

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, August 13, 2024

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

Meeting started at 7:35pm

Board Members in attendance:

President - Chris Beckhans

2nd Vice President – Josephine Leonardi

Treasurer – Sherril Hart

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Sergeant At Arms - Joe Schmid

Legislative Liaison - Debbie Stondell

Ride Captain – Constantine Mourelatos

Products - Kathy Pfeil

Public Relations - Deb Stondell

Volunteer Coordinator – Gary Hart

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:35 PM on August 13, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

Guest/New Member: Lauren from LI Spyder Rider Group. Motorcycle Mike and Marureen from LI Hogs. LI Hog in coordination with Abate and the Elks will host a blood drive on 9/4/24 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Elks in Centereach, NY. Need to pre-register and then call Maureen to let you know you registered. In order to donate you cannot have had any tattoos in the last 3 months.

Motorcycle Mike, who co-sponsors Vet donations, stated the following:

- Left turn accidents are 85-90% of their clients.
- Assume every driver from opposite directions will make a left turn in front of you.
- The best way to protect yourself, have good MC insurance coverage.
- The underinsured motorist coverage should be \$300,000.
- Motorcyclists are not eligible for no fault.

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

Treasurer Report made by Sherril Hart. General Fund balance is \$35,232.79, \$1167.32 deposits from new members and sales. Paid out \$1820.52, paid \$62 for the storage container and mail. Transferred \$500 to Vets as No Sea Fire Dept gave back to the Vets and 5013 filing.

Vets Fund balance is \$45,691.70; \$352 deposit and \$500 transfer from the General account.

Motion #2 made to accept the Treasurer report for July 2024, motion 2nd and carried.

Old Business:

7/28/24 – Alliance Life Ride – weather was good and camp out tickets were sold. Collected \$11 in Vets jug, signed up 3 new people and had 1 renewal.

8/11/24 – 81's Freedom Ride – Signed up 2 new people. One renewal was signed at Nassau Hog.

Camp out tickets are starting to sell. All baskets for camp out due by 8/17/24.

Drivers Ed Classes – Fall classes being scheduled. Believes 125 classes will be scheduled or next year.

Nick did attend the traffic safety meeting but was not at the general meeting. Nick will report at the next general meeting.

Update from Deb Stondell

Lottery – 10 winners in July total of \$530.

Call to Action was put out – Bill #HJ Resol 199 SJ Resl 104. Corp Ave fuel standards. Congress senators to save combustion engine.

Urgent MC leg issues will be discussed at meeting of the minds 9/24/24. Right to Repair; To Modify; Renewal fuels; Internal combustion; Right to life.

Membership Update

Mailed July's cards – total of 53. 26 August renewals mailed. If your email needs to be updated, send to Donna.

Product Update: Vets shirts, T-Shirts – ladies \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Update from Constantine – The Nordic Lodge Run is scheduled for 9/14/24. An email will be sent out with all the details.

On 10/19/24 – Abate will hold a Poker Run – contact Constantine for donation baskets.

Update from Gary – Camp out volunteer sheets are out and volunteers are needed.

Update from Jim w/COIR

-National Counsel of Informed Riders – there are 7 MC advocates around the country that make up the counsel. 4 organizations are working together to have COIR spread information.

- Coming out with a quarterly newsletter.

-Both counsel of clubs in Washington will join COIR

- National Counsel of Clubs is in Sept and Meeting of the Minds are both in September.

-7 weeks to Arkansas – mini MRF. National COIR will have a 1 hour class.

- Discussed increase in MC crashes.
- Follow up meeting in Massapequa – an article in the 7/31 issue of Newsday on crashes which Chris gave an interview at this meeting.
- On 8/16/24 – David Reed Ride.
- Court case on 8/14/24 – 1st district court D51.
- Filled order for more coloring books.
- Vets Distribution committee put together over \$150,000 with matches.
- 8/18/24 – Smiles for Sean – run at Hometown Tavern. 9:00 am is registration. 11:00 am kickstands go up.
- 8/18/24 - CVM Event
- 8/24/24 – Abate Campout
- 9/1/24 – Abate booth at the Ronkonkoma street Fair. Deb, Constantine and Patrick to man the booth. Set up at 9:00 am.
- 9/4/24 – Abate along with LI Hog and the Elks will host a blood drive.
- 9/10/24 – 9/15/24 – Catskill Mountain Thunder – Chris would like to setup a tent.
- 9/26/24 – 9/29/24 – Meeting of the Minds.
- Volunteers needed to distribute lawn signs
- Write up your vacation and submit to the newsletter with photos to be published.

50/50 - \$75 wining ticket #704273. Winner donated the money he won into the Vets Jug. Vets Jug raised \$198 at the meeting and with the match it was close to a \$1000.

Parking Lot practice – Mark discussed going to the Ronkonkoma railroad station parking lot. Joe and Willy practice every Sunday in Hicksville and all are welcome.

Bill – American Legion Post doing a fundraiser and the drawing will be on 11/13/24.

On 9/7/24 – Dix Hills FD will host a car and motorcycle show.

Labor day weekend there is a vintage sports care show.

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

Meeting ended at 9:00 pm