

JSTS MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 MEETING

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

Introduction of 3 board members and 15 members was announced.

Guest Speaker - Beth Katz from the Ride for Missing Children

- Beth thanked us for our support from last year and asked us help them marshalling the routes. She talked about what they do and what will be done this year. She said that there are schools are giving out flyers and the organizations that will help. She answered questions from members and thanked us again.

Minutes from June 11th meeting read & accepted.

Correspondence read from The Girl Scouts thanking the club for the donation to purchase bikes.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Billon

- Motion made to accept report and carried.

Membership Report – Mark Billon

- We now have a total of 276 members that is up from 246 from last year. He said that we have had a lot of on-line registrations.

Ride Report

- **Road Rides**
 - **Club Century Recap:** Rob said that we had good weather and had an unavoidable accident with Dan Hinton injuring his shoulder. Another minor accident happened between Mary Vasco and John Freeman. Rob thanked Laura Smith, Gail Stevens & George Gregorio for doing the SAG support for the club. Also thanked Beacon Bikes for supplying equipment, which we used 4 tubes.
 - **Harvest Ride Sunday, Sept 30th:** Rob said that we need a volunteer to get the refreshments for the ride. He will send out an email to see if anyone is interested to chair this function.
 - **Covered Bridge Ride, Oct 20th:** Bill Metzger is leading this ride in PA, and details are posted on the web site.
- **Charity Rides**
 - **Ride for Missing Children:** Ride is this Sunday, Sept. 16th. Start is 8:00am.
 - **Timmy's Tour de Shore:** Ride is Sunday October 7th and leaves from Sandy Hook. They need marshals for the routes and money raised will go to Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.
- **Mountain Bike Rides**
 - Steve Karger reported the schedule has been set through the end of the year, and that they will start with easier rides first (beginners are welcome). The first ride is the first Saturday in October. Rob said that normally there are 8-15 riders and is a good way to stay in shape during the winter. Given that the rides are on trails in the woods, on windy days it is more pleasant to do the mountain bike rides than road rides, as the trees block the wind. Rides are posted.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Review/revision of bylaws:** Rob announced that revision # 7 has been posted for a month on the web site. Naidu Gandham had a question about how we suspend a rider. It was clarified that it was by the Board of Directors. Steve Karger made a motion to accept the by-laws, subject to non-substantive clarifications and correction of any spelling mistakes. Second by Al McCormick. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Incorporation and Insurance:** Now that the new by-laws have been approved, Rob will work with Bill Cranor to take care of the incorporation and insurance adjustments. Rob announced that there was previous approval at the last meeting regarding cost and coverage.
- **JSTS Clothing:** Most of the new Jerseys have been distributed. For those wishing to see what they look like, the design is on the order form on the web site. An inventory of what sizes we have left in stock is available on the web site.
- **Frostbite Shirts & Winter Madness Awards;** All shirts and gift certificates have been distributed.
- **Summer Tour Recap:** Rob reported that there were 8-10 people to do the ride in the hilly part of PA, made up mostly of A & B riders. Accommodations were adequate and everyone had a good time. He thanked Fred and Art for organizing the trip.
- **Summer Picnic:** The picnic this year was at Tony Blazer's house on July 15th. Weather was very good but Steve Karger said that it wasn't as well attended as in the past. He said that more people need to bring items for the picnic. He thanked people who helped clean up. Rob thanked him for his efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Holiday Party:** Back in January, Sue Scarola had volunteered to chair the party. It will be held on Saturday, December 15th from 7-10 pm. Anyone who wants a different D.J., can find one if it's in the same price range (\$300-\$350). It was decided not to extend the party to 11pm as we did last year, as many people left around 10pm. Motion made to give gift certificates from bike shops as prizes. Motion passed. Also, due to higher expenses this year, the \$10 admission fee will be put back into the treasury. People should bring non-perishable food to the party, which will be donated to the food bank.
- **Nominating Committee:** Mark brought up the fact we need to have a nominating committee to find officers for next year. Rob asked for volunteers, but no one did. He will send out an email.
- **D-Rides:** Rob asked if there was any feedback about the D-rides. Wes said he has had some D-riders doing the C-rides, but has heard nothing about separate D-rides. Rob reminded everyone that this is a club of volunteers, and we need someone to volunteer to lead some D-rides.

Next meeting will be October 8th at a place to be determined.

No other business, motion to adjourn was accepted.