

JSTS MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2007 MEETING

Meeting called to order at Romeo's Restaurant by President Rob Leitner at 7:00.

Introduction of board and members given.

Minutes from January meeting read & accepted. Correspondence read.

Treasurer's report – Mark Billon

- Read and accepted.

Membership report – Mark Billon

- We have 93 individual members; 29 family members and 0 bike shops
- We have 20 new and 102 renewed members

Ride Report

- **Winter madness:** 63 people have participated the first 5 weeks and 14 have ridden every weekend. Adjustments to the rides will be made according to the weather conditions.
- **Mountain Bike Rides:** Steve Karger reported that the rides are going well. We will have a ride out of Clayton Park this Saturday and will be looking to do a ride from Mount Misery on 2/25 with the East Coast Bike Club. The rides will continue through March.
- **Road Rides:** Al McCormack said that his rides from Allaire Park are averaging 12 to 14 people. The rides will be kept at 10 A.M. for the time being. Bonny Bowman will be doing a Presidents Day ride from Manasquan. Everett's Saturday rides are going well. Jim King revised the sign-in sheet to include a column for cell phone entry (assuming you carry one with you when you ride). We still need a "D" ride captain, but Wes has agreed to do it if the rides go the same route as the "C" rides but 30% shorter.
- **Sign-in Sheets:** Bob Spony reminded everyone that all sign-in sheets need to be sent to him.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Clothing orders:** Beth Gershon has gathered the names but we need checks. Has gotten 3 so far and we need to have orders for at least half of what we are planning to order before the order will be placed. Order forms are available on the web site.
- **Ride schedule for 2007:** Harold Brenner reported that we will basically schedule the same rides as last year, except for some minor changes that Tom Love (A captain) is making based on feedback from riders.
- **Status of ride leader guidelines:** Bill Cranor reported that he has worked closely with Everett to get ideas of what is to be expected from ride leaders, new riders and experienced riders. They will be sent out for review and eventually be posted on the web site.
- **Donation to Charity in lieu of Bikes for Tykes:** The money has been raised and we have been looking for an alternative for the donation. Andy Aberer suggested an organization called "Lose The Training Wheels" which focuses on teaching kids with special needs how to ride a bike. They have special equipment. Our donation will help offset the cost for families to send their children to the camps that this organization holds. Motion made by Silvana Dickson and seconded by Al McCormack that we give the \$950.00 to this organization. Motion carried.
- **Incorporation:** Rob announced that this could help to reduce the liability for the officers. We would be set up as a "Not for Profit" organization. There would be an annual meeting of members. By laws and an annual report would need to be sent to the state. Costs are approximately \$300-\$500 up front to set things up, and annual filing fees under \$100. We would need to prepare/file a tax return each year. If there isn't anyone in the club that could do this,

we would have to pay an accountant to prepare the return each year. The subject of additional insurance for the officers was raised, as just incorporating might not really provide an adequate level of protection for the officers. Discussion followed and it was voted to proceed with the incorporation, and also investigate the insurance. Any update to our by-laws (see below) should be completed before we incorporate.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Process for voting on motions for spending money:** This was postponed from the January meeting. Rob said that the Board of Directors recommended that if the club wants to spend money over a certain amount, a motion should be made and discussed and then voted on at the following meeting. Fred Sweet made a motion that any non-budgeted expense over \$150 will be put on the agenda for discussion and voted on at the next meeting with Frank Cappola seconding. Motion passed.
- **Review/Revision of Bylaws:** Maria Anastasia reported 99% of the document has been drafted and will be proofed in a few days. Steve Karger suggested one meeting to discuss and a vote the following meeting. It will be put on the website about two weeks before the next meeting.
- **Summer Tour:** Fred said that the club should have a SAG supported trip of three or four days in an area close to here. It would be subsidized by the club and be for members only. If people are interested, Fred will chair a committee to look into it.
- **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:** Steve Karger explained that we did this ride with them last year from Long Branch. They have asked our help for the coming year. Steve has asked Everett to design some routes for them and he will be having a meeting with them soon.
- **Web Site Hosting:** Rob reported that Billy Morgan, who has hosted our web site on one of his servers for the past couple of years at no cost to the club, will be bringing the server offline soon. We are currently working to get the site transferred to a new hosting facility. We will have the same address (www.jsts.us), just new equipment behind the scenes. The new facility we are looking at costs about \$35.00 per year. Hopefully it will be a seamless transition.
- **Membership List:** Rob said that in the past the list was printed out and sent to members via regular mail along with the printed club news letter. When the printed news letter stopped, membership information was no longer sent to the members. The membership list will now be put on the website, and it will be password protected. It will be limited to name, town, and email address (no street address, and no phone number).
- **Time Trial:** George Gregorio will have the trial at the same time as the Champagne ride in order to get more participants.
- **Posting Events on Web Site:** Silvana Dickson thought that events should be posted on the web site. Keith Dickson agreed to take care of this.

Next meeting will be March 12th at a place to be determined.

No other business, motion to adjourn was accepted.