

JSTS MINUTES OF October 13, 2008 MEETING

Meeting called to order at Federici's by President Robert Leitner at 7:15 pm.

Introduction of 3 board members and 7 members was announced. Laury Wills, Secretary, was unable to attend the meeting, so Beth Gershon volunteered to take minutes at the meeting (THANKS BETH!).

Minutes – Robert Leitner

- Treasurer's Report for 7/1/08 – 8/31/08 was read and minutes were accepted.

Correspondence – Ed Marx

- Nothing of note for this month.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Marx

- Motion made to accept September report and carried.

Membership Report – Ed Marx

- As of Sept. 30th, there are 109 new, 172 renewed, and 2 lifetime members. We have 220 individual, 59 family and 12 bike shop memberships.
- We are still exceeding our 2007 membership levels. Renewed members are up this year and we have 7 more bike shop members than last year. Way to go Lydia and everyone who helped recruit the bike shop members.

Ride Report

• **Road Rides**

- **Harvest Ride** – The harvest ride was held on Sunday, 10/5 from Monmouth Battlefield. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to Dan for coordinating the festivities
- **Covered Bridge Ride** – Dan Hinton will lead a 40 mile covered bridge ride on Saturday, 10/25. See the club website for details.
- **Timmy's Tour de Shore** – The ride was held on Sunday, Oct 12th. We haven't received any ride reports yet.
- **Mountain Bike Rides**
 - The first mountain bike ride of the season was held at "6 Mile Run" which is a new location for JSTS. Everyone enjoyed the well maintained single track. If you didn't get a chance to check it out, watch the ride schedule for our next visit.
 - Our annual club ride at Minnewaska State Park in the Shawangunks is coming up on Saturday, 11/1. It's about 2 ½ hours from here but well worth the drive. There are miles of hiking trails and carriage trails for riding. The riding is not technical and can be done on a hybrid bike. The views are really spectacular. Steve Karger would like to make sure at least 5 people intend to come on the ride. See the ride schedule for details and to contact Steve.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Holiday Party** – The party will be at the Lincroft Inn on Saturday, 12/13 from 7pm – 10pm.
 - The Lincroft Inn increased their rates this year. We discussed increasing the amount we charge for members to \$20 and for non-members to \$30. Last year we charged \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Spouses of individual members are charged the non-member rate. These increased charge amounts were voted on and passed.
 - Last year we spent \$200 across our 5 member bike shops on gift cards for the party. We purchased 2 \$20 gift cards at each of our member shops. Since we have more bike shop

member this year, we decided to purchase one \$20 gift card from each member shop. Dan Hinton will purchase the gift cards.

- Donations from bike shops? Last year some of the bike shops made donations (water bottles w/coupons, gift certificates for services, etc.) for the party. When Dan purchases the gift cards, he will also solicit donations.
- Employees of member bike shops are invited to the holiday party at the member rate.
- We normally collect food donations at the party for the FoodBank of Monmouth County. The FoodBank actually prefers money rather than food donations. They can feed a lot more people per dollar with a monetary donation than they can with canned goods. We discussed running a 50/50 to raise a donation. It was voted on and passed. We will run a 50/50 rather than collecting food.
- **Souper Saturdays** – We finally have a volunteer to run a soup ride this winter.
 - Debbie Slavitt loves to make soup and volunteered to run a soup ride. Thanks Debbie, this club loves to eat so it's a perfect match! Debbie can be contacted at deborahjane26@mac.com or 732-222-5496.
- **Elections** – All board positions are up for grabs!
 - Dan and Ed are interested in serving again, as VP and Treasurer, respectively. Laury is willing to serve again as Secretary, but would be more than happy to step aside if someone else is interested in that position. Rob is adamant about returning to the private sector though. If anyone wants to run for any of the board positions, contact Bob Spony from the elections committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Eliminate or modify fall rides from Monmouth Battlefield due to heavy vehicle traffic**
 - Getting back into the park is very challenging due to traffic and no shoulder. We suggested that the rides be re-routed to come down Wemrock Road from Gully, instead of going up from Route 522 (past Battleview Orchards).
- **Webmaster**
 - Rob and Ed are still planning a seamless transition of webmaster responsibilities for 2009. Thanks to Ed for picking up this critical part of running the club.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 10th at 7:30pm at Brielle Cyclery.

There was no additional business so the meeting was adjourned.

REMINDER - Elections will be held at the next meeting!