

JSTS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: January 11, 2016

Location- Brielle Cyclery, Brielle, NJ

Executive Board in Attendance:

David Lee - President

Vice President -Steve Surowitz

Ron Daggett- Treasurer

Michael Cronan- Secretary.

There were 16 JSTS club members in attendance.

President David Lee called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

The motion to accept Meeting Minutes from November 2015 JSTS general meeting was brought but the Treasurer's Report was not available at his meeting due to some confusion during the board changeover. Abe Chasnoff made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Bob Spony. All present were in favor. Motion passed.

Ron Daggett read the Treasurer's Report (prepared by 2015 Treasurer Abe C.) from November-December 2015. A note of thanks was also read by Ron D. from the Food Bank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties thanking JSTS for their generous holiday donation. There were some questions regarding some of the miscellaneous expenses for the holiday party in that the membership was interested in what comprised those costs. Ron to research with Abe and clarify at the February 2016 meeting. The treasurer's report with the exact accounting and figures can be obtained by contacting JSTS club treasurer Ron Daggett. There were no further questions, and the report was unanimously accepted.

There are 4 club jerseys in inventory. Bob Spony has the current inventory in his possession.

Membership Report- None

There was no membership report presented at the meeting. We hope to have an updated report at the February meeting.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

President David Lee presented the proposed 2016 JSTS budget for review and discussion. There was spirited debate about the various line items, balances, revenue and expenses amongst the members present. Please contact JSTS Treasurer Ron Daggett for copies of the proposed budget if you are interested in reviewing it prior to the February 2016 meeting.

The proposed budget, line items and historical budget data can be obtained by club members by contacting the JSTS Treasurer, Ron Daggett

Frost Bite Shirts

We had a successful Frost Bite ride series. We had some good weather this year. Budget line item discussed and will be included in 2016 budget.

Winter Pizza

George Gregorio will coordinate the end of the year Mountain Bike Ride pizza celebration. There were 3 groups for the MTB rides this year, Fast and Intermediate had about 6-10 riders each and the Beginner MTB groups also had about 6-10 for a total of 18-20 riders.

Miscellaneous Budget Items

- Souper Saturday – Line item budgeted in step with historical actual expenses
- Gail Stevens will coordinate the Champagne Ride.
- The Longest day Pizza ride will be on or about June 21st this year.
- The 2016 JSTS picnic will be sponsored by our longtime members Al McCormick, Bill Metzger and Steve Karger. A location still needs to be determined for the picnic.
- The Century SAG proposed budget was reviewed as well as the Harvest Ride and the La Dolce Vita ride.
- The club will also be budgeting for a Ride Leader Workshop and the coordination of the Workshop needs to be discussed with last year's coordinator Andy Abernethy to see if he is interested in coordinating this year's workshop.
- Blue Claws game funding was eliminated.

Holiday Party

The Holiday party budget was increased slightly as Abe C. suggested we raise the line item a bit more in the event the Lincroft Inn raises their rates. We can also look for alternatives to Lincroft Inn but past history has shown that the Lincroft Inn may be our best bet. Vice President Steve S. will look into MJ's in Matawan to see what rates they might offer us. We will leave the line item as proposed. This past year 65 people attended the Holiday party and typically we have 50-65 folks, so we are in line from a historical perspective.

Dinner meetings

Proposed line item budgeted to cover the cost of meeting room fees. Typically \$5 at the library or worship center.

Club Fees & Dues/ State Fees

Line items proposed. Ron D. to clarify the Go Daddy payments but Abe C. believes it was paid in December 2015.

Volunteer Recognition 2015

Roughly 35-45 people were recognized for their contributions to JSTS in 2015. These included Ride leaders and committee chair people. In the past a variety of shirt options were given out to all recognized volunteers so this was mentioned as an option. This past year (2015) JSTS socks were provided to those recognized. Caren to reach out and see if she can provide and background on when, where & cost of these shirts possibly for next year.

The line item for cue sheet clips added and a bit more was allocated from what was spent in 2015.

EMS Donations

If we have a call out we would donate \$50 to volunteer squads up to 10 call outs. It was determined that we donate to the involved squads after any incident rather than distribute the donations at the end of the year.

