

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, June 11, 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

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

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 June 11, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

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

Treasurer Report made by Secretary Lisa Sheil on behalf of Sherril Hart, Treasurer. Vets Account balance which includes donations, products sold at the Vets run and Vets Jug money from the Run \$41,899.17. Received back \$575 from the 50/50 at the Vets Run. Balance in General Account: \$37,413.85

Motion #2 made to accept the Treasurer report for May 2024, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

**New Members/Visitors:** First meeting for Anthony. Ira Dunne from Social Brain. Patricia Poggi from EJ's PJ's.

**Old Business:**

5/19/24 – Freedom Rally – Chris Beckhans attended at Blackthorn.

5/20-5/21/24 – Bikers in the Belt – attended by Pat McDonald, Chris Beckhans, Nick LaMorte and Jim Barr. The event was interesting and the halls are packed with motorcyclists. It was

very well received meeting with congress staff. Possible follow up now that we're home. 38 states were represented with 200 motorcyclists.

5/25/24 – Lending Helping Hand by Sacred Thunder.

5/25/24 – Warrensberg Bike Week, attended by Margaret and Josephine by Lake George. There was a lot of table traffic. No new signs but they explained about the trifold and why it was important to join and MRO. They also handed out information about COIR that Jim Barr handles.

5/26/24 – Ronkonkoma Street Fair – There was a lot of table traffic. They sold a lot of t-shirts and 1 or 2 people signed up.

-Nick and Donna went to Mt Sinai H.S. where they met seniors. They set up a booth by DMV and a race car driver was there with his car.

6/1/24 – Flag pick up at Calverton Cemetery went well.

6/1/24 – Warriors Ranch – Abate was present. Event was good.

6/2/24 – Red Knights Bike Blessing – Event was attended by Abate and some people were signed up.

6/2/24 – Paws of War Car Show – Event was attended by Patrick, Donna and Nick where they connected with other vendors. Donations were collected in the Vets jug and they passed out applications.

6/2/24 – Twisted Cycle Event – Sound Off – Abate set up a tent.

6/6/24 Nassau Co Traffic Safety Meeting – lower motorcycle fatality rate; seat belt enforcement; distracted driving enforcement; deadly driving bill – which did not pass.

6/8/24 – Social Brain – Donna from Abate; Ira Dunne. Helmets to kids and adults and also gave bicycles. There was good foot traffic. A lot of information was given out.

6/9/24 – Vets Appreciation Run – Bill Quinn and Chris Beckhans. Road Captain and Joe stated it was a good run. Southampton PD did a good job. We should be giving out about \$168,000 for Vets. This is due to the \$25,000 donation previously given.

Bill Quinn gave out Arm flags.

### **New Business:**

President Chris Beckhans spoke about there being too many crashes lately.

6/1/24 Flag Day Dinner by Mike Gosser.

Jim Barr w/National COIR addressed that Abate partnered with National COIR which comes with a \$3500 AD&D policy. He also advised that a Non-Disclosure Agreement has been signed that indicates COIR cannot share Abate member information. Abate members can opt out of the \$3500 AD&D.

COIR – transferred in May 2024 to now mean: National Count of Information Riders.

Guest – Ira Dunne w/Social Brain – Abate donated bike helmets. They teach kids and fits them as well as parents with helmets. There is no helmet law for adults in NYS and Suffolk County. No laws for helmets on skateboards, long boards or scooters. In 4 years they have given out 2000 helmets.

Guest – Patricia Poggi w/EJs PJs – this is an organization started in 2011 that collects new PJs and distributed to organizations who would give them to people in need. Their 1<sup>st</sup> year they collected 34 pairs and it's increased every year. In 2023 they got their non-profit in Nassau and Suffolk Co. They did a mission in Kentucky. To date they have given out 10,000 pairs of PJs. Their goal for 2024 is to give out 5,000 pairs.

6/11/24 – Nick LaMorte attended the Suffolk Co 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct meeting. For the month of May in the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct there were: 656 crimes; crime pattern w "0"; decrease in cataliter converters from Hondas and VWs. There were 3 assaults, 1 victim shot; 6 stolen vehicles; violent crimes were down; 204 arrests; 4 drug ODs – lead to deaths; 643 MVAs an increase of 10%; 30 DWIs; 2423 tickets given out.

Update from Josephine on camp out if people want to join the committee, see Josephine.

Deb Stondell gave an update on the legislature. Only 89 lottery tickets were sold. She asked about organizing a Sunset Cruise out of Captree State Park. Example: 65 per person, includes foot soda, wine beer, it's rain or shine and is from 7pm to 10pm.

Products – Per Kathy – She had Vets Run shirts in 3 colors for \$15 each or 3 for \$40.00. Regular Shirts and Awareness Run shirts - \$10 each.

6/21/24 – Stop the Bleed class from 7pm to 9pm.

Update provided by Road Captain – Constantine. He went over the Vets Run and discussed doing a run to Nordic Lodge in RI.

**New Business:**

- 6/12/24 – Flag Day dinner at the Polish Hall in Riverhead.
- 6/14 – 6/15/24 – USA Patriots. A meet and greet on 6/14 at Suffolk Co PD Training. On 6/15/24 escort from hotel in Hauppauge to Moriches field.
- 6/22/24 – Suffolk Harley Ride for Autism Run. Abate will be setting up a booth.
- 6/22/24 – American Legion 1146 has an open house BBQ from 3 to 6pm.
- 6/22/24 – Sons of Italia event – Abate will set up a tent.

- 6/26/24 – Forget work, lets ride.
- 6/29/24 – Down Biker event by Riders for Christ for the LI MC community.
- 6/29/24 – Live to Ride event
- 6/30/24 – Fighters of Fire Christmas in July

In July is Kulture Fest and Abate will set up a tent.

Duke made a suggestion that Abate donate PJ's to EJs PJs and to maybe put notice on the toy run flyer. Another suggestion was to put a box at the next Abate meeting for PJ's.

50/50 – Nick LaMorte picked ticket #704014. Winner is Mike who won \$53.00.

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

Meeting ended at 9:30 pm