

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, September 10, 2024

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

Meeting started at 7:34pm

Board Members in attendance:

President - Chris Beckhans

1st Vice President/ Safety – Nick LaMorte

Treasurer – Sherril Hart

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Sergeant At Arms - Joe Schmid

Legislative Liaison / Public Relations - Debbie Stondell

Products - Kathy Pfeil / Donna Fowler

Chaplain - Gerry

Volunteer Coordinator – Gary Hart

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:34 PM on September 10, 2024 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance – Joe Schmid

Guest/New Member: Linda from East Northport, who is a new member.

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

Note: Josephine and Constantine were at a Street Bike night.

Treasurer Report made by Sherril Hart.

General Account: \$35,232.79;

Deposits \$2,423.94;

Checks \$6,336.27

Expenses paid; storage fees; GoDaddy; mail chip

Ending balance in General Account \$30,337.66

Vets Account

\$45,691.17

\$326.00 – Deposit

\$46,017.17 – balance.

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

Guest Speaker: Antoinette and Juliet from Warrior Ranch. Horse rescue organization, equine therapy for Veterans, first responders and military. Their Annual Event on 10/6/2024 from 1 to 5 pm. Purchase tickets on the web.

Guest Speaker: Dawn Demilla – Rockin the Road for a Cure. Their event is scheduled for 10/6/24. It's a motorcycle and car show – rain or shine. One an eight people get breast cancer. One and three get breast cancer on long island. Their organization helps with expenses, home services like housekeeping, shopping etc. Registration at 9:00 am with kickstands up at 11:00 at the Amer Vets Post 1066 in Massapequa, NY. Money from drinks bought in the Legion go to the veterans. There will be 4 bands, food trucks, vendors, raffles. Abate will be setting up a tent at this event.

Old Business:

8/24/24 – Camp Out – Great day and a great turn out. Location was reserved 2 days before and it worked out well. There were probably 250 people. 2025 will be the 20th Anniversary and people should submit their idea.

9/1/24 – Street Fair in Ronkonkoma, NY. We signed up 4 new people and there were 2 renewals. The event went well.

9/4/24 – LI Hogg, Abate & Elks Blood Drive – a total of 37 pints of blood collected.

9/5/24 – Nassau Co Traffic & Safety – Nick and Chris attended. Next 2 weeks Nassau Co will be cracking down on speeding. Chris and Nick were introduced to Patricia, NY Sate Traffic & Safety. They gave a run down on the Abate program of speaking in Driver's Ed classes.

Presenters meeting – recapped year, likes and dislikes. Discussed getting professional shirts made to wear when presenting during the Driver's Ed meetings. 10/1/24 is the first class and we're approved for 250 classes. Chris would like to take 100 classes.

Meeting with the Elks – Vets Committee to possibly dressing up the night when funds are dispersed. The Committee will be meeting the week of 9/9/24.

There is \$155 in the Vets jug or \$620.

Nick went to the 6th Precinct meeting. He brought up issues how police would not accept insurance card. Inspector stated they have to use the computer in the vehicle.

Nick was also at the 1st Precinct West Babylon meeting. The inspector prints out towns in his district with breakdowns: 537 crashes; 67 left scene; 5 were fatal. There is no breakdown between a car and motorcycle.

50/50 = \$90. Winner will get \$45.00.

Products – T-Shirts: \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

Update from Deb Stondell - Bill in Assembly A-7535A to establish on line verification for motor vehicles, this includes motorcycles.

Lottery Update – July - 10 Winners = \$530; August – 5 winners = \$240. Checks go out at the end of the month.

Update from Donna Fowler – Membership:

50 packets have been mailed. 19 new 1 years; 25 1 year renewals; 3 new 5 year members; 3 5 year renewals.

Speaker from Brentwood Post 1006 – 9/21/24 ride for Suicide Prevention to VA Hospital in Northport. Rain date is 9/28/24.

Upcoming Events:

9/11/24 – Ceremony at Calverton starting at 10 AM; Chapel G behind the Admin Bldg.

9/13/24 – Memorial Service at Public House to raise money.

9/14/24 – Booth at Brotherhood 20th Anniversary Party.

9/14/24 – Harley in Nassau Co – 1st responder event.

9/15/24 – Booth at Am Vets 1146 – food drive for St. Johns.

9/21/24 – Indian Larry Block party.

9/22/24 – Leatherneck Poker Run.

9/26 – 9/29/24 – Meeting of the Minds. Breakout sessions, meeting with other organizations.

9/28/24 – Staten Island – motorcycle park practice from 10am to 2pm.

9/28/24 – Nordic Lodge Run – event details to be posted.

9/29/2 – Twisted Cycles sound off.

10/5/24 – Booth at Am Vets Post 48 from 11am to 5pm

10/5/24 – Randall Island Practice tentative from 10am to 2pm.

10/6/24 – Booth at Rockin The Road event.

11/3/24 – St. Mary's run

Look on Facebook under Practice Rats for parking lot practice locations.

50/50 – winning # is 6834281. Winner won \$45.00.

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

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm