

JSTS MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2007 MEETING

Meeting called to order at Beacon Cycles by President Rob Leitner at 7:30.

Introduction of board and 21 members.

Dan Brennan, manager of Beacon's Freehold store, spoke about the shop and what they want to do. He pointed out that snacks were available to meeting attendees (along with a free bike wrench / bottle opener), and also reminded members that they receive a 10% discount on products in the store.

Sid Colvin, representing Ocean's Harbor House, spoke about the history of the organization, which started in 1985. The ride is their biggest fund raiser and has raised approximately \$500,000 in ten years. This year they have a 5 day ride that will travel to Virginia & back. Riders have to raise at least \$750. They also have a 3 day ride and a 1 day ride. The 1 day ride is July 15th, and the fee is \$25.00.

Minutes from April meeting read & accepted.

Correspondence read.

Treasurer's report – Mark Billon

- Read and accepted.

Membership report – Mark Billon

- We have 155 individual members; 42 family members and 3 bike shops. Total of 200 members.
- We have 60 new and 137 renewed members. Member list is online and is password protected.
- Online membership application is working well.

Ride Report

- **Road Rides:** Rob asked if anyone volunteered to lead rides with the new system. Bob Spony announced that he did. Discussion followed about new riders with riding with experienced riders. Rob said that he has heard no feedback regarding the "D" riders, who have no leader. As for ride safety, Rob discussed various things from feedback he has gotten from riders. As in prior years, pizza will be available the week of June 21 (the Summer Solstice) for the Tuesday and Thursday riders.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Champagne Ride Recap:** Photos from the day will be posted soon. Rob said we had good weather and that Gail Stevens did a great job and was given an ovation.
- **M.E.D.S. Helmet ID System:** The initial order of 50 was distributed at the Champagne Ride. It was decided to order 100 more and will be distributed to the ride captains.
- **JSTS at Charity Rides:** The M.S. ride this weekend will have an exposition where we will have a table at Monmouth University. People are needed to man the table Friday Night and Saturday. Keith spoke about the Diabetes Ride to be held June 2nd where they will need marshals. As for the Autism Ride, Andy talked about the ride which will be June 9th, which also needs marshals. Both leave from Brookdale Community College.

- **Frostbite Series:** Rob said that many of the shirts were distributed to the riders at the Champagne Ride. Those that have not received theirs yet will be asked if they want to pick up or have mailed (possibly at nominal cost). Al McCormick showed members some of the old shirts from 20 years ago.
- **Review/Revision of Bylaws:** Rob has gotten some e-mails about the revisions and has received some feedback from Everett. Absentee ballots for elections was brought up and discussed.
- **Incorporation and Insurance:** Bill Cranor explained that before incorporation we have to approve the by-laws. He is organizing the information and will send it to Rob so it can be posted before the next meeting so we can vote on it. He recommended that our liability insurance be increased to 3 million dollars at a cost of approximately \$150.00 extra.
- **Summer Tour:** Fred said that they have 7 people that have reserved rooms. The dates are August 15th to the 19th. Members are encouraged to reserve rooms ASAP, as they are only holding 15 rooms for us (all non-smoking). You can always cancel if you change your mind. Pictures of the motel will be posted soon.
- **Summer Picnic:** Tony Blaser has agreed to host the picnic this year. Date is Sunday, July 15th. Steve Karger is organizing this event.
- **Donations to Scout Organizations:** Mark said that \$500 has been sent to the Boy Scouts and we will be purchasing bikes and helmets with the other \$500 for the Girl Scouts.

NEW BUSINESS

- **League Certified Instructor:** Everett contacted Rob to tell him about a class offered by LAB for becoming a "League Certified Instructor" (LCI). The cost of the class is \$50, and he suggested that the club might want to consider picking up the cost to send interested members to the class to become "certified". Paul Pierro mentioned that he was an LCI, and said that the class is really intended for novice cyclists. Paul felt that most JSTS members were already more experienced than what this class teaches, as he also teaches the class.

Next meeting will be June 11th at a place to be determined.

No other business, motion to adjourn was accepted.