

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, February 11, 2015

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

Doors Opened at 6:00 PM

Board Members in attendance:

President - Chris Beckhans

1st Vice President – Nick LaMorte

2nd Vice President/Public Relations – Josephine Leonardi

Treasurer – Sherril Hart

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Sergeant At Arms – Bill Bartasek

Legislative Liaison / MRF / Lottery / Public Relations - Debbie Stondell

Website / Newsletter – Margaret

Road Captain – Constantine

Volunteer Coordinator – Gary Hart

Products - Kathy Pfeil / Donna Fowler

Chaplain / Health & Wellness Coordinator – Gerry Waldron

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

National COIR Rep – Jim Barr

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:30 PM on February 11, 2025 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence –Bill Bartasek

The following Board Members were sworn in that were not at the last meeting: Jim Barr; Sherril Hart; Margaret and Constantine.

Guest/New Member: New Member – Tim Cole from East Patchogue.

Motion #1 to accept the minutes from the last meeting, this was seconded and all agreed.

Treasurer Report made by Sherril Hart:

General Account:

Opening Balance \$24,320.20

Paid checks totaling \$2,059.86 for rent and holiday party expenses

Deposits from Square One \$1,296.92

ATM & Auto Withdrawal total \$507.00
Balance in General Account as of 1/31/25 \$23,050.26

Vets Account

Starting Balance \$44,151.57
Deposits: \$500.00
Paid Out for disbursement checks \$13,500.00
Balance as of 1/31/25 \$31,151.57

Motion #2 made to accept the Treasurer report for January, 2025 motion 2nd and carried.

Guest Speaker – Michael Levine, Esq. Discussion on motorcycle insurance and what is a good policy. A bad policy is \$25,000 in liability insurance. This is minimum coverage in NY State. Under insured coverage – Protects you in event you are the victim. This is \$500,000 in under insured Coverage. If injured on a motorcycle medical insurance will not cover it. No fault coverage is not in play. Need to use private health insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid. Attorney Levine stated he would be happy to review policies to see if you have good coverage. An umbrella policy comes into play with underinsured motorist liability. This would protect you for your negligence.

Recap of Previous Events

In January went to NY Abate State Meeting and went over legislature. There were 7 chapters from NY at the meeting. The Sheriff Dept. and Highway Dept. there have lime green, fluorescent sliver on their jackets. Staff of NY Senate was there and Chris was able to do some networking. They stopped in Oswego and met with Bruce LePorte. They received a couple 1000 lawn signs to distribute.

L & L Meeting in PA

-Nick LaMorte – this was his first time attending. He went to several sessions and on the sessions was on motorcycle insurance and “stacking” which is in PA. Stacking is not in NY.
-Constantine – This was also his first time attending and went to the session on the history of Abate; Operation Save a Life session; Sargent at Arms session and membership session.
-Josephine – She went to several sessions including membership. They met with an attorney as well doing a lot of networking.
-Irish Pat – This was his first time and was impressed with how organized it was. He went to sessions on products, treasury, and motorcycle riders foundation.
-Donna – She went to sessions on membership break out; product break out and was able to obtain contact information from vendors that were there. She attended the session on the

history of Abate which was very interesting. There was a PR class which was informative and will get copies of materials from the PR people.

-On 2/22/25 there is a Presenters Meeting at Ronkonkoma Fire Dept on Portion and Hawkins that goes from 12pm to 4pm. There will be presentations that people who are interested in being a presenter can attend. On 2/23/25 at Ivy League and on Monday, 2/24/25 at Half Hollow Hills.

Hand Book – Full Page is \$120; Half page is \$60. Any new artwork please send to Josephine or Chris. Deadline is by mid-March for ads in the Hand book.

Awareness Run T-Shirt Sponsor is \$125. Awareness Run is scheduled for 4/27/25 starting at the Dennison Building. T-Shirts and handbooks will be available that day.

Grant and PSA Ideas:

1. Karen from Nassau looking into having PSA spots on buses.
2. Deb is looking into updated PSAs with elected officials.
3. Also looking into doing a PSA on News 12.

Update from Nick LaMorte

-Placed and picked up wreaths at Calverton National Cemetery.
-Went to 6th Precinct on 2/11/25 for safety meeting. Met Assist Direct Baron.
-731 crimes which increased 6.5%: 3-commercial burglaries; 2-residential burglaries;
-Discussed the stealing of Fed Ex packages that had mobile phones in them from porches.
-There have been no catalytic converter thefts since January.
-Stolen Vehicles: people leave keys in their vehicle; people will leave the vehicle running.
-217 arrests for various reasons.
-286 charges brought against people.
-4 drug overdoses that were fatal.
Next Meeting is on 3/11/25 at 7:00 PM

-Community event meeting is on 3/18/25 at 7:00PM at Middle Island Fire Dept.
-On 3/6/25 going to Nassau Co Transportation Board meeting with Chris.
-On 3/19/25 is the Suffolk Co 4th Precinct meeting at 2:00pm. They are to discuss writing an amendment to Leandry's Law to be able to prove when someone is on drugs when pulled over.

Update from Sherill Hart

-She is starting to work on the permits for this year's camp out.

Update from Deb Stondell

- Working on Welcome cards for the elected officials. She will be asking about doing PSA's for this year.
- Working on Bikers in the Belt in Washington. Starting to call to let them know we are coming so we can get on their schedules to meet with them when there.

Update from Donna Fowler

- January is entered and printed and will be going out by Friday, 2/14/25.

Margaret has entered all the minutes on the website.

Update from Constantine

- 4/27/25 is the Awareness Run – this will be escorted and to start at the Dennison Building.
- Filing permits for the Vets Run.
- Nordic Run – there is no date at this time. Would like to leave at 8:00am to Port Jeff Ferry, overnight stay at Foxwood. Next day would travel to the Nordic Lodge. All transportation and rooms on our own.

Update from Gary Hart

- Awareness Run – working on permits to us the Dennison Building. The run will end at the Riverhead Elks lodge.

Update from Gerry Waldron

- Reach out to him if anyone has a need.

Update from Jim Barr – COIR

- Pro Riders / Sports Rider Convention was in Georgia and he had to cancel. He has plans to go to the convention next year in Louisiana. There are volunteers from Texas who work with sports bikers and will reach out to them in attempts to recruit them for COIR.
- On 2/13/25 going to Tennessee to National Counsel of Club Meeting.
- Statistic Meeting Presentation – reach out to Officer Pinkerton to do a presentation before Awareness Run.

- Nick Carrcappa meeting schedule for 2/132/5.

Tunnels to Towers Run from 4/1/25 to 10/31/25 – visit 7 memorial in any state.

-Submitting an application for the Rocky Point St. Patrick's Day Parade.

-3/23/25 is the Ronkonkoma St. Patrick's Day Parade that Abate will march in.

-4/26/25 is the Middle Country Music Event at the Elks Club in Centereach, NY.

-4/17/25 blood drier from 1:45 pm to 7:45 pm at the Elks Club in Centereach, NY.

-6/12/25 to 6/15/25 – USA Patriots is on LI. Abate will escort the team from their hotel to the field.

-Working on organizing more practices. Contact Mark Briganti if you want to practice a skill during the practice.

Vets Jug – collected \$229 which is \$916 with the match.

50/50 total is \$155.00. \$78 to the winner. Ticket #704731 is the winner. The winner donated his winnings to the Vets fund

-Easter Run – Raising Sun.

-Pastor Ski will go to hospitals to help people after an accident.

Motion #3 by Deb Stondell to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and all were in favor.
Meeting ended at 9:11 pm