

## **MINUTES OF JANUARY, 2014 MEETING**

### **MEETING HELD AT THE TREK BIKE SHOP IN MIDDLETOWN**

Introduction of 3 board members and 23 members present.

Secretary Bob Spony read the minutes and treasurer's report from the November meeting. There being no changes, motion made by Charlie Kirlew and seconded by Pete Benton to accept minutes as read.

Correspondence consisted of magazines and a brochure for a North Carolina ride.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP**

Treasurer Abe Chasnoff read the report for November 1 to December 31. After a few questions, a motion was made by Pete Benton & seconded by Don Levy to accept the report. In the absence of chairman Joe Hewes, President Steve Karger said members numbered 134. This included 105 individual members, 22 family members, and 7 bike shops. Dan Hinton is looking to sign up more bike shops.

#### **2014 BUDGET**

Abe and Steve went down the list of items that were on the budget sheet. There was some discussion regarding the holiday party costs, and income. Money was included for "Souper Saturday" at Stephanie McAuliff's house in February. The web site domain charges will be coming due in 2015 & need to be included in next year's budget. Texting about ride cancellations will be brought up at the next meeting when Joe Hewes will talk about the program. Because Gail Stevens did such a great job last year, the budget was increased so that the club can do an even better spread. The miscellaneous item about ride sheet clips will go to \$250 without approval. With no further discussion, a motion was made by Jean Roy and seconded by Ed Marx to approve the budget. Motion carried.

#### **BARB BENNETT ON RIDE PLANS**

Barb announced 3 specific events:

- Summer tour at the end of June and possibly in Western Massachusetts for 4 days, and the main expense will be hotels and meals.

- The Vermont Challenge. 4 days for \$ 399 per person + hotels, with a discount before March 1.
- Italy trip either Sept. 13 or 20. Includes 3 meals per day + guide + bike rental. Cost is 780 Euros + airfare, 660 Euros if booked by Feb. 15. Will group people in paces A to C according to their abilities. Non-cycling companions will have activities.

### **CLUB RIDE CALENDAR**

The ride calendar is posted on the website and will need ride leaders and captains to volunteer.

Souper Saturday will be at Stephanie's house on February 22.

The champagne ride is tentatively scheduled for April 27, rain date of May 4.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Volunteer Recognition Program talk was postponed to the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lee Beaumont talked about re-instituting a new variation of the newsletter that the club had some years ago.

No other business, motion made to adjourn and passed.