

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, July 9, 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Public Relations - Deb Stondell

Volunteer Coordinator – Gary Hart

Chaplain - Gerry

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:30 PM on July 9, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

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

Treasurer Report made by Sherril Harton 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 Tatiana, friend of Road Captain.

**Old Business:**

6/12/24 – Flag Day Dinner at Polish Hall in Riverhead. Proceeds of \$3,000 donated to Vets. Raised \$7000 at the Vets Run plus this donation would bring the total to \$40,000.

6/14-6/15/24 – Amputee Softball Game. We escorted the team to the field in Center Moriches. They lost the first game by 1 run and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. The LIE was closed down by the police as we escorted the team. It was a good ride and they will be back next year. The BBQ scheduled for 6/14/24 had to be canceled but they did a meet and greet instead.

6/21/24 – Stop the Bleed Class – 54 people attended out of the 62 who signed up. It was a very informative and interactive class.

- See if we can get someone on Board for a CPR class.

6/22/24 – Suffolk Harley Autism Ride – Abate had a tent set up and they signed up 2 new members. It was a good day overall.

6/22/24 – Sons of Italia – The Abate tent did get some table traffic.

6/29/24 – Down Biker Run – This is their best turn out to date with the most money they have raised so far. They also patched in a new member and gave a 10 year anniversary patch. Abate's Vet jug raised \$22, signed up 4 new members and 2 renewals.

6/30/24 – Fighter of Fire Christmas in June. The new Abate tents were used. The Abate tent was set up right behind where News12 were doing interviews. There was 1 renewal.

6/30/24 – Chris and Josephine were at the Spyder Ryder meeting discussing Abate. They signed up 3 new members and 1 renewal.

Chris attended the Queens Drivers Ed Training class and met with Greg Silverman – defensive driving CEO. He wants to work together on motorcycle safety during the classes.

7/9/24 – Court case today and it was an adjournment. We will get the next court date so we can have a presence for the biker that was injured and the family.

Treasurer Report by Sherril Hart  
General Fund \$36,397.65  
Deposit \$2440.00  
Payout \$2495.00  
Expense \$

Vets Account \$44,839.17 + \$500 transferred back  
\$4,533.17  
Deposit \$10,136.00

Both accounts \$81,736.65

Motion #2 to accept the treasurer's report, motion seconded and carried.

Nick LaMorte – July meeting of Suffolk Co safety was canceled. Nick will discuss with the police about them not recognizing motorcycle insurance since it is not being reported.

Josephine Leonardi – Camp out tickets are on sale. \$40 in advance, \$50 day of event; need donations for Chinese auction baskets.

Deb Stondell – Lottery ticket sale extended to August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please date your tickets when you sell them. We have sold 175 tickets and taken in \$3500. Payments are being done once a month.

NY MC Riders Foundation pending legislative bills is placed online on our website. We are going to narrow down and post bills on bi-folds. There is a team in place putting this together. Purchased a 2024 NYS Laws & Traffic book so we can better review the bill and see if we want to support it.

Emailed the 5 politicians to do PSAs. Deb will follow up to find out where they are with this and if they need any help.

Suffolk Co Red Light camera is going away in December 2024. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor was making more money than the State.

Donna – mailed out renewals for July and membership packets will be mailed.

\$200 in the Vets Jug tonight so that is \$800.

Constantine – The Nordic Lodge Run is scheduled for 8/17/24. Start time is 10:00AM to go to the ferry. It is \$135 pp and there a dress code, causal but no tank tops. Experienced riders as it's a "spirited" ride.

Poker Run will be sometime in September of 2024.

Gary – Camp out volunteer sheets are out and Wayne Blast will be making up BBQ aprons again for the volunteers.

Gerry – Bikers for Christ will be at the camp out again serving lunch.

For Chili cook off please label the trays.

**New Business:**

- Over 26 Driver's Ed Awareness classes with close to 100 by end of 2024. We are looking for more presenters.
- 7/11-/14/24 – Gettysburg bike week.
- 7/13/24 – Two 4 Seven bikini bike wash
- 7/20/24 – Gothic Wheelers
- 7/27/24 – Hibernian Riders
- 7/28/24 – Booth at Alliance Life Ride
- 8/6/24 – National Night Out – 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Hawkins Pool. Abate is looking to set up a tent.
- 8/11/24 – 81<sup>s</sup> Freedom Ride.
  
- Parking Lot Practice with Mark – Hudson Valley Riders Network usually has a practice and they have an office there as well. Looking to do braking practice exercises and swerving exercises. Future Practice dates: 8/10/24 Citifield and 10/5/24 Randell's Island.
  
- Deb is process of setting up meeting with politicians and one of the things we will ask is why they won't join the caucus along with other topics.
  
- A newspaper reached out to Chris to put together an article.

50/50 winning ticket #703870 and the winner received \$58. The winner put the money in the Vets Jug.

American Legion Riders Post is having a raffle and Bill is setting tickets. Some of the prizes are a TV, Ninja, Bluetooth speaker. They are 3/\$10, \$5 each or 7 for \$20. The drawing will be in November.

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

Meeting ended at 9:30 pm