

MINUTES OF MARCH 2017 MEETING

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 By President David Lee and introductions made. 3 officers and 13 members in attendance.

The Treasurer's Report for February was read into the February minutes. A motion was made by Rob Leitner and seconded by Donna Matulewicz. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's report for March was given by Ron Daggett and approved.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Jerry Korn announced that we have 170 members as of 3/12. Families have 49; Individuals 121 of which 22 are new members.

Souper Saturday: David reported for Stephanie that it was too cold to ride but the soup was good. People told stories of previous rides. Everyone had a great time.

Ride coordinator: David received an email from Barb that the ride schedule was in the process of being prepared and will be put on the schedule.

Special rides and dates are: La dolce Vita – Spring 4/22; Champaign Ride – 4/23; Ride out to Tour of Somerville 5/29 Need Leaders; Ride4Autism 6/10; JSTS Summer Tour 6/23-26 (Have 27 Participants and some space is available. Vermont Challenge 8/17-20;

Club Century 9/3; Italy – Hotel Dory 9/9 – 16 (6 participants, Space Available); Grand Fondo NJ 9/10 (19 participants, Space Available); La Dolce Vita – Fall 9/16; Unsupported Century 9/23; Al's Covered Bridge Ride 10/7; Harvest Ride 10/15

Rich Donovan has volunteered to assist with the day to day changes of the ride schedule.

Correspondence: Ron read some mail.

Old Business:

Monmouth County Library will host a " Getting back in cycling" Program on 5/11 at the Manalapan Library @ 7 P.M.

NJBW Summit 2/25 – Debbie Asbjorn reported

The New Jersey Bike Walk Summit, held Feb 25 in Princeton, is New Jersey's statewide meeting of bicycle and pedestrian advocates, elected officials and other township leaders, transportation and urban planners, bike shop owners and managers, cycling, walking, fitness and health enthusiasts and experts, recreation, trails and club leaders and others who are interested in

making our state a better place to live. This year's summit hosted a record 275 attendees.

Following the Plenary there were 20 workshop sessions to choose from throughout the day.

I attended the GrassRoots Brainstorm. Facilitated by Paul Steely White, the Executive Director of Transportation Alternatives in New York City. This non-profit advocacy group is catalyzing the rapid growth of NYC's bicycle lane network and car-free public spaces. There were 10 panelists from various coalition organizations including two members of Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition, Doug McQueen and Polli Schildge participated on this panel.

Polli and Doug, with the help of NJBWC began the APCSC in 2016, born from a simple idea that people deserve to move freely and safely from place to place; by foot, by bike, by bus or by car; all modes of transportation have earned their place on the road.

Mission Statement: Streets are "complete" when there is safe access for all users – for pedestrians, bicyclists, the elderly, the mobility challenged and drivers. Complete streets make it easy to safely cross the street, walk to school, bicycle to work and stroll through healthy business districts, making Asbury Park a better place to live. Our streets should be designed for all road users. Speed endangers our most vulnerable citizens. Crashes cause pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver deaths. Their

WEBSITE: apcompletestreets.org to see many items that would be helpful to give you context and background.

I also attended the Bike Club Meetings – facilitated by Jim Hunt (Morris Area Freewheelers).

This was a workshop where members & board members from NJ bike clubs could share open ride information and discuss challenges that every club faces. A private FB page was created by Jim Hunt:

- NJ Bicycle Clubs Network (NJBCN) on FB - a forum for NJ bike clubs to share ride information and post open rides. To share membership challenges, ride registration challenges (for open rides). Share ideas for clubs to get members involved by Volunteering.

Reading of Bylaws revision: Charlie Kirlew was unable to attend and David put off the item until next meeting.

Al Faragasso was approved for Life Time Membership.

Proposed By-law change regarding Life Time Members: Rob Leitner spoke about some changes and submitted these suggested guidelines for discussion:

<http://www.jsts.us/pdf/JSTS%20Life%20Members%20-%20March%202017%20Meeting.pdf>

Insurance documents: They should be made available to members on the website.

Al Faragasso wreath location: Andy Aberer was not at the meeting so this was put off until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation of Secretary: The elected Secretary had to resign for personal reasons and Bob Spony will be interim Secretary until a permanent one can be elected & sworn in. the Executive board will be looking for a replacement.

Clothing orders: Steve did it last year and the problem of distribution was discussed. Andy Aberer has volunteered to use a fulfillment system to distribute but will add to the cost of the order. This will be discussed in the future.

Revised sign in sheet: New form is on the website and members discussed the changes to the waiver form which was okay by the Insurance company.

Holiday Party: Members will be getting prices from different place and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Picnic: Discussion about where we need a place with a pool which limits where it can be held. If no pool is needed, it opens up more places where the picnic can be held. A poll of the members indicated most felt a pool was no longer required. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

No other business a motion made and accepted to adjourn