

JSTS MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2007 MEETING

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

Introduction of board and 12 members.

Guest Speaker – Erin Sullivan (MS National Society)

- Erin spoke about the 16th annual “Coast the Coast” ride leaving from Monmouth University. The ride dates are May 19th & 20th. She spoke about the new things that they are having. They will have an expo of vendors at Monmouth University on Friday night and Saturday morning. Various ride lengths are being offered, with the longest ride (170 miles) covering both days. The night of the 19th will be at Pinelands Regional High School. The next day will continue on to Cape May. Riders will be bussed back to Monmouth University.

Minutes and Correspondence – Bob Spony

- Minutes from March meeting were read and accepted. Correspondence read.

Treasurer’s report – Mark Billon

- Read and accepted.

Membership report – Mark Billon

- We have 117 individual members; 34 family members and 1 bike shops. Total of 152 members
- We have 27 new and 124 renewed members. Membership list is online (password protected).

Ride Report

- **Mountain Bike Rides:** The rides are over after another successful season. Rob thanked John Gillis, Steve Karger and Bryan Hrycyk for being captains this season.
- **Road Rides**
 - Regular rides are underway and the schedule has been posted.
 - New system of having riders click on “Volunteer Needed” to lead a ride seems to be working. There was discussion about a proposal that if no one has signed up to lead a ride, riders should bring a route sheet and a sign up sheet to the ride. Then a leader should be chosen from those that show up to ride (and that person should take care of the sign-up sheet). This proposal was agreed to, and will be posted on the web site with the ride schedule. Note that a revised sign-up sheet was posted a couple of months ago that has a place for cell phone number if you are carrying one on the ride.
 - There is still no D Captain and no rides have been posted. Discussion followed regarding routes. Rob will take the D rides from last year and post them on the website, with all ride leaders set to “Volunteer Needed”. A leader will be taken from those riders who show up for the D ride (as described above). Wes Sharick (C captain) said that he would help find a D leader at the rides, and would lead the D’s occasionally (if necessary).
 - Bob Spony reminded everyone that ride leaders are supposed to forward sign-in sheets to him for record keeping.
- **Champagne Ride & Time Trial:** Gail Stevens said that the ride is this Sunday April 22. She spoke about what is needed. Tables are needed. Emergency identification systems for helmets will be given to the first 50 riders. Time trial may be cancelled due to lack of interest.
- **JSTS presence at charity rides:** We have an option to have a table at the MS expo and Rob will send an email regarding this. The Diabetes Tour De Cure ride will be June 2nd. The Ride for Autism will be on June 9th. Andy Abernethy has brochures and we will have membership application brochures which will be put into the bags.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Web site migration:** New way to access restricted information is complete (needs password only, no user name). Rob thanked Billy Morgan for hosting the old site for the past couple of years (and the extra few months) at no cost to the club.
- **Frostbite Series:** Rob reported that shirts with the winning design have been ordered and we hope to have them for distribution at this Sunday's Champagne Ride.
- **JSTS Clothing:** Beth Gershon announced that the clothing has been ordered and she hopes to have by May. We were able to order the long sleeve items, by supplementing the order with an order of some arm warmers.
- **Review of ride leader guidelines:** All information has been posted but no one provided any feedback. If there is no feedback, the proposed documents will be cleaned up and made official.
- **Review/Revision of Bylaws:** They have been posted but some things have to be worked out yet. The subject of absentee ballots was brought up and discussed. Members in attendance at the meeting were not opposed to having absentee ballots via email (or some other electronic means), as long as we could provide some reasonable protection against fraud (maybe by having email sent to multiple people). This will be discussed further internally, and at the next meeting.
- **Incorporation and D&O Insurance:** Bill Cranor has been doing an extensive amount of research on these topics, and presented the following information at the meeting:
 - Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance provides protection for financial misconduct. This type of insurance is used by many clubs that run paid rides/events, where they are insured if someone sues them for financial losses in the case where a ride/event is cancelled. Since JSTS does not run paid rides/events, this type of insurance does not seem necessary for our club.
 - Our current liability policy (from the insurance carrier through LAB) is the right type of insurance for the club. The financial limits on that policy are \$1MM per occurrence, with a lifetime limit of \$3MM. Sources that Bill spoke to recommended raising the limits on the policy. Bill will investigate further and report back.
 - Incorporating still seems to be an appropriate step for our club. We would most likely incorporate as a 501(c)(7) (a "Social and Recreation Club"), as opposed to a 501(c)(3) (a "Charity"). The creation and maintenance of a 501(c)(7) is far less complicated than a 501(c)(3). A multitude of information is available on these different classifications is available on the internet (for those that are interested in more information). Cost to incorporate would be around \$300 to \$500, and then only requires the filing of a relatively simple tax form (990EZ) if our revenues exceed \$25K/year (with approximately 250 members, we would have to grow a lot to reach that).
 - Discussion followed regarding liability concerns and how we will handle them. It was agreed that we are no longer questioning "whether or not we should do something", but rather "confirming what we need to do". Recommendations to the membership will be put forth at the next meeting.
- **Summer Tour:** Art Goldberg gave the members information about the JSTS summer tour in Kutztown, Pa. Art spoke about places to stay & eat. He passed around photos of the Campus Inn (motel where we will be staying). Cost will be about \$60 per night per room. There are 13 people signed up so far, and the hotel is holding 15 of its 29 rooms for us. Details are posted on our web site, and pictures of the motel will be added soon.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Summer Picnic:** Still need a place to hold the picnic. Steve Karger is working on this.
- **Online membership application:** We are now able to accept membership applications through ACTIVE.COM (link to be posted on our web site) for a small convenience fee. Members can pay by credit card. During the application process we are gathering additional information about what pace(s) the member expects to ride with, and whether or not they are interested in leading rides.
- **Sponsorship from Accelerade:** Riders can purchase products directly from the manufacturer using the link on our web site at a discount of 25% until May 21st (thereafter at a 20% discount), and the club will get a small royalty from each purchase.
- **Donation:** The program that we agreed to donate the \$950 to was cancelled, and we were once again without an organization to donate to. Given our goal to have this money go toward something to do with children and bicycles, it was agreed to donate the funds to the Monmouth Council of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Rob had already contacted them, and confirmed that these funds would be used as we had hoped. The money would be split evenly between the two organizations (Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts). The Boy Scouts would be using the money to purchase 2 mountain bikes for their summer mountain bike program that operates in Forestburg, NY (75% of attendees are from the Monmouth Council of Boy Scouts). The Girl Scouts would be using the money to purchase mountain bikes locally for their summer programs where they teach bike safety. Rob suggested that the amount be raised to an even \$1,000, thereby giving \$500 to each organization. Everyone agreed and motion was carried.

Next meeting: Location is to be confirmed (probably Beacon's new store in Freehold), but the date is Monday, May 14th. We will have a guest speaker from Harbor House.

No other business, motion to adjourn was accepted.