

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

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

Doors Opened at 6:00 PM

Board Members in attendance:

President - Chris Beckhans

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Nick LaMorte

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Sergeant At Arms – Bill Bartasek

Products - Kathy Pfeil / Donna Fowler

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence –Bill Bartasek

Guest/New Member: New Member – LI Spider Riders – Ed Romain; Roberta and Jerry Stein.

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

Treasurer Report made by Chris Beckhans as Sherril Hart was absent:

General Account:

Opening Balance \$23,050.26

Paid checks totaling \$541.37

Deposits from Square One \$6,599.1

Debit Card, self-storage total \$565.81

Ending Balance \$28,542.69

Vets Account

Starting Balance \$31,151.57

Deposits: \$520.00

Ending Balance \$28,542.69

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

Guest Speaker – Tom Maher of TJM Agency, Tom went over liability insurance for motorcycles.

### Recap of Previous Events

-Last month's Nassau County Meeting was attended by Nick and Josephine where they reviewed all items from the General Abate meeting.

-Discussed motorcycle crash that occurred last week that ended up in a fatality.

-A moment of remembrance of previous member Joe Malone who passed away.

-Bruce LaPorte held his meeting for presenters. A total of 20 people attended. Then Bruce presented 4 classes at Ivy League for a total of 198 kids. He also presented 2 classes at Half Hollow Hills East for 50 kids. In total he spoke with 248 kids who will be new drivers.

-Nick LaMorte attended the Nassau Co Traffic Safety Meeting. Cindy Brown runs the meeting. There is a new coordinator who was there. Joe Monty does grants and reporting which Abate does not participate in at this time. There were program updates by Cindy Brown. They then go around for updates from the various people present.

-On 3/11/25 there was a rally trying to amend the law of DWI/DWU. Police currently cannot ID a drug that a person is on when pulled over. The amendment they want passed would give police more ways to ID the drugs to help get convictions.

-Nassau County discussed increasing DWI patrols.

-ABATE does have someone to help write for grants which is Josephine's daughter who is a librarian.

-Permits are in place for the Awareness Run; Vets Run and Abate Camp Out.

-We are working on PSAs and looking into possibly doing something on the back of public buses.

-Any handbook ads or dates you want in the handbook are due by 3/21/25 to Josephine. They will be available at the Awareness Run. Handbook – Full Page is \$120; Half page is \$60.

-Still looking for Awareness Run T-Shirt Sponsors which is \$125.

- Nick LaMorte discussed Post 1634 Auxiliary hosting a Murder Mystery evening as a possible fundraiser event for Abate.

- Nick also discussed that he attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct meeting with Robert at Harborfields Library. At this meeting they use a big screen and go over all items using this screen. A reoccurring theme is: keys or key fobs let in cars or cars are unlocked.

- Donna with update on Membership and Product
  - All of February membership cards have been mailed out. If there are any issues, please see Donna.
  - All Vets shirts are free to veterans.
  
- Going to NCOM is May 8th – Mitch will be sponsoring some of ABATE Board members to go.
  
- Josephine is following up and working on getting the handbook out. Once this is completed, she will start working the ABATE Camp Out.
  
- Margaret continues working on the ABATE website and newsletter.
  
- ABATE will be marching in the Rocky Point St. Patrick's Day parade on March 16, 2025. There will be more to follow on where we will be meeting.
  
- ABATE will also be marching in the Ronkonkoma St. Patrick's Day parade on March 23, 2025. We will meet at Post 48 at 12:00 and kick off is at 2:00 pm.
  
- There will be Narcan training on 4/2/25 at the Elks. Program starts at 7:00 pm and they will give out 2 kits per person.
  
- April 1, 2025 starts the Tour of Honor. 50 states, 500 memorials. This is a self-directed ride.
  
- April 6, 2025 is the Rider's of Fire blessing of the bikes. Abate will have a tent set up.
  
- At the April 8, 2025 General Meeting SCPD Highway Statistics will be at the meeting.
  
- April 17, 2025 LI Hog, ABATE and the Elks will have hosting a blood drive at the Elks from 1:45pm to 7:45 pm. Appointments are appreciated. At last year's blood drive they collected 140 pints.
  
- April 26, 2025 Middle Country Community Festival at the Elks which ABATE will have a tent set up.
  
- May 8 2025 is NCOM
  
- May 19-May 20, 2025 is Bikers in the Beltway

Vets Jug – collected \$200 which is \$600 with the match.

50/50 total is \$140.00. \$70 to the winner. Ticket #678678 is the winner. The winner donated his winnings to the Vets fund.

- Total Vets Jug with 50/50 winnings is \$340.

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

-Meeting ended at 8:37 pm