

Long Island ABATE 3-10-20 Membership Meeting, Centereach VFW Centereach, NY  
Barbeque before the meeting.

7:47 Meeting began

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Welcome members and guests.

The minutes for our February 2020 membership meeting were posted on the LI ABATE website.

**Motion 8-2020: Motion to accept February 2020 membership meeting minutes as posted on the LI ABATE website. (Seconded) All in favor.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Detailed income and expenditures were reported

**Motion 9-2020: Motion to accept treasurer's report. (Seconded) All in favor.**

**Swearing in** of LI ABATE Officers: **George**, Sgt. At Arms, and **Gary**, Volunteer Coordinator, by LI ABATE member, **Judge Dale Solomon**.

### **Old Business**

**LI ABATE Lottery:** LI ABATE's lottery fundraiser tickets are now available at \$20. The ticket numbers are based on the NYS evening daily numbers and have the potential of winning multiple times. The lottery will run from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

**LI ABATE 2020 Motorcyclist Handbook:** If anyone is interested in advertising in the 2020 Motorcyclist Handbook, please let Nancy know. Advertising prices remain the same as last year, \$100 for a full-page ad and \$50 for a half-page ad. (If advertising art is needed, an additional \$25 fee will be imposed.) *A calendar of motorcycle runs / events will again be included in the centerfold.*

**Open Mic Nights:** Long Island ABATE and the Centereach VFW are sponsoring an "Open Mic Night" every Wednesday night from 7:00 – 9:30, in the lounge at the VFW. LI ABATE member, Loriann, from *Wildflower* and *Simple Days*, volunteered to run the Open Mic nights. There is a cash bar and food available. All proceeds are split between LI ABATE and the Centereach VFW. *Jim gave Bill (Treasurer) another \$750 cash, along with an expense and profit report. This was the second installment of LI ABATE's profit share thus far. Come join us Wednesday nights!*

**Veterans for a More Responsive Government** presented LI ABATE with a recognition award, the "Freedom Award", for the support we give to our veterans in need. This

organization, along with *Tuscany Gourmet*, are sponsoring a meal drive for homeless veterans. Nick and Jim volunteered to deliver meals during the Super Bowl. A second meal drive will be held for St. Patrick's Day on 3/15 @ 10:00am. Meet at the Tuscany Gourmet, Miller Place if you wish to volunteer to deliver meals.

**State Anti-Profiling Bill:** Currently four states have passed an anti-profiling bill for motorcyclists. These states are Washington, Maryland, Idaho, and Louisiana. Wisconsin has passed an anti-profiling bill in one house.

**National Council of Clubs:** NCOC conference was held in Mississippi. Patch holders from around the country got together to discuss motorcycle issues. Jim was invited to speak about the importance of patch holders and independent riders working together to address issues of concern to motorcyclists.

**Motion 10-2020: Motion to reimburse Jim, as a LI ABATE representative, for expenses incurred on this trip. (Seconded All in favor. Discussion ensued.**

**Motion 11-2020: Motion to table previous motion, as Jim does not want to be reimbursed for his expenses. (Seconded) Majority ruled.**

**ABATE of NY Freedom Rally** will be held in Albany on 5/18. Motorcyclists from across the state of NY will lobby NYS Assembly and Senate representatives on issues relating to motorcycling. LI ABATE members are encouraged to attend.

**Bikers in the Beltway:** MRF lobby day in Washington D.C. will be Tuesday, 5/19. This is an opportunity for motorcyclists from across the country to lobby US Congressional and Senatorial Representatives about targeted issues relating to motorcycling. There will be an informative meeting Monday 5/18 at 6pm. Lobbying packets will be handed out.

**Centereach VFW Memorial Day Parade** will be held 5/24. LI ABATE has been invited to ride in this parade. More information to follow.

### **Officer Reports**

**Chris / 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Chris is looking for vendors / service providers to give discounts to LI ABATE members. A list of these vendors / service providers will be included in the 2020 Motorcyclist Handbook and on the LI ABATE website.

**Nancy / Membership:** February and March renewal letters have been sent. If you are not receiving LI ABATE newsletters or e-mails, please let Nancy know and the e-mail data base will be updated. ***If anyone is having a problem with their membership, please let Nancy know so that it may be resolved.*** Memberships can be renewed by

mail, online or at a membership meeting. Memberships can be renewed at any time. Your current membership will be extended for one year.

