

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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

Meeting started at 7:30pm

Board Members in attendance:

President - Chris Beckhans

1st Vice President - Nick LaMorte

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

Public Relations - Deb Stondell

Volunteer Coordinator - Gary Hart

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

National COIR – Jim Barr

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:30 PM on May 14, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

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

Report by Sherril Hart, Treasurer. Vets Account: \$1,242 from the Vets jug at riders of fire; Cars & Guitars and Awareness run. 50/50 collected \$146.00. Balance in the Vets account is \$34,224.17.

Balance in General Account: \$44,842; Deposit \$12,772; Paid from the account \$4,179.00.

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

Deb Stondell was a BACA meeting and they were impressed with Abate. They are waiting to hear from their head chapter to see if they are allowed to join. If yes, Deb will sign up the whole group.

On 4/14/24 Josephine & Patrick maned the tent at the Riders of Fire bike blessing.

Chris Beckhans was on the team that led the Eva escort for a marathon.

On 4/21/24 Abate set up a table at the Cars & Guitars event. Table traffic was good but there were not a lot of sign ups.

4/27/24 the Blue Star Moms had their event and on the same day was the Middle Country Festival. There was a table set up at the festival which at good foot traffic.

4/28/24 was the Abate Awareness Run. Gary reported there were above 225 bikes. There was a good turnout of politicians and the escort was good.

5/4/24 was the Vets Coalition Dinner that a table was donated to us which we attended.

On 5/5/24 was the LI Hog meeting and the Soldiers Journey Home Poker Run.

5/9 through 5/12/24 NCOM in KS. Nick, Deb, Chris, Josephine and Jim attended. They met various other organizations, other Abate organizations and went to various classes.

Deb Stondell was in upstated NY and met with Senator on the guard rail issue. The senator is putting a bill together to have all the 3 wire guard rails removed. Deb relayed the mother's day accident to this Senator. Deb will speak with other senators to get them on board as well. When she was at NCOM she spoke with other states and they are sending their statistics as well. We will be working together with the upstate chapter of Abate on this issue.

The MRF is looking to re-define the motorcycle. Deb is now the NY State Rep for the MRF. Deb also stated she was going to be joining a task force.

5/28/24 @ 10:00 AM – LI Cares in Hauppauge Citizen Awareness Preparedness. Each family attending gets a full packet.

Update from Constantine – Road Captain

Resident Burglaries - 7

Commercial Burglaries – 3

Retail Theft at Tangier - 60

Gun Arrests – 5

Shut down a 3D weapon printer.

17 MVA thefts

45 MVAs – 2 are fatal

Street racing groups are now showing up.

Phone Crimes – a woman paid \$10,000.

Town of Babylon is starting up a self-defense class.

Update from Jim Barr – National COIR which is now “National Counsel of Informed Riders. They will inform on legislator, rights and law as it pertains to the motorcycle. Jim went to Kansas for Fed. Of Club meeting then went to Austin TX for Abate seminar. Jim’s speech was about COIR and Austin TX is going to see if they can get them all to sign up for COIR and get back to Jim. At NCOM Jim received an award for National COIR.

A Bay Shore woman was struck on her bike and the other MV was DWI. We will watch this case and be there in court for support.

Bike Helmet safety – Motion #3 to donate 5 helmets, motion second and passed.

**Upcoming Events:**

5/18/24 Elmont Bike Blessing

5/19 – 5/20/24 Freedom Rally in Albany.

5/20 – 5/21/24 – Chris, Nick, Jim to go to Bikers in the Beltway

5/25/24 – Flags at Calverton start time is 9:30 AM, Section 42. Need to be there by 9:00 AM.

5/25/24 – Sacred Thunder/ Lend Helping Hand run

5/26/24 – Ronkonkoma Street Festival – Abate will be set up by Froggz.

5/31/24 – Paint Night at AmVets Post 48.

6/1/24 – Warriors Ranch – PTSD Symptoms, walking with horses. Country western BBQ, \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. Rain date is 6/2/24. There will be two bands playing, Wildflower and Yankee Rebel. Lady T to be there to teach line dancing.

Calverton – Wreaths Across America raffle \$20 a book which will be drawn during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June.

6/2/24 – Twisted Cycle Sound Off event – TGIF in Farmingville – Abate will set up a tent.

6/2/24 – Red Knights blessing – Abate will have a booth set up at No Sea Fireman’s.

6/9/24 – Abate’s Veterans Run – Bill Q is chair of this event.

Joe Bart from Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Event. Kari is helping on this event.  
6/14/24 – 6/15/24 – 3 members of the team: Greg Reynolds; Matez Ferrir and Josh  
6/14/24 – Friday night BBQ from 6pm to 8pm is free.  
6/15/24 – Softball game and the team would like veteran's to be there at the game.

Culture Feast in LI City – Abate to set up a tent.

Abate is on board to do over 75 classes this year. 10/1/24 is the beginning of the year.

Narcam class will be at the Elks

Stop the Bleed will be set up for 6/21/24, there is a signup sheet.

On 5/30/24 – Rushing Wind Biker holding brick paint night form 7pm to 9pm, \$30 per person.  
You can bring your own design or use a stencil.

50/50 raised \$170 and \$85.00 went to the winner, winning ticket #678694.

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

Meeting ended at 8:49 pm