

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, July 8, 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

Legislative/MRF/NCOM – Deb Stondell

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Public Relations – Josephine / Deb

Sergeant At Arms – Bill Bartasek

Volunteer Coordinator – Gary Hart

Products - Kathy Pfeil / Donna Fowler

Chaplain, Health & Wellness – Gerry

National COIR Rep – Jim Barr

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:33 PM on July 8, 2025 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence –Bill Bartasek

Guest/New Member: None

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

Treasurer Report by Chris Beckhans supplied by Sherril Hart (6/1/25 – 6/30/25):

General Account:

Opening Balance \$ 22,653.98

Paid checks totaling \$1,749.68

Deposits from Square One \$ 1,411.30

Meeting Event Produce Income \$450.00

Self-storage, USPS, WB Mason, Walmart total \$1,779.45

Ending Balance \$20,532.50

Vets Account

Starting Balance \$32,735.57

Deposits: \$388.00

Checks Paid: \$

Ending Balance \$33,123.57

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

#### Recap of Events:

6/12-6/14/25 – USA Patriots – Abate attended the met and greet in Sayville. The team met over 400 kids with a great impact. They had an unescorted ride to field due to the weather. There was a rain delay then the game was called.

6/14/25 – Nassau Harley event was canceled due to rain.

6/14/25 – AMVet Post 48 Poker Run canceled due to rain.

6/21/25 – Suffolk Harley event – Abate had a booth set up.

6/22/25 – Booth at Brian Moore Memorial Ride – there were some new sign ups, lawn signs were handed out.

6/28/25 – Booth set up at the Down Biker Run – 1 new one year membership sign up; sold a Vets shirt and collected \$10 in the Vets jug.

6/29/25 – Booth set up at Fighters of Fire Christmas in June – 1 renewal and 1 new five year membership.

6/29/25 – Booth at Twisted Cycles Sound Off at Scotts Point. This was a good even with good support. -Met with LI Street Riders and 3 other groups. Abate will set up a morning ride and then do a met and greet afterward.

-6/29/25 – Camp Out meeting was held to iron out the details of the event. Donations for the Chinese auction still needed.

-Deb Stondell will follow up from Bikers in the Beltway for local appointments.

#### Update from Nick

-Discussed reading an article in Newsday “Bucklist”. This is a follow up with Diane and brought up motorcycle schools that were in disarray due to someone in office having an issue. Nick contacted someone in the controller’s office about this.

-Attended, w/Robert Lamont, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Community Meeting at Harbor Field Library. They discussed issues going on in the community such a burglaries and car jacking’s. The inspector stated that they don’t get involved with ICE.

-On 8/5/25 from 4-7pm will be the Night Out Community event. It’s open to everyone to come out and socialize.

#### Update from Josephine – Via Chris Beckhans

-7/2/25 – Booth at the First Bike Night in Ronkonkoma at Frogzz.

-7/4/25 – Josephine signed up a new member.

#### Update from Donna

-Membership Sign Ups: 15 new 1 year members; 14 renewals; 5 year renewals.

#### Update from Deb

-Follow after Bikers in the Belt – Now that the Big Beautiful Bill passed Deb can start setting up appointments with local representatives to push Abate and MRF agenda.

-MRF & NOM working together. She has boxes that she wants to put out in local shops/businesses.

- Deb and Chris will be getting together to go over the bills that are important. Albany is on break but we want to be ready to go when they are back in office. She will put out a Call to Action.

#### Update from Gerry

-He discussed several of the injuries sustained so far and stressed to be careful while riding

#### Update from Gary

-Discussed need for volunteers for this year's Camp Out and will be sending an email out for members to advise what time slots they are available to volunteer to help.

**\*\*Bob Banka – Former LI Hog member and Abate Member passed away.**

#### Update from Jim Barr – Coir

-Change to registration with Coir – When registering you no longer have to put your name and address. You only need to put your state, zip code and email address.

-Coir has members in every state as well as some providence in Canada.

-You need to supply your name or address in order to get the free insurance benefit.

-Daytona Beach FL Abate has signed up all members into Coir.

-There was a Rapid Response zoom meeting about the Shrine organization in Missouri and the Sheriff that stated they could not have an event. This Sheriff stated that it was organized to COC, and 1% clubs. This same Sheriff is a member of a motorcycle club and Shriners. Coir put out a letter indicating the this Sheriff was discriminating. This letter was put out on several websites and has had 10,000 views so far.

-Nancy G put out a Call to Action on Coir to share the information. A digital magazine picked this up as well and write an article about it.

### NEW BUSINESS

7/10-7/13/25 – Gettysburg Bike Week

7/27/25 – Booth at Alliance Life Ride.

8/3/25 – Ronnie Reality's event at Tangier Outlets in Deer Park with motocross bikes and BMX.

-On Monday's – Bike Nights at Froggz Bar and Gill

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-On Friday's – Bike Nights at American Legion in Massapequa.

-On Wednesday – the US Military does a Bike Night

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9/25/25-9/28/25 – Meeting of the Minds.

Vets Jug – collected \$209.

50/50 total is \$125.00. \$63 to the winner. Ticket #704965 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 8:26 pm