

JSTS General Membership Meeting Minutes

- Election Special Edition -

Date: November 7, 2016

Location- Romeo's Pizza, Marlboro, NJ

Executive Board in Attendance

David Lee- President

Steve Surowitz - Vice President

Ron Daggett- Treasurer

Michael Cronan- Secretary

There were 21 JSTS club members in attendance including the Board Members.

President David Lee called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

The Treasurer Ron Daggett read the current Treasurer's report for the October 2016. Copies of the report will be made available to any JSTS member upon request to the Treasurer. As for inventory – we had 5 club jerseys. 2 old style 3 new (2016) style. Ron has 1 – Barbara sold 1 new jersey. Andy Aberer had a question about the cushion amount he treasurers was going to analyze and report on. Andy was informed Ron D had done that and made certain recommendations. The new Executive board will take this into account during their 2017 budget discussions later this year and provide a recommendation for a cushion amount. Charlie Kirlew made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Abe C. All in attendance were in favor. Motion was passed.

Committee Reports

Membership

Joe Hewes was not present and there was no membership report available for presentation tonight. We still URGENTLY need a Membership coordinator for the 2017 season.

Harvest Ride

Alan Zweibel reported things went well and the food and beverage were plentiful but it seemed that the riders came in over a much greater staggered period. However it was an excellent spread and everyone enjoyed the day.

Many thanks to Alan for once again coordinating a fun successful ride

Holiday Party

Charlie K is collecting checks for the party. A quick recap of the move of the party location from the Lincroft Inn to MJs was provided by Steve Surowitz. The party will be on Sunday December 11th at MJs/Buttwood in Matawan on Highway 34. Tickets must be paid for upfront. There will be 4 main courses plus a carving station. There will be a **cash bar**. There will be vegetarian and fish options (pasta) as well as a salad, pastries coffee and tea. No DJ is being provided. To date 7 or 8 people have committed. We need to guarantee a minimum of 50 guests. The event will be in the Green House room. MJs is charging \$38pp. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Ride Coordinator

Barbara indicated there have been no changes since October and we are current.

The Frost bite ride needs a coordinator and Donna M stepped up and volunteered. Donna and Stephanie will work it out

Don Levy mentioned that there have been no volunteers to date for the position of Assistant Ride Coordinator and we need one URGENTLY.

At this point the club took a quick Pizza break before the election

2017 Election

Notice of Concern was brought up by Charlie Kirlew

1. The names of the candidates were not published in a timely manner per the bylaws
2. The bylaws logistics are flawed in the sense that the deadlines for candidate approval and publishing the candidates' names 2 weeks prior to the meeting do not sync properly with the meeting schedule.
3. These bylaws will need to be fixed by the 2017 Executive Board and club members to allow the proper timing of the election cycle from name selection, vetting by the election committee and then the subsequent election meeting

We can probably post the notice for candidates for office more prominently and maybe earlier on our main JSTS web page for better effect. Should be reviewed by 2017 board to improve the protocol.

The Harvest Ride was rained out on 10/9. It will be rescheduled for either the first Sunday in November or sooner Alan Zweibel has offered to run the rescheduled festivities on the date that is ultimately decided upon.

Election Committee

Steve Karger, Don Levy, Michael Cronan

The slate of candidates presented by the election committee is as follows

- David Lee- President
- Steve Surowitz - Vice President
- Ron Daggett- Treasurer
- Ron Gardner- Secretary

Since all candidates were running unopposed JSTS Club Secretary Michael Cronan cast the lone ballot for all candidates. We have a new board. Congratulations to David, Steve, Ron D and Ron G. Good Luck.

Old Business

Yahoo Groups Updates

Webmaster Steve Buchanan was not present but we need to follow up with Yahoo and Google groups to see where we are with any issues with Yahoo or the migration to Google.

Central Jersey Farmland Flats Project

No update Regarding the CJ Bike Clubs request for our assistance i.e. sponsor or help run the Farmlands Ride this coming spring – we have asked questions about several aspects of what they expect from JSTS in resources, assets or personnel. Questions about shared revenue and liability insurance topped the list of most popular questions from our membership.

New Business

Several club members have asked about sending a holiday gift to the wife Al Faragasso.

In addition a motion was made to invite her to the holiday party and have the club pick up the cost. This motion was seconded by Steve Karger and all present were in favor. Andy Aberer will invite Mrs. Faragasso to the event. Additionally we discussed providing Mrs. Faragasso with a Christmas basket of Cheer or something as a gesture of the Holiday spirit from JSTS. The executive board will determine how to code the expenses against the budget line items. Barbara B. has volunteered to work with Andy to figure out the appropriate gift. In addition Andy suggested a somewhat permanent memorial to Al F at the accident site. Multiple ideas were discussed and Andy A volunteered his creative wife to develop a concept to put before the membership for review and approval.

We need to purchase folding tables for our various events. Sam's Club has the 5' tables for approximately \$40 dollars. We will need 4 to 5 tables. We do need the tables and we will need to determine where to store them but it was agreed the club would budget for them in the next budget cycle.

Brochure Update Discussion

David passed out samples of the "old" or existing JSTS promotional brochure and asked the question if we need to update the brochure to reflect the current club. Andy A remarked that in his long time with the Ride for Autism that the brochures were remarkably ineffective. There is no ROI available for the time and money spent to so determine if it has a positive impact on the event/club. That being said it was unanimously agreed upon that JSTS needs to do a better job, and be more effective with their social media promotion and strategy. Al McCormack made a motion not to pursue a new brochure and was seconded by Alan Z. All present were in favor with the exception of Steve Karger who abstained and the motion passed.

Insurance Coverage

Who is covered under our insurance – Executive Board? Ride Leaders? Committee Chair Person/Members?

It was determine that the Executive Board and ride leaders are covered but not Committee Chairs- however we need to go back to our insurance carrier and reconfirm what the current status of the coverage is and who it encompasses. In addition- General Liability for the officers & Directors should be verified. Steve S has volunteered to investigate the current status of our coverage and to whom it pertains.

Andy A has a contact for an insurance company that specializes in biking -her name is Meg Carruthers and Steve S will check it out.

The NJ Bike Walk Summit meets on Feb 25, 2017. Steve S proposed a motion that we send someone from the club and JSTS to pay the fee. Don L seconded and all were in favor.

There being no further business before the club this evening Bob S made a motion to adjourn. All present were in favor.

President David Lee gaveled the meeting to a close at 829pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Cronan

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JSTS Secretary