

## **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY, 2014 MEETING**

### **MEETING HELD AT MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY**

Introduction of 4 board members and 9 members present.

Secretary Bob Spony read the correspondence. There was an article announcing a memorial ride to honor Dave Metz, proprietor of the bicycle museum in Freehold, who passed away in 2013. It will be in New York on April 13. Bob read the minutes and treasurer's report from the January meeting. There being no changes, a motion was made by Pete Benton and seconded by Rob Leitner to accept the minutes as read.

President Steve Karger announced to the members that Ed Marx's mother had passed away.

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

Treasurer Abe Chasoff read the treasurer's report for January 1 to January 31. Motion to accept the report was made and accepted. In the absence of membership chairman Joe Hewes, Steve said we have 116 individual members, 27 family & 7 bike shops.

#### **BUDGET EMERGENCY: LAB INSURANCE**

President Steve announced that rides were recently canceled, not only because of the weather, but due to the fact that our insurance had run out on January 31. Abe said we had budgeted \$465 based on the previous year. Also, the rates have increased the past 2 years. We had 397 riders, which includes 2 riders per family, and the cost will be approximately \$1,059 @ \$2.67 per rider. After discussion, members will be informed about the vote to increase the budget for the extra cost. Abe said he will call to see if they will accept a partial payment for \$ 665.

Abe told the members that the by-laws prevented us from paying the insurance because it exceeded the discretionary budget amount increase of \$200, we had to cancel rides. Steve said that he will have a vote at the next meeting to authorize the funds to pay the insurance.

## **EVENTS & RIDE PLANS**

- Souper Saturday: Stephanie McAuliffe will not be able to host the ride this year due to a prior commitment, so Everett Anderson will lead the ride from Wegman's on 2/22, and Steve Schwartz will lead a longer faster ride.
- Steve announced that the Champagne ride will be April 27. He will ask for a volunteer to chair the event.
- President Steve said marshals are needed for the MS Ride in May.
- Also, regarding the club picnic ride, Andy Melnick will get back to Steve in April about whether he can host it.
- Barb Bennett has a list of rides that need ride leaders. She said that the A rides have a list of 4 people that will rotate leading and is hoping that the other categories will do the same. A discussion ensued regarding what would happen if there is no ride leader.
- Barbara had forms for The Vermont Challenge and the Italy trip.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Steve announced that he is scheduled to have a kidney stone removed next month and that vice president Bob Smith may have to run the meeting.

Pete Benton talked about the Metz Museum. Because of the death of Dave Metz, his heirs will be selling the contents at an Auction for the bikes on April 12 & 13.

No other business, meeting adjourned.