

JSTS MINUTES OF January 12, 2009 MEETING

Meeting called to order at Brookdale by President Jody Rubin at 7:30pm.

Introduction of 4 board members, 10 members was announced.

Minutes – Laury Wills

- Treasurer's Report for 10/1/08 – 10/31/08 meeting was read, and minutes were accepted as posted on the web site.

Correspondence – Laury Wills

- Several magazines and were passed around.
- A request for help planning the 2009 Tour de Cure was distributed. Following is the text of that request:

Do you have ideas of how to improve the Tour de Cure? Do you want to be involved in making the Jersey Shore Tour de Cure bigger and better than ever before? If so, then come join us at our Planning Committee Kick-off Meeting and help plan the [2009 Jersey Shore Tour de Cure](#).

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2009

Location: [Shrewsbury Surgery Center](#)

655 Shrewsbury Ave

Shrewsbury, NJ

Time: 6:00pm

If you are interested in joining us and becoming part of the committee, please RSVP to me at LiTaylor@diabetes.org or (732) 469-7979 x3529 by Tuesday, January 27th.

Sincerely,

Lindsay

Manager, Tour de Cure

Treasurer's Report – Ed Marx

- Motion made to accept November/December report and carried.

Membership Report – Ed Marx

- As of December 31st, for membership year 2009, we have 11 new members, 42 renewed members, 1 bike shop member and 2 lifetime members for a total of 56 members.

Ride Report

- **Frostbite Series**
 - In 2008 16 members completed the series by riding at least 4 weekends in December. Qualifiers will be able to vote on the design of the tee shirt. Shirts will be distributed by the champagne ride in April.
 - There was a mishap on a club ride the last weekend in December when Everett Anderson "tried to occupy the same space as a pick-up". The club sent Everett an Amazon gift certificate as a token of our affection and good wishes for a speedy recovery. We hope he is back on his bike soon.
- **Winter Madness**
 - Donna Matulewicz is taking over ride leader duties since Everett is sidelined.

- Al McCormick proposed we add Sunday, March 1st to the Winter Madness calendar so that we get 8 full weekends. Everyone agreed to this proposal.
- **Road Rides**
 - **Route Schedule** – Should we try to completely re-work the route schedule or leave it pretty much as is? After some discussion Andy made a motion that we carry over the route schedule from last year with minor tweaks as needed. The motion was seconded and carried. Per e-mail communication from Beth Gershon, she and Barb Bennett are willing to tweak the route schedule based on input from the club members.
 - **Road Captains** - We have ride captains for all existing paces except the A ride. The A riders are pretty self sufficient but we would still like to have a captain to handle any issues that come up.
- **Mountain Bike Rides**
 - Bill Anderson and Bryan Hrycyk are the mountain bike captains in 2009. Thanks to Steve Karger for serving as co-captain in previous years.
 - Steve and John Gillis are thinking about leading a D&R canal ride later in the winter. Steve will let us know more at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Holiday Party**
 - A good time was had by all.
 - There are still a couple "Thank You" shirts that we will distribute as quickly as possible.
- **Club Promotion**
 - Donna Matulewicz took over from Steve Karger working on the Asbury Park Press article. Donna contacted the APP about arranging for an article in the spring. Steve suggested having someone from the paper come to the Champagne Ride because we get a good turn-out.
- **Souper Saturday**
 - Debbie Slavitt is a new member who agreed to host the event on Sat, Feb. 7th at her home in Long Branch. She will need help preparing the food and cleaning up. Details will be posted on the website.
- **Ride Safety**
 - Anyone leading a ride or leading a portion of the group at a pace that is different from the advertised pace should ensure someone in the main group has their cell phone number in case of emergency.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2009 Budget Review and Approval**
 - The 2008 projected and 2008 actual budget were distributed. The 2009 projected budget was distributed and reviewed. A motion was made to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Champagne Ride**
 - The ride will be either April 19th or 26th this year.
 - We hope Gail Stevens will agree to coordinate the Champagne Ride again this year.
 - Bob Spony has a bunch of supplies for the ride such as coolers and plates.

- **Summer Picnic**
 - Andy Melnick is happy to host the party at his home again this year provided the club members do all the set-up, cooking and cleaning.
 - Bob Spony volunteered to work clean-up duty.
 - Jody and Dan will solicit more volunteers as the date draws closer.
- **Club Positions**
 - Paul Pierro is our new bike club advocate.
 - Dan Hinton is our new bike shop coordinator.
 - Thanks to Harden and Lydia who served in these positions for past years. We appreciate all they have done on our behalf.
- **Charity Rides**
 - Andy will be coordinating the club sponsored Ride for Autism again this year. We know this will be a challenging year for non-profits but we'll do our best to raise as much as we can for this worthy cause. Andy will ask for volunteers for specific duties as the date draws closer.
 - Tour de Cure asked for volunteers to help plan this year's ride. Steve Karger is planning to attend on behalf of the club. See Correspondence section above for details.
- **Proposal #1: A Retro-1981 Holiday Party**
 - Jody proposed we re-enact the original JSTS holiday party from 1981. It was called the Bicycle Ball and was self-catered. We could play all early 80's music.
 - Dan suggested another option for our holiday party. We could book the Colts Neck Inn for a Saturday in December for about the same price we paid at the Lincroft Inn.
 - After some discussion we agreed that we like having the party at more formal location with catering. We can incorporate some of the more personal elements from the earlier parties like pictures, skits, stories, etc. We agreed to pursue having the party at the Colts Neck Inn.
- **Proposal #2: Re-Issue of Club Newsletter**
 - Lee Beaumont prepared a really nice club newsletter in a web-based format. Paper copies were passed around. Everyone was impressed with the format and content. A motion was made to post the newsletter on our website. The motion was seconded and approved. A link to the newsletter will be posted on the club's website.
 - Lee's contact information is included in the newsletter if you have ideas about future issues or want to help.
- **Proposal #3: Club Sponsorship**
 - Jody explained that other clubs solicit sponsors in exchange for advertising space on their club jerseys.
 - After some discussion on the pros/cons we realized we may endanger our tax exempt status by accepting sponsorship dollars.
 - There was a motion to table this proposal. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be in February 9th at a location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned.