 miles in 7 days, 7 marathons in 7 days. 350 flower memorials, schools etc. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year for this event. Kick off is on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

The Alliance – 4/14/24 Pig Roast, 2 Hurley Court. Proceeds from this event go to Phoenix House.

On 4/14/24 blessing of the bikes, Abate will have a tent.

4/21/24, Cars & Guitars event in Commak at Miller's Ale House. Abate will have a tent.

4/27/24 Elks – Middle Country Community Event. Abate will have a tent.

4/28/24 – Abate Awareness Run.

Letter to be composed to the fire departments to have the MOC Awareness on the electronic signs.

Open Floor

Pete – Warrior Ranch in Calverton having a fundraiser 6/1 from 2 to 6. 6/2 is the rain date. \$40 in advance and \$50 at the gate. This covers food, drinks all is included. Music by Wildflower and Yankee Rebel.

Road Captain, Constantine discussed more runs in the future, he is working on a poker run and the RI run. He is cooking breakfast at the Awareness Run.

50/50 – total is \$150 and the winning ticket #304872 pulled by Nick. The winner was Deb Stondel.

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

Meeting ended at 9:04 pm