

## **JSTS MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2007 MEETING**

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

Introduction of board and 16 members.

Minutes from February meeting read & accepted. Correspondence from Lacey Rail-Trail Committee asking for our support was read. Check out [www.laceyrailtrail.org](http://www.laceyrailtrail.org)

### **Treasurer's Report** – Mark Billon

- Read and Accepted.

### **Membership Report** – Mark Billon

- We have 107 individual members, 34 family members, and 0 bike shops
- We have 25 new and 116 renewed members

### **Ride Report**

- **Winter madness:** Final results have been posted and awards will be posted soon. Gift cards from member bike shops of choice will be given. Rob asked for comments and members said that it was a good motivation to ride. Rob thanked Pete Benton and Sue Scarola for starting it and Bruce Naidoff for tracking rides.
- **Mountain Bike Rides:** Steve Karger reported that the rides will be for 3 more weeks and gave the schedule. He will inform members if there are any changes. John Gillis said that he may be doing some rail-to-trail rides every two weeks and will let members know when this will occur.
- **Road Rides:** Al McCormick said that his rides from Allaire Park are averaging about 10 people. The rides will be continued through March. We still need a "D" ride captain and it was agreed that it is important to have a separate leader from the C rides. Rob asked if we don't get a leader, do we still have a "D" category. Maybe we will have to combine the B & C or C & D groups. We have another month to decide. Wes will lead a ride Thursday nights out of Brookdale and will start in April. Harold Brenner will lead Tuesday night rides out of M.J.T. Park also starting in April. Ride leaders can sign up on the web site to volunteer to lead. The goal is to have a leader for every ride two or three weeks in advance (ride captains will monitor the ride schedule to help ensure that all rides have leaders). Rides can be changed if not liked. Riders should bring route sheets with them (they are available on the web site for all members) but leaders should have 8-10 sheets on hand for those who forget.
- **Ride Schedule for 2007:** A, B, and C weekend rides have been posted on the web site. D rides will be posted if/when a captain has been found.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Frostbite Series:** Rob stated that he will be posting the designs from Andy Paquin. Those riders who have qualified will be asked to vote on the designs. There were 51 members that qualified.
- **Clothing Orders:** Beth Gershon has gathered the information and has gotten orders for 29 short sleeve items and 17 long sleeve items. After some discussion, it was decided to make one last attempt to get some more orders for long sleeve items. If we do not receive enough orders for long sleeve items at this time (at least 23 in total), we will order the short sleeve items now and delay the order for the long sleeve items until later in the year, with the hope that more riders will be interested in getting long sleeve items in the fall. Order forms are available on the web site.
- **Review of ride leader guidelines:** A few riders have given feedback. Discussion followed regarding the paces of the groups.

- **Review/Revision of Bylaws:** Maria Anastasia reported there were 4 areas to discuss. #1 Membership Cards – Motion was made by Fred Sweet and seconded by Keith Dickson that we do not have membership card. Motion carried. #2 Remove or censure of a member by the board of directors. After some discussion, it was decided that more research should be done on the subject. We should consider suspending riding privileges instead of removing a member from the club. #3 Balanced Budgets. Every year the Board of Directors has submitted a budget at the January meeting that is balanced and is voted upon. The goal is always have a balanced budget. #4 Voting Quorum. As of now, the voting quorum is the members present at the meeting. For regularly scheduled meetings, this is sufficient. We need to define a definite the number of members that must be present at a special meeting to consider it a quorum. #5 Keith said a provision needed for members to vote out a Board of Director.
- **Incorporation:** Bill Cranor gave a report and will have more next meeting. Discussion followed. We are looking to get insurance for the board without incorporating, as this might be simpler and provide better protection.
- **Web site migration:** everything is working except for security on documents and should be remedied in the next few weeks.
- **Summer Tour:** Fred reported that he has 40 routes in Kutztown. Pa. with queue sheets. As for accommodations, the inn has 29 rooms and runs about \$55/room. Tour will be Thursday to Sunday starting Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be two rides per day. One in the morning and one late afternoon. Keith made a motion to allocate \$150 for a pizza party on the Saturday night during the tour. Seconded by John Gillis. Motion carried. Details will be posted on the web site.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Emergency Identification** - M.E.D.S. [www.meds.org](http://www.meds.org) Paul Peirro spoke about & demonstrated how identification is placed inside the helmet in case of an accident it can be found. Discussion followed and will be discussed in the future. Rob Leitner to check on pricing for ordering these in bulk for our members.
- **Champaign Ride:** Date is April 22 and will be coordinated again by Gail Stevens. No rain date as of now. George Gregorio spoke about the time trial which will be before the Champaign Ride. He explained what was involved.
- **Bike Show:** Rob said that there will be no show this year but it may be back in 2008.
- **Bike Vermont Midweek Tour:** Tom Bove is interested in doing a tour with Bike Vermont on July 15 to 19. If other members are interested in joining him, please contact him (details sent out to membership via email).
- **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:** Steve Karger announced that he is having a meeting with the two representatives from the organization. Everett is designing routes for them. He will have more information in the future.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the April meeting will be held on the THIRD Monday in April (April 16<sup>th</sup>) at a location to be announced.

No other business, motion to adjourn was accepted.