

JSTS MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2006 MEETING

Club president Steve Karger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Peddler bicycle shop in Long Branch. Steve announced that Bob Spony could not attend due to the sudden and serious illness of his wife. Jean Roy took meeting minutes in Bob's absence. All at the meeting expressed their concern and offered their wishes and prayers for her quick recovery.

Mike Schiavo welcomed the club to the Peddler, spoke briefly about this year's new crop of bicycles, and reminded us of the 6% to 10% discount that the Peddler extends to JSTS members. Mike's dog delivered plenty of cheer and affection throughout the meeting.

Minutes - Steve Karger

- The February meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report – Mark Billon

- The report was read and accepted

Membership report – Mark Billon

- We have 101 members. 78 individual members, 22 family members, and 1 bike shop. There are 41 new members and 60 renewals.

Rides

- *Mountain Biking*: The mountain biking season is nearly over. It was a good season, with many riders, especially in January. John will be leading some mountain rides this summer. We are looking for a new mountain bike captain for 2007.
- *Road Rides*: The regular road ride season begins in April. The good news is that we have captains for the A rides (Tom Love), C rides (Pete Benton), and D rides (Wes Sharrick). We don't yet have a B ride captain. Pete Benton and Steve Karger will temporarily lead the B rides. Wes is planning to lead some rides from Brielle.

The Tuesday night rides (AKA the Testosterone ride) start on April 4th at 6:00. They will be led by Pete Benton. Paces will be 16-20 mph. Steve is submitting this ride to Bicycling Magazine so it can be widely publicized.

Thursday night rides, Introduction to group riding, will resume at Brookdale College on April 6th at 6:00.
- *Charity Rides*: We are looking for volunteer ride marshals for the May 20 and 21st MS 170 ride. Representatives of the MS Society will speak about the ride at our April meeting. Keith is asking members to sign up for this seasons' charity rides that include the Diabetes ride (June 3rd) and Autism ride (June 10th). Keith will be putting charity ride information on the club web site.

Bike Shops

- Mark announced that one bike shop has renewed its membership.

Bike Advocacy

- A New Jersey law now requires all riders 17 and under to wear helmets. Previously, helmets were required for riders 14 and under.

OLD BUSINESS

- Frostbite Rides - 27 members qualified for the frostbite shirts. 65 riders participated in all of the MTB rides, 59 participated in the 9am road rides, and 50 participated in the 10am road rides.
- Bike Show - March 18th & 19th. We are looking for volunteers to staff our club table at the bike show at Raritan Center. Show hours are 9:00 to 5:30 Saturday and 9:00 to 4:30 on Sunday. Please wear your JSTS jersey if you have one.
- Keith Dickson presented a motion to form a ride committee, intended to discuss ride-related issues and come up with recommendations to deal with those issues. The motion passed. Keith, Bonny Bowman, and Harold Brenner will present a detailed proposal for the composition of the committee at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- The champagne ride will be on April 23rd. We are seeking a coordinator.
- Steve presented a motion to hold our second annual awards dinner in early May (in conjunction with the May general meeting) at the same restaurant as last year. The motion passed. Steve will reserve the date at the restaurant, but we are seeking a volunteer to coordinate the event, and volunteers to help prepare the awards.
- All present thanked Andy Melnick for agreeing to host our summer picnic, which is scheduled for July 9th.

The meeting was adjourned.