

LONG ISLAND ABATE INC.

MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, May 13, 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 Officer - Nick LaMorte

Membership Officer/Products - Donna Fowler

Public Relations/Legislative – Deb Stondell

Volunteer – Gary Hart

Road Captain – Constantine Mourlatos

Sgt @ Arms – Bill Bartasek

Secretary – Lisa Sheil

Donations Coordinator - Position Open

The regular meeting of the Long Island ABATE was called to order at 7:32 PM on May 13, 2025 at the Elks Lodge by Chris Beckhans.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence –Bill Bartasek

Guest/New Member: New Member Joe who lies in Melville. John P the Riverhead chapter of Connor from Patchogue and shala from Alabama.

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

Treasurer Report by Sherril Hart (4/1/25 – 4/30/25):

General Account:

Opening Balance \$ 30,775.87

Paid checks totaling \$ 11,149.07

Deposits from Square One \$ 5483.08

Debit Card, self-storage total \$

Ending Balance \$25,109.88

Vets Account

Starting Balance \$33,244.57

Deposits: \$268.00

Checks Paid: \$1,250.00

Ending Balance \$32,262.57

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

Speaker: Mike Ramos with Aflac Insurance.

Went over various plans they have like accident, dental and cancer insurance plans. The dental plan has not network and a family plan would be \$143 per month with an individual plan at \$48 per month.

Accident plans go from an individual plan at \$23 per month to family plans.

Recap of Previous Events

4/13/25 – Alliance Pig Roast – This was well attended and the food was good.

4/15/25 – Abate presentation at Red Knights Club.

4/17/25 – Collected 35 pints of blood during this blood drive.

4/26/25 – The Community Festival was cancelled and reschedule for the next day on 4/27/25 which we were unable to attend due to our own Awareness Run.

4/27/25 – Awareness Run – 150 riders showed and about 130 bikers completed the run. Police did an excellent job of escorting us. There was no vehicle interaction.

4/27/25 – 5/3/25 – Eva's Marathon

5/3/25 – Bike Blessing at American Legion Rider in Elmont.

Twisted Cycle Sound Off was rescheduled to 6/26/25.

5/5/25 – Legion Riders – we had 5 renewals and some interest in doing presentations.

5/8/25 – 5/9/25 – LW Murphy wake and services. He was a former Abate member.

5/8/25-5/11/25 – went to NCOM in Mississippi. There were clubs from across the country there that we all getting along and working together.

Chris Beckhans had a discussion on the road rage incidents in Queens and in Suffolk County.

Deb Stondell has a new position with NCOM, she is now the Region 8 Director. She is splitting the duties with Vipor.

Work is continuing on the Vets Run. Southampton Elks is doing construction and is unable to host us. We are working out going back to Fireman's field.

Comp Out prep is underway. Volunteers are needed. Donation baskets are needed.

Udate from Nick

-Discussed the Awareness Run.

-Going to Precinct Community Event meeting. They usually go over various topics that include burglaries etc.

- Discussed how he serves on both Safety & Traffic Boards in Nassau and Suffolk County.
- Nick also attended the Alliance Pig Road and found out they are a drug and alcohol free club.
- Attended meetings for our Camp Out and Vets Run.
- Nick is looking forward to lobbying in DC with Chris Beckhans.

Chris Beckhans is now on the MRF Political Action Committee.

Update from Josephine – Via Chris Beckhans

- Also reported going to the Alliance Pig Road and there was good community representation.
- She did participate in the blood drive.
- During the Awareness she was in the Abate Truck at the back and was able to see all the bikes during the run. The police escort was very good.
- She has 2 volunteers in getting basket donations together for the Camp Out.
- 5/14/25 – Fighter of Fire MC meeting.
- 5/17/25 – Possible booth at US Vets MC.
- Camp Out Tickets \$40 in advance; \$50 at the gate.

Update from Donna

- April Membership is entered and will be printed and mailed by weeks end.
- Sending out May renewals.
- Product: \$10 for Awareness shirt; \$10 for short sleeve shirts; \$15 for long sleeve shirts; \$10 for ladies T's and tanks; \$20 for Abate baseball hat.