**Debbie / Legislative Coordinator:** House Resolution 255 fights discrimination of motorcyclists on a national and state level. There are now 136 cosponsors nationally. *Representative Peter King still has not signed on.* Debbie continues to monitor and report on federal, state, and local legislation pertaining to motorcycling.

**Josephine / Public Relations:** Josephine is working with Ron Monteleone and Maureen Griffin on social media videos promoting LI ABATE. The goal is to get more people involved in our organization. Josephine is also looking into pricing on *News 12* to run LI ABATE PSAs.

**Gary / Volunteer Coordinator:** Gary is looking for volunteers for the Awareness Run to man tables, park motorcycles, etc. If anyone is interested in volunteering to assist with LI ABATE runs, events, booths, etc. please see Gary. *We need volunteers!*

**Kathy / Products:** Colored crew neck sweatshirts are \$15. We also have long sleeved LI ABATE shirts, *with Long Island ABATE down the sleeves*, for \$15. Sizes range from small to 4X. Rockers and Awareness Run patches will be available.

### **LI ABATE Run / Event List**

**4/19 – Safety and Awareness Run** in conjunction with ***Full Throttle Magazine*** and ***Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone***. Run will begin at the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge. *All funds raised at this event will be dedicated to LI ABATE's 2020 Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Campaign.*

### **6/14 – Veterans Appreciation Run**

**8/1 – Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior and LI ABATE Veterans Appreciation Day.** Proceeds to help veterans in Nassau County. *Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team* will play at Eisenhower Park. There will also be live music and bbq. More information to follow..... 8/2 - WWAST will play in Moriches. Motorcycle escort will be provided by *Patriot Guard Riders, LI ABATE.*

**8/29 - Motorcycle Rally / Campout .** This event will be restructured to include daily access or overnight tickets.

**10/13 – Veterans Appreciation Dinner.** Centereach VFW. All funds raised throughout 2020 will be distributed.

### **11/1 – Food and Toy Run**

### **12/5 – Holiday Party**

## **LI ABATE Booths**

**3/28** – Nassau Harley Davidson

**4/25** – Miracle Mile Harley Davidson

## **Motorcycle Runs / Events**

**Patriot Guard Riders:** NOA, No One in Attendance, ceremony the second Wednesday of each month at Calverton National Cemetery. Group meets up by the restrooms at 9:30am. *Approximately 20-30 veterans are buried each month with no family in attendance. Bill encourages anyone to be a part of the flag line and honor those who served our country.*

*If anyone is interested in joining the Patriot Guard Riders, go to [PGRNY.org](http://PGRNY.org) to sign up. There is no registration fee or dues. You will receive e-mails with the dates and times of PGR missions.*

**Bayport Aerodrome Antique Motorcycle and Car Show** 5/17.

**Sacred Thunder:** 5/23 – *Lend a Helping Hand Ride* to Pinelawn Cemetery to put flags on the graves of our veterans. *All money raised will be donated to LI ABATE's Veterans Appreciation Fund.*

**AmVets** – 5/24, *"Rolling to Remember"* Washington D.C. *Remind our government of its accountability for U.S. POW/MIA and the veteran suicide epidemic hitting our country.* Register to ride @ [rollingtoremember.com](http://rollingtoremember.com)

**9-11 Foundation Memorial Ride:** For information go to [Americas911Foundation.org](http://Americas911Foundation.org)

## **Floor**

**AmVets Raffle:** 2020 Street Glide. Tickets \$20 each, 2500 tickets total. Drawing to held in July. *All proceeds will go to "22 a Day" / Veteran suicide epidemic*

**Big Apple Motorcycle School:** 5/17 Skills class for women only. License waiver one-day courses available. LI ABATE members offered \$25 discount on skills class for licensed riders.

**Riverhead Polish Hall Dinner:** 6/14. *All proceeds from raffles will be donated to LI ABATE Veterans Appreciation Fund.*

**50 /50:** \$90 to the winner.

**Motion 12-2020: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.** Meeting adjourned at 8:51. *\*All event dates listed subject to cancellation or change due to COVID-19.*