Budget Discrepancies

Ron D. to try and determine where and when some of the minor accounting discrepancies occurred that seem to be carried from year to year. He will research the historical documentation as best he can to see if he can track where the anomaly occurred. Ron will present his findings at the next meeting in February.

Charlie Kirlaw moved that we accept the proposed budget with the contingency that we get an explanation of the discrepancy (occurring in Line 10) of the proposed budget worksheet. Motion was seconded by Bob S. and was approved unanimously by the membership present.

Old Business

Proposed By-law change eliminating Bike Shop Memberships

President David Lee read the proposed change aloud to the membership.

As part of the discussion phase, Charlie K. reminded everyone that per club bylaws - the motion needs to be specified in one meeting and voted on in the next. This motion was first proposed at the November 2015 general meeting. Charlie commented he understands and is onboard with tonight's process. Another question was how we deal with bike shops posting to our Facebook page. It was decided that our Facebook page administrator should set the policy and define this for the membership and the participating bike shops.

Charlie K. moved that we eliminate Bike Shop memberships and amend the bylaws per the motion. Abe C. seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by those members present.

It was discussed that historically Ed Marx or the webmaster will make the official change. The deletion of the bike shop membership should be dated so as to cross reference with these meeting minutes in the event down the road people want the background and perspective on the decision for what it used to be prior to the amendment.

Committee Reports

Frostbite – 33 riders qualified for the Frost Bite Ride by riding all 4 weekends in Dec 2015. David to reach out to Fred Sweet to see if he can coordinate the Frost Bite ride shirt purchase.

Souper Saturday

We still need a coordinator for this event. Bob S. said that it could be any Saturday we want it to be, but Steph McAuliffe can't make it at the regularly scheduled time this year. David L. to ask Steph M. if she can possibly do it another weekend than the tentatively scheduled one. If she cannot we will need a new coordinator.

Gran Fondo

Ride Coordinator reported- Sept 11, 2016 is the NJ Gran Fondo in Morristown NJ. Anyone who wants to ride the Gran Fondo in September and wants a discount, please contact Barbara Bennett.

Other Tours

There will also be group forming to attend the Vermont Challenge; also looking at the Club Summer Tour.

Correspondence

The TD 5 Boro Bike Ride is May 1, 2016. They are looking for volunteers for the Bike Expo but we are not exactly sure what kind of volunteers they need. David to send out a group email on the Yahoo groups site to reach out to our membership to provide this information.

NJ Bike Walk Coalition- Aaron Hinman is asking us to spread the word to publicize the event which will be held on 2/27/16. We will place this on the web site.

Debbie Asbjorn- 2nd life bikes in Asbury Park indicated that if you want to participate please sign up. David L to put on the Facebook page.

New Business

Some of the Sunday B group riders have asked to make the B rides the A distance but keeping the B pace. We will need ride leaders for this, plus we will need ride leaders for any standard B distances and possibly C+ rides. We'll have to look and see how this impacts the ride leader mix.

Retro Jersey Selection Discussion

David received photos of two older JSTS jerseys. He showed the membership present the photos- a shot of both the front and back side for background and discussion.

Tony Blaser mentioned that there are other potential images and pictures that can be considered before making any decisions. Need to look at the overall impact on clothing order volumes...

If there is an interest from the membership, we should let David L. know and we will form a committee to run the project.

Accident Reports

Always get a report and document the incident as clearly as possible. Ride leaders should always file an accident report no matter what- even if injuries are minor. Also – they should note if an EMS squad is called and who they are to differentiate between a paid and a volunteer squad.

And Finally...

Bike Maintenance Workshop – Considering holding a workshop for the 2016 season, but last year's was sparsely attended with only about 10 people. Steve S. will look into this and see if we can organize for a bigger turnout.

Ride Leader Workshop. Need to set a date and a coordinator. Andy Aberer led last year's Meeting and did a great job. Need to get some new ride leaders and get them trained.

2016 Volunteer Recognition needs further discussion.

Charlie K. moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve S. seconded it. All in favor – unanimous.

President David Lee gaveled the meeting to a close at 8:49 pm.