

JSTS MINUTES OF May 12, 2008 MEETING

Meeting called to order at Federici's by President Robert Leitner at 7:00pm.

Introduction of 4 board members and 12 members was announced.

Minutes – Laury Wills

- Treasurer's Report for 3/1/08 – 3/31/08 was read and minutes were accepted as posted on the web site.

Correspondence – Laury Wills

- Nothing of note

Treasurer's Report – Ed Marx

- Motion made to accept April report and carried.

Membership Report – Ed Marx

- As of April 1st, there are 217 members for 2008. (54 new, 151 renewed, 10 bike shops and 2 lifetime)
- Links to all of the current bike shop members are on the website.

Ride Report

- **Road Rides**
 - **Rider and Ride Leader Guidelines** are now posted on the ride schedule page and will be added to the navigation bar.
 - **How close is too close?** Rob received an e-mail asking about how close riders should be when drafting. The consensus is that it depends on the skill of both riders. You have to know the abilities of the rider you are drafting behind and the riders who are behind you. Keep a bigger gap if there is a new rider who is an unknown factor. A 12 – 18 inch distance still provides a significant advantage. Do not overlap wheels. Most accidents result from overlapping wheels, not from drafting.
 - **NJ traffic laws apply to bicycles as well!** Remember to ride single file as far to the right as is practical.
 - **Tuesday Evening Rides** - The A riders officially leave 15 minutes earlier than the A+ riders now. Please leave at the correct time. No one wants to show up on time to find their group has departed early.
- **Champagne Ride**
 - So far the weather looks good for the rescheduled Champagne Ride on Sunday, 5/18. Rob will send out an e-mail reminding everyone to bring lots of salads, a little dessert and donations for the Foodbank.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Frostbite Shirts**
 - All but two shirts have been distributed. We'll try to get these out at the Champagne Ride or we'll mail them out. Thanks to Bob Spony for distributing the shirts. What a guy!

- **Winter Madness**

- Dan is continuing to distribute the gift certificates. We'll apply the same strategy as the Frostbite shirts – Champagne Ride or mail them.

- **Club Picnic**

- Reminder, Andy Melnick specifically asked for help with set up and clean up. Everyone needs to help out. This has been missing the past couple of years. Our generous hosts should not have to do any of the work. Dan is working on a master plan to coordinate the help.

- **Club Promotion**

- Jody Rubin mocked up two magnet designs. Both are impressive. Everyone agreed the simpler of the two designs is preferable. We asked Jodie to work on the font to make the website address more legible.

- **Charity Rides**

- MS Coast-the-Coast (May 17th/18th)
 - Details are all worked out for our club table at the Fitness Expo. Friday night the table will be manned by Dan & Bob. Pete and Gail will take over Saturday morning.
 - The club will be well represented with riders and Marshalls.
- Ride for Autism (June 14th)
 - Andy says everything is under control for now.
- Tour de Cure - ADA (June 21st)
 - The route will proceed down the beach as planned despite a volleyball tournament in Belmar over the weekend. The police have assured Paul that there won't be a conflict. They are not expecting a huge crowd on that day at that time of the morning for the volleyball event.
 - The route will go straight down the Asbury boardwalk, through Convention Hall.
 - Police in all of the towns along the route have been notified months ago about the ride.
 - JSTS has a new team captain – Steve Karger. Thanks Steve!
 - As of today, Karen Dalton and Paul Pierro are the top fundraisers. Way to go guys!
 - Volunteer Opportunities:
 - JSTS will have a table at the ride. We're seeking non-riding volunteers to man the table. See Steve Karger if you are interested.
 - SAGs are also needed. Please see Steve Karger to volunteer.
 - Paul would like a few more people to help man the phones to riders who are lost or need help. See Paul Pierro to volunteer.
- There is a link from the JSTS site to all of these charity rides.

- **Tax Exempt Status**

- Last year we decided not to pursue tax exempt status because it will cost about \$800 to file. Ed and Rob have since found out that if we do not get tax exempt status, we are subject to NJ state minimum tax for corporations which is several hundred dollars per year. So we have decided to file for tax exempt status.

NEW BUSINESS

- Due to scheduling conflicts, next month's meeting is the third Monday in June.

The next meeting will be June 16th at Federici's at 7pm.

There was no additional business so the meeting was adjourned.