

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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

Doors Opened at 6:00 PM

Board Members in attendance:

President - Chris Beckhans

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Josephine

Treasurer – Sherril Hart

Legislative/MRF/NCOM – Deb Stondell

Membership Officer - Donna Fowler

Public Relations – Josephine / Deb

Sergeant At Arms – Bill Bartasek

Website/Newsletter - Margaret

Road Captain – Constantine

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 7:32 PM on June 10, 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 (5/1/25 – 5/30/25):

General Account:

Opening Balance \$ 25,109.88

Paid checks totaling \$ 6,395.23

Deposits from Square One \$ 4,618.69

Debit Card, self-storage total \$679.36

Ending Balance \$22,653.98

#### Vets Account

Starting Balance \$32,262.57

Deposits: \$ 473.00

Checks Paid: \$

Ending Balance \$32,735.57

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

**Speaker:** Ira Dunn from The Social Brain. This a program developed for after traumatic injuries to help support the injured person and their family. This program is now helping the Scott Brown and his family. Ira is now their case manager.

Motion #3 to donate 5 helmets to The Social Brain for their bike helmet program, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried.

**Speaker:** Pete for Joe Bart about the USA Patriots Softball event on June 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be at the Radisson Hotel in Hauppauge. 9:30 AM is staging; 10:30 AM leave for Moriches Athletic Field. Bus parks in the field. The motorcycles part at the school. The Team marches in behind the bikes. There is a BBQ meet and great for the team on Friday 6/13/25. There is a raffle to raise money for wreaths out at Calverton Cemetery.

#### Recap of Previous Events

5/14/25 – rescheduled meeting with Fighters of Fire.

5/17/25 – US Veterans Party – turn out was good.

5/18/25 – Set up at No Sea Fire Dept for Blessing.

5/18/25 – Blackthorn for NY ABATE for Freedom rally. The turnout was okay but sold 3 campout tickets.

5/18 – 5/20/25 – Participated in Bikers in the Belt. There were 528 offices. 3 Groups – NY Abate; Leather & Lace and L.I Abate.

At this event, they discussed Anti Profiling Highway Bill; Fight for Right to Repair; Met with a lot of the staff; met with MRF-National Lobbying body.

5/24/25 – Flag placement – there was a low turnout but it only took 45 minutes to place the flags. All graves in our section had a flag. Pickup was even less people but we were able to this was no issue.

5/24/25 – Scared Thunder Helping Hand event.

5/25/25 – Rolling Thunder Event which Abate was unable to attend.

5/25/25 – Ronkonkoma Street Fair – Abate did have a booth set up. We sold Awareness Shirts; had some signups. There was not as much traffic as in the past.

5/26/25 – Big Apple Free Ride Event – Abate did have a booth set up. Constantine and IrishPat were there helping Big Apple. There were signups that day. People came all the way from the Bronx for this event.

6/1/25 – Paws of War Event – Abate tent was set up and handled by Donna and IrishPat.

6/5/25 – Nassau Co Safety Meeting – they were looking for volunteers for their Board.

Jim Barr w/National COIR spoke about the Rolling Thunder Event going from the Nassau Co. Court House to West Sayville Michael Murphy Museum. This was a nice event and they would like to make it an annual event. The **chapters** want to do more local events.

#### **Vets Run Recap:**

There was 214 attendees.

The ride was flawless. However, someone leaving the field had an incident and hit a pedestrian.

Guests, Michelle and Lenny Hollcomb were present. They were part of Maryland Abate first. Both Michelle and Lenny are veterans.

Bill Quinn wanted to honor the Vietnam Veterans.

The event went well. Some groups gave us donations that day.

On the way to this event, Legion Rider Robert was in an accident and hurt.

On the way home from this event Randy w/Teir Rats was taken out when a drier crossed over from the left lane.

#### **Nordic Lodge Update from Constantine:**

Event is In 2 weeks and need to see Constantine after the meeting if interested.

Event is 6/21 to 6/22/25. Leave at 9:30AM to the Port Jeff Ferry and take it to Bridgeport CT. They ride to Foxwood where we would spend the night.

The next day ride from Foxwood to Nordic Lodge and have lunch. After lunch, ride from Nordic Lodge to Orient Point Ferry then home.

If you do not want to do the overnight run, Bill Bartasek will be doing the run in one day on Sunday 6/22/25.

#### **Camp Out Update**

Donations are needed for raffle baskets.

We will have a campout meeting on 6/29/25.

There will be a chili competition.

There will be all day hot dogs.

Abate Law Signs – need distribution assistance. They will pay gas mileage.

#### **Update from Nick**

##### **Update from Josephine**

-We have Key Rings which are \$2.00 each.

-Camp Out tickets - \$40 in advance.

-Volunteers are needed for the camp out. Please provide name/number. Also see Josephine for letters to drum up donations from businesses.

-Camp Out meeting is Sunday June 29 at 11:00 AM at Sherril and Gary Hart's home.

#### Update from Donna

Membership – Has membership cards/packets printed and with her, so see Donna.

Paw of War event – she received 2 renewals and a new membership sign up.

She has all of April and all of May membership, 30 pieces, completed and ready to go.

#### Update from Deb

Rep for MRF and now Rep, District Director, for NCOM.

2025 Official Legislation – definition of MC for 2 and 3 landscape only.

Admissions regulations;

Helmet laws;

Internal Combustion Engine;

Profiling;

Renewable Fuels;

Right to Repair – this is for motorcycles and cars;

Monitor and ensure are their own category.

-Following up with setting up meetings with local representatives that were not at the Belt.

There were about 32 – 35 states represented at Biker in the Belt.

#### Update from Margaret

Website is now updated to be more user friendly. All meeting information is now on the calendar on the website.

Newsletter is also on the website.

News articles are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

You can advertise a motorcycle for sale in the newsletter.

#### Update from Gary

Thank you to all the volunteers at the Vets Run.

#### Update from Gerry

He will be following up with the people involved in an accident and report back to the Board.

#### Update from National COIR

Growing steady, they are in 49 states now.

LI Abate members are automatically enrolled in National COIR.

On Call to Actions – National COIR will only send members their own states, not every state.

#### NEW BUSINESS

-USA Patriots 6/13- 6/14/25 - escort from the Hotel to the field. Meet up 9:15-9:30 at the Radisson in Hauppauge. 10:15 am kick stands up. 11:20 enter the complex.

-6/14/25 – AmVets Post 48 – Poker Run in Ronkonkoma;

-6/21/25 – Suffolk Harley Autism Event;

-6/22/25 - Booth set up at Brian Moore run, which is for this fallen detective.

6/28/25 – Booth set up for Down Biker Run; 10-11:30 is registration. Proceeds go to motorcyclists who are in accidents.

-6/29/25 – Toy Run – Fighter of Fire.

-6/29/25 – Twisted Cycle Sound Off event – Abate may have a booth set up.

-We signed the contract for Abate's A&D Insurance.

Vets Jug – collected \$200 or over \$800 with the match.

50/50 total is \$120 . \$60 to the winner. Ticket #8489940 and Gerry is the winner.

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

-Meeting ended at 9:00 pm