Update from Deb

- NCOM – everything dealing with legislation. It was good and all the clubs got along.
 - There are 5 Call to Actions that currently went out via email/Facebook. NY usually shows the most numbers when responding to these Call to Actions.
 - House #2218 – Senate #1072.
 - Congress and Review Act 5/2/25 Call to Action – 922 responded.
 - US Senate Rep Act 1379 in Senate – 1062 in 44 states.
 - House repair 1566 with 1766 responses in 46 states.
 - Choice in Auto Sales – 1044 responses in 45 states.
 - Saving internal combustion engines – CA wanted 30% but had to back burner it.
 - NY State introduced profiling bill since 2011 with none passing. Need to lobby for a good bill.
 - Deb has a surprise for the people going to Biker in the Belt a congressman will be giving a private tour of the capital and then met with the congressmen.
- Chris Beckhans reported that Sherril is working with Maureen in filing Abate's tax filing.

Public Relations Update – Deb

-County Ex and Legislators were invited to Awareness Run but due to the rain on Saturday, 4/26/25, events were rescheduled for Sunday the day of the Awareness Run. The Deputy Co Executive came and was impressed with the run and she is telling the Co Executive about this run.

-Chris Beckhans did a podcast with Debra Sterling, legal aide on 4/27/25. The link will be out on Abate's website.

Update from Constantine

-Vets Run – the Sheriff cannot help with escort on this run. He has mapped out a route and return to the North Sea Fire Dept where the run begins.

-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. On 6/22/25 Bill B will have a ride for the day only meeting everyone at Nordic Lodge.

-Planning a Poker Run in July but it's not organized yet.

Update from Gary

-Thanked all for volunteering at the Awareness Run.

-Volunteers need on Vets Run on 6/8/25.

NEW BUSINESS

5/18 – 5/19/25 – Abate of NY Freedom Rally-Blackthorne. We are going to support.

5/18/25 – Red Knights Bike Blessing at Fireman's Field in No Sea.

5/19 – 5/20/25 - Bikers in the Beltway – Monday is the meet and greet. Leave on the 20th.

5/24/25 – Flag placement at Calverton – Section 42 be there by 9:00 am. This is rain or shine. Volunteers needed. Work with PGR and Am Vets. Pick up date is the following Saturday, 5/31/25 at 9:00 am.

-5/25/25 – Rolling Thunder event

-5/25/25 – Ronkonkoma Street Fair – Abate will have a tent set up and will be there all day.

-5/31/25 – Post 4987 – VFW BBQ \$20 at the door.

-PGR – Wreaths Across America – 6/19/25 drawing – the money is matched by PSE&G.

-USA Patriots 6/14/25 and 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 – Scared Thunder – raising money for Wounded Warrior.

-6/29/25 – Toy Run – Fighter of Fire.

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

-Product Update – Vets Run T-Shirts, fill and order t-shirts and ladies t-shirts.

-Next month – Ira Dunn – Social Brain - will be speaking.

-Newsday is going to run a series on Dangerous Roads and Abate was invited to participate with them on the 20th.

-Tour of Honor – 50 states from 4/1/25 to 10/31/25.

-Bill Quinn spoke about the 5/14/25 ceremony for Vets that no one shows up for when they are getting military honors. This is from 9:45 am to 10:00 am.

-Bald Hill at 5:00pm on 5/31/25 they read the names off the Suffolk Co residences that were killed in the Vietnam War.

-Bill B reported that on 5/18/25 at the Bayport Airdrome is a vintage car and airplane show from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. There is a cost to get in.

-On Friday, 5/16/25, the 360 Am Legion in Huntington is having a Vets breakfast from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

-Mark – Parking Practice Rats – discussed how he took a 3 day course to improve skills which was a good course. If interested contact the people who run the course – Lock & Lien on YouTube. It's 8 hours a day for 3 days in a row. If you want to rent a bike, set it up beforehand. Cost is \$550 for 3 days.

Motion #3 - \$140 from the Awareness Run 50/50 was not claimed – motion to donate to the Vets Fund – motion was seconded and all agree. Motion passed.

Vets Jug – collected \$214 or over \$800 with the match.

50/50 total is \$125.00. \$63 to the winner. Ticket #8490414 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 9:00 pm