

# **JSTS General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date: June 13, 2016**

**Location- Marlboro Worship Center**

Executive Board in Attendance

David Lee- President

Steve Surowitz - Vice President

Ron Daggett- Treasurer

Michael Cronan- Secretary

There were 23 JSTS club members in attendance including the Board Members. President David Lee called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

The Secretary, Michael Cronan, read the previous months Treasurer's report into the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Al McCormack and seconded by Bob Spony. . All in attendance were in favor. Motion passed

The May meeting minutes were presented and Steve Karger made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Bob Spony. All in attendance were in favor. Motion passed

The Treasurer Ron Daggett read the current Treasurer's report for the period between May 9- June 13. Copies of the report will be made available to any JSTS member upon request to the Treasurer. Ron will modify the report to reflect the sale of a jersey. Additionally there are no large expenses expected until the Holiday party. There will be smaller expenses throughout the year as well.

After the minutes reading there was a discussion amongst the members on many various issues

Andy Abere asked about why do we have so much money in the bank and would we consider doing something with the money that might benefit the club. David Lee indicated that there were two schools of thought a) spend and b) hold the line and balance the budget. Joe Hewes added a thought about spending it and if so – how much? We must be careful about how much we spend and how big of a cushion we need to keep? Do we need it this big? How much should we keep?

Rob Leitner said that a little better management in advance of the situation for expenses and income can help us determine where the buffer is.

Bob Spony has the cue clips for anyone who wants them.

Steve Surwitz commented that we need to spend money on the club and its members such as T-Shirts or additional volunteer recognition awards. Barb B commented that we could have spent money for the Tour of Somerville riders.

Charlie Kirlew stated that the 2016 budget is a deficit budget and we had made a resolution earlier this year during a meeting that we would strive for a balanced budget and keep spending on track. Go back and see what the true ending monthly balance is and see where we land and see what the general run rate is over a few months.

Steve Karger said maybe it's time to change the cushion. The last time dues were raised was 1994 and we seem to be operating the same way we did in the old days.

Between now and September Ron to look at the monthly cash flow and make a recommendation on what the needed cushion should/could be. This will give us some insight as to where we are and we can make educated decisions about what and how much is the cushion? Do we want to spend it? What do we want to do with it?

Motion to accept was made by Andy Abernethy and seconded by Steve Karger. All favor - 22 Opposed - 1. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Membership***

Chairman Joe Hewes stated that we had a total of 266 registered, 52 new, 214 renewals, 32 families and 234 individual registrations. The usual is about 300-350 by the end of the year. Question was where are we year over year and Joe will check but a quick check of last year's notes revealed we were at 286 total , at this time in June 2015. There were no other questions.

#### ***The Longest Day***

The Longest Day will be 6/21. Riders from MJT will do the ride on 6/21 and the BCC riders can do it at their determinations as close to 6/21 as possible. Dave Lee will send an email to the club. The club will pay for the pizza but a coordinator is needed for each group to provide details of how many etc. from each site. Steve K will mention it to the Thursday ride leader as well.

#### ***Club Picnic***

No volunteer coordinator has stepped up yet for the picnic. We also need a location. July 24<sup>th</sup> is targeted as the picnic day or possibly the last Saturday in August. Looking urgently for a volunteer coordinator. There is a potential option for 7/17 as a last ditch date. Rob L to check to see if he might be able to host but we also need to define the setup/cleanup crews and coordinators as well. Charlie K has volunteered to be the Assistant Coordinator at this time. Alan Zweibel asked why we have it at a home rather than at park and generally the rule of thumb was to try to find a location with a pool.

#### ***Ride Coordinator***

Barbara Bennett reports that there were no special rides with the exception of the Ride for Autism which was a great success. We held the Belmar Seafood Festival "F" ride which was also great. The rides for July are up on the web. There is one special ride on 7/4. The Summer Tour in the Finger Lakes is this weekend and there are 16 people scheduled to ride. The Club Century will be Keyport to Washington's Crossing on the Sunday before Labor Day. We will need a SAG and rest stop coordinators and volunteers

Andy Abere reported that the Belmar Seafood Festival ride was awesome. There were 8 people that rode from MJT > Belmar. Timing was good as they hit the Festival right at the right time at 11 am. Abe C coined the ride name as the Belmar Lobster Roll. There are other potential "F" ride options. The date of the ride was appropriate and if it had been in June it would have been a lot worse due to the summer crowds surge.

The Autism ride in its 16th year had over 500 people Thanks to all who contributed from route design, marshals and all the volunteers. It was a great event and will take in a nice amount of income. Autism NJ loves JSTS.

### **Correspondence**

There was an email from a Deanna Power who wants to write an article on bicycle/car crashes- She is a personal injury lawyer and she will write an article and wants our clubs input. Do we want to take a look at this? Steve K pointed out that we do not sponsor anyone other than bike shops. Questions about the agenda/objective/angle were discussed but ultimately decided to not pursue

Princeton Free Wheelers would like us to promote one of their rides. This ride is a pay to ride event. They have promised to cross promote our rides I we reciprocate with theirs. Don Levy mentioned that perhaps having this discussion before the Autism ride may benefit us a bit more than after the ride.

Another email came in to David asking for the club to consider allowing her organization to be the recipient of a fund raiser ride we might hold. We don't do fund raiders do we will decline.

Ron Daggett indicated that the LAB wanted to take action in response to the Kalamazoo, MI accident that killed 5 riders. We should direct them to the NJ Bike/Walk coalition who are our local representatives.

### **Other Business**

Pete Benton brought up the event scheduled for 7/20 at the Monmouth County Library that we will take part in about bicycling. We will put together a presentation for beginning cyclists. However we have to create an n agenda and coordinate the presentation. Pete will contribute as much as he can.

David L will get in touch with the event coordinator and find out how the Library plans on promoting this event, to whom age groups, target audience etc. We would like to influence the format and believe that a panel discussion is better than a single presenter format. Topics o include rules of the road, Safety, Equipment, maintenance and more. The panel with a moderator to lead the audience, to engage the panel, to drive the presentation will probably work best. This will also be a recruitment opportunity for the club for both the Road and MTB member and Fedor said he would help out with the MTB aspect.

Club Clothing- The order deadline was extended to 6/30. Steve S said there was 26 retro orders and no classic into him yet but Barbara Bennet has some orders she will pass to Steve. Barb and Don brought jersey sizing samples to the meeting and will potentially bring them to the weekend rides for sizing. Samples have to be sent back soon, but she will try to get an extension on the return date.

With no other business or questions before the club Joe Hewes made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Charlie Kirlew. All present were in favor and President David Lee adjourned the meeting at 810pm

At this point there was a GPS/Garmin tutorial presided over by Rob Leitner. Both Rob and Fedor did a great job taking people through the different Garmin models as well as some popular software programs such as Garmin Connect and Strava, how to use them what the benefits were and how to use it as a fun social site, but also as a training tool. Many Thanks to Rob, Fedor and others who contributed to the general club knowledge on using Smart Phones, Garmin's, Strava, Ride with GPS .

Respectfully Submitted,

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