

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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

Doors Opened at 6:00 PM

Board Members in attendance:

President - Chris Beckhans

1st Vice President/Safety – Nick LaMorte

2nd Vice President – Josephine

Legislative/MRF/Lottery – Deb Stondell

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Public Relations – Josephine / Deb

Sergeant At Arms – Bill Bartasek

Road Captain – Constantine

Volunteer Coordinator - Gary

Products - Kathy Pfeil / Donna Fowler

Chaplain, Health & Wellness - 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 April 8, 2025 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence –Bill Bartasek

Guest/New Member:

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

Treasurer Report by Sherril Hart (3/1/25 – 3/31/25):

General Account:

Opening Balance \$28,542.69

Paid checks totaling \$542.85

Deposits from Square One \$3,382.27

Debit Card, self-storage total \$606.24

Ending Balance \$30,775.87

Vets Account

Starting Balance \$31,671.57
Deposits: \$1,573.00
Ending Balance \$33,244.57

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

Speaker – Sergeant Brendan Pilkington from SCPD Highway Dept
NYS Grant for Motorcycle Safety. Cards handed out about motorcycle safety.
The Sergeant went over statistics that were compiled from October 2023 through December 2024. This is for Suffolk County which includes the east end. Total crashes, 413;
19 motorcyclists were killed and there were 321 injuries.
County wide of the 413 crashes:
65 were distracted driving;
62 failed to yield
53 following to close
35 speeding
30
23 inexperienced drivers
Others were reaction to uninvolved vehicles; improper turns; unsafe lane change; animals and slippery pavement.
Crashes per the days of the week:
Saturday is the largest. Top 3 are Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Safest is Wednesday @ 41;
Tuesday @ 48; Monday @ 56; Sunday at 59; Thursday @ 66; Friday @ 70 and Saturday @ 73.
Safest time is at night.
Largest amount of crashes is between 4 PM and 7PM.
Motorcycle accidents w/another vehicle
Babylon Township: 55 crashes; 48 injuries and 3 fatalities. Hot Spot: Southern State Parkway;
Montauk Highway; Sunrise Highway; Great Neck Road

Town of Huntington: 34 crashes; 24 injuries and 1 fatalities. Hot Spot: Route 110; Jericho Turnpike – East to West.

Town of Islip: 100 crashes; 73 injuries; and 4 fatalities. Hot Spot: Brentwood Road; Suffolk Ave; Route 111 and Sunrise Highway

Town of Smithtown: 25 crashes; 1 fatality and 20 injuries. Hot Spot: Sunken Meadow Parkway and Indian Head Road.

Town of Brookhaven: 125 crashes; 101 injuries and 4 fatalities. Hot Spot: Middle Co Road; LIE; Sunrise Highway; Route 25A; Montauk Highway; William Floy Parkway – Shirley area extremely hot and Montauk Highway.

These numbers do not include E-Bikes.

Number of crashes broken down by time of date:

5 crashes at midnight

7 crashes at 1 AM

4 crashes at 2 AM

4 crashes at 3 AM

3 crashes at 4 AM

2 crashes at 5 AM

11 crashes at 6 AM

10 crashes at 7 AM

12 crashes at 8 AM

15 crashes at 9 AM

17 crashes at 10 AM

14 crashes at 11 AM

Number of crashes in the PM – these numbers are County wide

26 @ 12 PM

26 @ 1 PM

21 @ 2 PM

28 @ 3 PM

38 @ 4 PM

39 @ 5 PM

37 @ 6 PM

28 @ 7 PM

26 @ 8 PM

15 @ 9 PM

15 @ 10 PM

10 @ 11 PM

- Environmental issues – numbers were in the single digits

-Alcohol and drug involvement numbers were in the single digits.

Speaker – Dawn Damilla w/Rockin the Road. They provide wellness, support and free services for breast cancer patients as well as other types of cancer.

- Raffle of a 2024 Harley Davidson Motorcycle plus other prizes on 5/4/25 at 89 North in Patchogue, NY.

- Their motorcycle run is on 10/4/25 starting at Post 1066 Massapequa NY.

Recap of Previous Events

3/19/25 – Riders of Fire – They will renew and sign up new membrs.

3/23/25 – St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ronkonkoma

3/30/25 – Spider Riders club meeting – signed up new members as well as renewed members.

4/2/25 – Narcan training at the Elks which had a good turnout.

4/6/25 – Riders of Fire Blessing of the Bike – there was not a good turn out. A lot of people showed and paid but did not ride.

Handbook is filled with ads, invoices to be sent and checks mailed. The handbooks will be at the Awareness Run.

There will be an Awareness Run meeting to go over planning for the run.

There will be a Campout Meeting and tickets will be \$50 at the gate and \$40 in advance.

Update from Nick

-Went to Safety Meeting in Suffolk County.

-Walked in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Ronkonkoma.

-He was at the Riders of Fire Blessing of the Bikes which was a disappointing turn out.

-Also went to the Nassau County Traffic Meeting.

Update from Josephine

-Membership items from Riders of Fire – 1 renewal and 2 new members.

-At tonight's meeting: 1 new member and renewal.

-Collected \$13 in the Vets Jug from the Rider's of Fire event.

Update from Donna

-Membership going out this week

-Working on a Camp out Shirt.

- Working on baseball hats and hopefully to have by the Awareness Run.

Update from Deb by Chris Beckhans

-List on Facebook of bills: anti profiling; Grieving Family Act; NYC to outlaw ATVs, Dirt Bikes; NY ABATE – 18th and 19th Freedom Ride

Update from Constantine

-Nordic Lodge Run – 6/21/25 and 6/22/25. There will be 2 rides and will cancel if it rains.

6/21/25 – you book yourself. Port Jeff Ferry at 9:00 AM. 91 to Hartford, South to Foxwoods where we will spend the night. Next day, 6/22/25, leave at around 12:00 for Nordic Lodge and arrive at 1:00 PM. From 1 PM to 3 PM spend at Nordic Lodge then leave on the Orient Point Ferry.

-Planning a Poker Run but needs prizes. Once he has this, he can then set up the run.

Update from Gary

Needs volunteers at the Awareness Run. We need to be there at 8:30 AM, registration begins at 9:00 AM with KSU at 11:00 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

4/13/25 – Alliance Pig Roast

4/15/25 – Red Knights club presentation

4/17/25 – Blood Drive

4/20/25 – Rushing Wind Easter Sunday Sunrise Run

4:30 AM at the Church; 5:30 AM KSU; 6:00 AM arrive at Smith Point; 6:05 AM services.

4/26/25 – Middle Country Community Festival

4/27/25 – Abate Awareness Run

5/5/25 – Legion of Riders of Massapequa presentation

5/5 – 5/8/25 – NCOM

5/18 – 5/19/25 – Abate of NY Freedom Rally

5/19 – 5/20/25 - Bikers in the Beltway

Big Apple Motorcycle School spoke about the program being suspended as the contract has not been approved. They believe it is being upheld at the Controller's office and asked that member contact their legislator's to bring attention to this.

Vets Jug – collected \$155 or \$620 with the match.

50/50 total is \$135.00. \$68 to the winner. Ticket #4396081 is the winner. The winner donated his winnings to the Vets fund..

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

-Meeting ended at 9:24 pm