

JSTS MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2007 MEETING

Meeting called to order at Brookdale College by President Rob Leitner at 7:30.

Introduction of members given.

Minutes from November meeting read & accepted. Correspondence read.

Treasurer's report – Mark Billon

- Read and accepted.

Membership report – Mark Billon

- Best of his knowledge, we have 92 members. Report accepted.

Ride Report

- **Frostbite Series:** It was a successful series as 51 riders qualified because of mild weather. We have sufficient funds to cover the cost of the shirts, but they maybe short sleeve (which seems appropriate given the warm weather). Andy Paquin is working on several designs, which will be voted on by the members that qualified.
- **Mountain Bike Rides:** There have been no injuries because, due to muddy conditions, riders have been taken it slower. Co-captains have been talking about scheduling some away rides. Directions will be posted on the web site.
- **Road Rides:** There was a no-drop hilly ride this past Sunday for B+ or stronger riders, and there was a good turnout. Al reported that there will be route sheets for his ride out of Allaire. Rob asked him to send route and he will post. Everett is leading rides from Freehold YMCA on Saturdays. Harold Brenner and Gary Dates will be planning some longer or hilly rides on Sundays throughout the winter for B+ or stronger riders. Keep checking the ride schedule on the web site for details.
- **Sign in Sheets:** Rob announced that Jim King has revised the sign-in sheet to have a column for cell phone number (if you are carrying one with you on the ride), along with emergency contact information. This new sheet will be posted on the web site soon. All ride captains will turn in ride sign-in sheets to the Secretary. Fred Sweet questioned the need for sign in sheets, but Bill Cranor said that it is a requirement of the insurance company. They are also a way for the ride leader to have the emergency contact information for each person on the ride. It was also suggested that the sign-in sheets state that riders must carry emergency contact information on them when riding.
- **Winter Madness:** This is underway. Bruce Naidoff will be maintaining the tracking sheet for this series of rides. Updates will be posted on a weekly basis.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Polo Shirts:** Were distributed at the holiday party for those that were there. Al McCormick volunteered to distribute the remaining shirts to those people who weren't at the party to receive theirs.
- **Holiday Party:** Rob thanked Sue for an excellent job. She said that nothing was left, including the cake. Everyone had a great time. Next time, we will only schedule the party from 7pm-10pm (instead of 11pm). Sue volunteered to organize the party for 2007, and Beth Gershon will work with her on the awards.
- **Donation to Food Bank:** Sue said that the money collected at the Holiday Party was turned over to the Food Bank. She said that some people gave more than the requested \$10/person, bringing the total donation up to \$840.00.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget review & approval:** Mark explained what the budget for the coming year as against the previous year. Discussion followed regarding some of the items on the list and what the Board of Directors planned to do with them. Motion made by Al McCormick to accept the budget, seconded by Naidu Gandham. Motion carried.
- **Name Change of the Club:** Rob said that members had expressed interest in changing the name of the club. Secretary Bob said that it was tried a few years ago and was turned down. Motion was made by Bill Morgan and seconded by Gary Dates to **CONSIDER** changing the name. Vote was taken with 5 for motion and 15 against. Motion defeated. Rob said that it can be brought up again at another time.
- **Clothing Order:** Rob explained that we have to order a minimum of 25 each for short sleeve and long sleeve items. If we increase the quantity to 50, then the cost per item decreases. Based on this, a proposal was made to order extra short sleeve items to bring the quantity up to 50. For 25 short sleeves, the cost would be around \$83.00 each, but if we order 50 the cost would be around \$65.00 each. Beth has orders so far for 23 long sleeve items and 19 short sleeve items. Motion was made by Paul Peirro & seconded by Bill Cranor to order the 50 short sleeve items and 25 long sleeve items, and to keep the extra in inventory to sell as requests come in later. Motion carried.
- **Planning Ride Schedules:** Rob reported that the ride schedule that was used in 2006 will be sent out for the ride captains for review. The A+ riders will talk amongst themselves to find a leader. The "D" rides may need a captain.
- **Ride Leaders:** Rob said that ride schedules will be posted with the leader specified as "Volunteer Needed". People can click on and enter their name. Responsibility of leaders will be posted. These new procedures will hopefully make it easier to get more people to lead rides.
- **Donation to Bikes for Tykes:** We will be looking to see if we can find an alternate organization in Monmouth County, such as Autism Community, where we can donate these funds. We will speak to Andy Abere.
- **Bike Shop Coordinator:** Bill Cranor will coordinate and is asking members who frequent shops to speak to them about supporting us.
- **Membership Coordinator:** Treasurer Mark will be coordinator and is looking to have a committee. Paul Peirro volunteered to help.
- **Champagne Ride:** Gail Stevens volunteered to chair and a tentative date of April 22 was decided. A suggestion was made to have the Spring Time Trial for the Champagne Ride.
- **Ride for Autism:** Setting up web site with new vendor (should be up within the next month).
- **Club Picnic:** Looking for volunteers and need chairman.
- **Email for Club News:** A new email address news@jsts.us will be started for members to send any news items that they may have. For now, this email will go to Bonny Bowman, and she will include appropriate announcements in her weekly updates to the membership.
- **Liability Issues:** Some discussion about incorporating, but item was tabled until next meeting.
- **Process for Voting on Motions for Spending Money:** This item was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

Rob announced that the next meeting will be at Romeo's Restaurant at the Marlboro Mall on February 12th. Pizza and drink will be available at the beginning of the meeting for a nominal cost, which will be subsidized by the club. Details will be on the web site.

No other business, meeting adjourned.