

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, August 12, 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 – Nick LaMorte

Treasurer – Sherril Hart

Legislative/MRF/NCOM – Deb Stondell

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Public Relations – Josephine / Deb

Sergeant At Arms – Bill Bartasek

Volunteer Coordinator – Gary Hart

Road Captain – Constantine Mourelatos

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 7:33 PM on August 12, 2025 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence –Bill Bartasek

Guest/New Member: New Member – John

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

Treasurer Report by Sherril Hart (7/1/25 – 7/31/25):

General Account:

Opening Balance \$ 20,532.50

Paid checks totaling \$2,780.02

Deposits from Square One \$6,208.79

ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals \$1,381.54

Electronic Withdrawal –Insurance \$1,663.00

Ending Balance \$20,916.73

Vets Account

Starting Balance \$33,123.57

Deposits: \$8,443.00

Checks Paid: \$0.00

Ending Balance \$41,566.57

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

Speaker – Jennifer with NY Blood Center – discussed upcoming blood drive on 9/3/25 from 1:45 PM to 7:45 PM at the Elks Lodge in Centereach, NY

Speaker – Mike Romano from Aflac – went over their services which include Accident, Dental and cancer plans.

Recap of Events:

- 7/20/25 – Gothic Wheeler Event – Event had a good turn out and the event overall was good.
- 7/27/25 – Alliance Life Ride Event – Patrick and Josephine set up an Abate Table. There was a decent turn out for the event. Abate raised \$31 in the Vets jug and had 1 new 5 year sign up.
- 8/3/25 – LI Hog Meeting – Abate had new sign ups and had interest for some new presenters for the Abate Driver's Ed program.
- 8/3/25 – Ronnie Realty Event at Tangier in Deer Park. Abate had a tent set up with Donna and Patrick. There was a 5 year new membership sign up and 1 renewal. Overall the event was good.
- 8/5/25 – National Night Out Event – Nick and Donna set up the Abate tent. They gave out a lot of Abate items. No new members were signed up but it was a good community relation event.
- 8/5/25 – ALR 1033 Post in Elmont – Chris and Josephine attended their meeting. Lawn Signs were given out. They explained what Abate does in depth for them. There was 1 5 year membership renewal; 6 new sign ups and made contact was a new Veterans Fund donor.
- 8/9/25 – LI Street Riders – Ride, meet and greet. 75 bikes showed up for the ride. Frogzz laid out appetizers. Josephine discussed what Abate is with them. There were 6 new membership sign ups.
- 8/9/25 – Camp out meeting was held and final preparations discussed.
- 8/10/25 – Parking log practice was held at LIRR in Ronkonkoma.

- 8/10/25 – Nassau County Hog Meeting – there was a possible presenter for the Abate Driver's Ed program.

Update from Nick

- Robert Lamonte and Nick went to So Huntington Library for the Suffolk Co 2nd Precinct event but it was cancelled.
- The Lindenhurst Library meeting was also canceled.
- Next meeting for Suffolk Traffic & Safety is on 9/17/25. We can tell the board what we do and how we're doing.
- Received a call from Al Richards who was concerned about EBikes and questioned if Abate would get involved in educating about EBikes in schools.
- *Per Deb Stondell – Current bill in assembly is for EBikes to get licensed, insurance etc. It is A116-NY State Bill in NY Assembly.
- *Deb and other will be going over the bills in NY State and will then put out which bills we are supporting.
- On 9/4/25 is the Garden City Nassau Co Traffic & Safety meeting.

Update from Josephine

- Camp Out Tickets are selling. Has a signup sheet for volunteers.
- Talked with people who are making baskets. Also, discussed 50/50, Lottery Hat, camp out t-shirts and banner to take pictures in front of.

Update from Donna

- Membership – Finishing up July.
- Product – Ladies shirts; Vets shirts; Awareness shirts.

Update from Deb

- NCOM – Deb is the Regional Director in NYS. Meeting will be in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- MRF – Meeting of the Minds is coming up.
- House of Transportation asked the MRF to submit priorities before writing anything which is a big accomplishment for the MRF. Some are:
 1. Definition of a motorcycle.
 2. Want to be in a category by ourselves.
 3. Admissions Regulations
 4. Helmet Laws
 5. Internal combustion engine.
 6. Profiling.
 7. Renewal fuels

8. Right to Repair
9. Autonomous Vehicles – MRF and NYS are looking into this.

Update from Gerry

- Update on Randy w/Tier Rats – he is in physical therapy.
- Woman who hit Patty is going well.
- Patty – is doing well. She is up and around. She did not have to have surgery.
- Ronnie – He is mending with a blood disorder. His son had an accident and is on the mend.

NEW BUSINESS

- 8/17/25 – Bike & Burritos – Abate to have a presence.
- 8/17/25 – Combat Vets – AmVets Post 7277, Paws of War Freedom Ride.
- 8/23 – 8/24/25 – Abate Camp Out Event.
- 8/31/25 – Ronkonkoma Street Fair – Abate will have a booth set up.
- 9/1/25 – Big Apple free ride event.
- 9/3/25 – Blood Drive at Elks Lodge Centereach, NY
- 9/7/25 – LI Car/Bike Show at American Legion 1066, Massapequa.
- 9/7/25 – 6th Annual Black Demin Crew Ride/Food Drive, 930 AM, KSU 11:00 AM.
- 9/21/25 – Celebration of Life for Bob Brinka.
- 9/25/25-9/28/25 – Meeting of the Minds.

Vets Jug – collected \$187.

50/50 total is \$80.00. \$40 to the winner. Ticket #784876 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 8:43 pm