

JSTS Minutes of March 24, 2012 Meeting

Introduction of the two board members (Vice-President Fred Sweet and Treasurer Caren Less). **Due to the fact that three executive board members must be present for an official club meeting, the meeting was considered an unofficial meeting.** Stephanie McAuliffe sat in for Sue Scarola to take minutes.

Minutes - Fred

- The minutes for the February meeting were not reviewed.

Treasurer's Report – Caren

- Caren read the treasurer's report for March.

Membership Report – Caren

- To date for 2012, there are a total of 196 members (137 renewed, 51 new, 6 lifetime and 2 bike shops).

Correspondence – Steph

- Miscellaneous mail was circulated for review.

Rides Report – Fred

- Winter Madness – t-shirts were distributed, as well as \$5 Dunkin Donut gift cards awarded to 10 riders who completed at least 6 weekend rides of the series - Bill Anderson, Bryan Hrycyk, Charlie Kirlew, Dante D'orazio, Fedor Wouda, George Gregorio, Kevin Coposky, Mary Ann McDonald, Pete DeSarno, and Steve Ellis.
- The tentative ride schedule for the season has been posted on the club website.
- The ride committee met and developed the following guidelines:
 1. On a trial basis, upon request, we will allow no more than 2 start locations within Monmouth County on any one Sunday (the first being BCC and the second one either M.J. Tighe, Manasquan Reservoir, Freehold Y or Allaire Park). It would be most helpful if requests could be received by Wednesday.
 2. The Tuesday night rides from M.J. Tighe Park will start from parking lot 2
 3. The Thursday night rides from Brookdale will start from parking lot 1
 4. The Thursday night rides from MJT will start from parking lot 2
 5. In the early season (April – June), the Saturday Scenic Series (all pace) will be augmented with shorter options from Freehold Y, MJT and Manasquan Reservoir. On dates when the Saturday Scenic Series starts at Monmouth Battlefield or Holmdel Park, there will be a listed all paces ride.
 6. We will designate the Sunday C/D ride and the Thursday Pizza Rides as "Intro to Group Riding" rides. Deb will summarize information to be covered, i.e., how to read a route sheet, and will hand off to Ed for placement on the web page.

Upcoming Events

- Cape May Ride – there are 5 to 10 people signed up. There are still openings. People interested should contact Andy.
- Champagne Ride – scheduled for 4/22, rain date 4/29. Steve Quon volunteered to bring food for 4/22, however won't be able to on 4/29. Steph McAuliffe and Jeff Mines will also assist.
- Bike VA – Training rides/ routes have been posted on the website.

- Blue Claws – the date will be posted mid-April. The event will be held on a Friday night in the summer.
- Holiday Party – Steve Karger has the name of a good inexpensive DJ

Bike Shop Memberships

- Fliers and business cards were printed to supply to the bike shops.
- The question was raised if we want to provide a special link for bike shops to post ads on the club site. Caren will email Tom Fisher to ask how this might affect the club non-profit status. Per prior discussions, the non-profit status may be at put at risk. If a shop can join for \$30, the question was raised why they would want to pay extra to advertise when a logo and link to their site is already provided. The discussion was tabled to continue at a future meeting.

Ride Safety

- All ride leaders are asked to talk with their groups before rides emphasizing safety, as it's the beginning of a new season.
- The attendees offered the following aspects to consider:
 - Concentration and focus is key – stay focused. Most accidents happen when people start to day dream.
 - Pay attention to fellow riders. Keep safe distances, don't touch tires. Don't ride 2 to 3 abreast in traffic as it angers drivers. It is also illegal [see the DOT Regulations link on the main JSTS web page under *Safety 1-2-3, #2*].
 - Communication is key, both verbally to other riders and via hand signals to drivers.
 - Don't take chicken or reckless left turns.
 - Vision of the road is important. Mirrors help.
 - Know how to read a route sheet. This can be very distracting for less experienced riders.
 - Use lights.
 - Wear bright clothing.
 - If something falls off your bike, don't immediately stop or slow down. Let the group pass you and then circle around.
 - Make sure water bottle cages effectively hold water bottles.
 - If someone causes a problem on the road, report it to the board. Don't feel you have to confront the person.
 - Obey traffic laws. Stop at traffic lights and stop signs.
 - Go to the back of the pace line if you're in a group and are slow up hills.
 - Be aware of horses. They are easily spooked and can hear from up to 2 miles away. Slow down around them, don't make a lot of noise and get low on your bike. In the county parks, the priority is 1) horses, 2) walkers, and 3) bikes.
- The question was raised if a safety component should be added to the new member packet. This needs to be raised with Rob Leitner.

MS Ride – two volunteer spots are open for the first day of the ride

CPR Certification – Harold checked with Centra State. The certification fee is \$50. A group discount of \$5 per person requires a group of 25.

The next meeting is set for April 16th @ 7 pm.