

## JSTS MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 9, 2017

The JSTS October 9 general meeting took place at Shrewsbury Bicycle, 765 Broad St, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702. Shrewsbury Bicycle is offering any JSTS member 25% off any merchandise thru October 15, 2017. Stop by, they have a large selection of Cannondale bicycles as well as Giant, Felt & Electra, a full service bike shop and many accessories.

Meeting start: 7:15pm

EB: David Lee, Ron Daggett, Steve Surowicz, Debbie Asbjorn

9 members attended

- Treasurer reports for 5/1/2017- 6/1/2017 and 6/1/2017 – 9/1/2017 were read & accepted.
- Treasurer report for 9/1/2017- -10/1/2017 was read and approved
- Membership report – Jerry Korn
  - Currently there are 364 members: 263 single memberships, 44 family memberships
  - New membership procedure for family memberships – due to the difficulty getting waivers signed for family memberships (all members of the family to sign the waiver) a new procedure is now in place for the 2018 season.
    - Steve Buchanan has changed the website requiring family memberships to be done manually. The family completes the form with all members signing the waiver and children ages to be listed. A check to be mailed to the JSTS PO box along with the waiver. Incomplete waivers & checks will be returned as incomplete. Age limit for “children” listed under family memberships is 18.
- Ride Coordinator – Barb Bennett (not in attendance, report provided)
  - 2017 Recap
    - Ride For Autism - The Ride for Autism in June netted close to \$50,000 for Autism New Jersey! Thank you to the club for their continued and unwavering support.
    - Gran Fondo – very successful event, with at least 20 JSTS participants
    - Italy trip – also very successful. The 7 JSTS participants were part of a 50 person group
    - La Dolce Vita Ride – very successful, though I don’t have a count of attendees; 2018 event scheduled for Sept 15
    - Unsupported Century – 7 riders
    - Al’s memorial ride – 17 riders; A beautiful day for a ride! Andy Abere coordinated a wreath-placement at the foot of the covered bridge in Sergeantsville
    - Harvest Ride – scheduled for Sunday, Oct 15 - Allen Z - coordinator
  - **MTB season:** scheduled to start Nov 11; rides on Saturdays and Sundays at various parks throughout the county
    - Cynthia LoCastro has offered to lead a few “beginner” MTB rides at Allaire, in December.
    - Anyone interested in leading an MTB ride should contact me!
  - **Frostbite season:** This year there are 5 full weekends in December. Frostbite rules say that you must ride on 4 of the 5 weekends to qualify for a prize.
    - ALL pace rides scheduled for Saturdays from FY (leader: Everett)
    - A/B+ pace rides scheduled for Saturdays from MJT (leader: Steve Schwartz)
    - Looking for more volunteers for rides – particularly on Sundays! Contact me!
    - Will also need someone to compile frostbite data – David will reach out to Donna
  - 2018 Proposed schedule – Note: volunteers are needed for coordination for some of these rides/events. If you are interested contact Barb Bennett.
    - March – Souper Saturday
    - 4/21 – La Dolce Vita spring edition ride
    - 4/22 – Champagne Ride 9rain date 4/29)
    - May - Five Borough Bike Tour, NYC
    - May – MS Coast-the-Coast
    - May – Ride of Silence – Cynthia LoCastro/Debbie Asbjorn
    - 5/28 – Tour of Somerville
    - 6/9 - Ride 4 Autism – Andy Abere

- 6/22-25 – JSTS Summer Tour – Rob Leitner/Barb Bennett
- June – Longest Day Pizza Ride
- July or August – Club Picnic
- 8/16-19 – Vermont challenge – Barb Bennett
- August – Bike Vermont with CJSC
- 9/2 – JSTS Club Century
- 9/15-9/29 – Italy trip – Barb Bennett
- 9/9 – Grand Fondo NJ – Barb Bennett
- 9/15 – La Dolce Vita Fall ride – Andy Abere
- 9/22 – JSTS Saturday Century (unsupported) – Barb Bennett
- 10/6 – Al's covered Bridge Ride – Barb Bennett
- 10/14 - Harvest Ride
- December – Holiday Party
- Election Committee – Don Levy (not in attendance)
  - Contact Don Levy if interested in serving on the Election Committee; 2-3 members are needed by 10/15
  - If interested in running for an Executive board position: Pres, VP, Secty, Treas contact Don Levy by 10/15
- Holiday Party – Steve Surowicz, Sue Scarola, Charlie Kirlew
  - Sunday Dec 17, 2-5pm @ MJ's Buttonwood, Matawan.
- New Business
  - Club Insurance – Insurance carrier has been changed from LAB to McKay Insurance The primary reason for seeking new insurance coverage was about a 50% increase in the cost of the LAB policy. Coverage with McKay is similar to LAB for general liability but further investigation/understanding into the language for coverage of Officers & ride leaders is needed - Steve Surowicz will look further into the details of the coverage and possibly making changes to the membership waiver.
  - It was suggested that a review of the club events be done to evaluate
    - How to increase attendance
    - Have some of these events lived past their prime and need to be replaced by something else?
    - Further discussion is needed and possibly sending out survey to the membership for input

Meeting adjourned @ 9:15pm