

JSTS MINUTES OF January 17, 2008 MEETING

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

Introduction of 3 new board members, 10 members and one guest was announced. John Meyer from the Asylum City Psychlists in Milledgeville, GA (www.mvillebikes.com) is working in the area and decided to check out the JSTS meeting.

Minutes – Laury Wills

- Treasurer's Report for 11/1/07 – 11/30/07 was read and minutes were accepted as posted on the web site.

Correspondence – Laury Wills

- No correspondence was read

Treasurer's Report – Ed Marx

- Motion made to accept December report and carried.

Membership Report – Ed Marx

- For membership year 2008, we have 107 members including 28 families, 78 individuals and one bike shop (thanks Al). There are 22 new members and 85 renewed members. It was noted that as of the end of the 2007 membership year we had 276 individuals/families and 5 bike shops. The password to access protected information (including route sheets) has been changed on the website. Rob reminded everyone that they will receive the password when they pay their dues.

Ride Report

- **Frostbite Series**
 - In 2007, 26 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. We are hoping to distribute the shirts by the Champagne Ride in April.
- **Winter Madness**
 - Our 2nd annual Winter Madness series is off and running. If you ride for 6, 7 or 8 weekends in Jan & Feb you will receive a reward. Last year the rewards were gift certificates to our member bike shops. The reward this year will be something equally nice. Two weekends into the series we have 56 people who rode on at least one weekend. 25 people rode both weekends.
- **Road Rides**
 - **Away Rides** - Wes sent an e-mail stating attendance from the C group tends to be low at away rides. There was discussion about whether we should reduce the number of away rides, eliminate the away rides for the C group, leave everything as is, etc. We agreed that we will continue to have all the rides on any given day start from the same location so we can get to see each other at the starting point. A motion was made to keep one away ride each month for all groups. Motion was seconded and carried. Beth will look at options to vary the starting points of the away rides (see below).
 - **Route Schedule** - Beth Gershon volunteered to propose a new ride schedule that includes some different routes. We only use a small percentage of our ride library in our ride schedule. For the past several years we have been copying over the same ride schedule from the previous year. Jody Rubin is working on some new routes that visit areas of historical interest. Rob said that any new routes should be sent to Everett ASAP to get in the route library.

- **Road Captains** - We still need captains for A, B, C, D, Tues & Thurs night road rides.
 - If no one else is interested, Tom Love is willing to continue as the A ride captain and Jim King is willing to continue as the B captain. Wes volunteered to continue as the C captain. There is no volunteer for D ride captain. Last year there was no D captain so the D rides were exactly the same as the C rides with the leader listed on the website as "Volunteer needed". We agreed that this year we will post this as one combined C/D ride, and can always split the ride again if necessary. The C/D riders tend to separate by ability.
 - We will continue the practice from last year where anyone can volunteer to lead a ride by signing up on the ride schedule. This is the only way to get credit for leading a ride. You must submit your name on the ride schedule to obtain credit for it.
 - Harold Brenner has done a great job leading the fast paced Tuesday night rides but is ready to turn this responsibility over to someone else. Harold with work with us to find a new leader. Al Farragasso began leading a slightly slower group out on Tuesday nights, and he is interested in continuing to do that.
 - Fred Sweet will continue to lead the Thursday night ride from Manasquan Reservoir. This year the ride start time will not vary but the length of the ride will change depending on the amount of daylight.
 - The Thursday night from Brookdale will be officially renamed the "Thursday Night Pizza Ride" in recognition of the real reason everyone turns out. Wes will continue to lead this ride.
- **Mountain Bike Rides**
 - Steve Karger and Bryan Hrycyk will continue to run the mountain bike rides through the end of March. These are not hard core rides and everyone is encouraged to come out.
- **Ride Safety**
 - Jody Rubin raised the issue of poor road conditions on some recent rides. This feedback was provided Everett, and he has revised the affected routes to avoid the problem roads. The updated ride library has already been posted. Thanks Everett!

OLD BUSINESS

- **Holiday Party**
 - Everyone present agreed that the holiday party was a great time again this year. Jody Rubin took all the food donations to the Foodbank, and he let us know that they were very grateful for our donations. Sue Scarola volunteered to reserve the Lincroft Inn for our 2008 holiday party, and all agreed she should proceed with these arrangements.
- **"Thank You" Polo Shirts**
 - These are given to folks who volunteered a significant amount of time to the club in 2007. Some of the polo shirts were distributed at the holiday party. The rest of the shirts will go out shortly.
- **Club Clothing**
 - After doing a wonderful job as our club clothing coordinator, Beth is officially retiring. Ed Marx will take over the current inventory of club clothing.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2008 Budget Review and Approval**
 - The 2007 actual budget and projected 2008 budget were reviewed. A motion was made by Dick Hurley to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Proposal to compensate members who provide SAG for century ride**
 - After some discussion, a vote was taken on whether to compensate SAG volunteers beyond reimbursement for gas and expenses. The group voted NOT to offer compensation. Our very gracious visitor from Georgia, John Meyer, offered to be our SAG if he is in the area for the century.
- **Club Promotion**
 - Dan Hinton is looking into ways to generate some publicity for the club such as an article in the Asbury Park Press or another local paper. There was a suggestion to come up with a club magnetic bumper sticker for our cars. Also there was a suggestion to look into free cable-TV air time for non-profits.
- **Champagne Ride**
 - The Champagne Ride will be on Sunday, April 27th. Gail Stevens has done a great job organizing the ride the past few years. Dan Hinton will speak to Gail to see if she is interested in doing it again this year. If anyone is interested in helping out, please let Rob or one of the officers know.
- **Club Picnic**
 - We are still looking for a venue for the picnic this year. If you have any suggestions, please let Rob or one of the officers know.
- **Club Dues**
 - There was a suggestion to raise the dues slightly and to offer multi-year membership options. Discussion was held about whether there is a need to increase our revenue intake. A motion was made that we do not raise the dues and do not offer multi-year memberships. The motion was seconded and carried.
- **Ride Captain, Ride Leader and Rider Guidelines**
 - Laury Willy agreed to organize the wealth of material already gathered by Everett Anderson, Larry Rossi and Bill Cranor into guidelines we can post on our website. Laury hopes to complete a draft by end of January, and a final version by the Champagne Ride.
- **Bike Shops**
 - Our bike shop liaison is Lydia Locke. She recently signed up Freehold Bicycles and DJ's as new members. Lydia is looking for volunteers to help encourage their local bike shops to join JSTS. Let Lydia know if you can help out (contact info is on our web site).

Special Surprise Announcement: The League of American Bicyclists has 600 bike clubs members in the US, which are broken up into 6 different regions. Rob was proud to announce that JSTS has been named ***2008 Club of the Year*** for Region 2.

Next meeting will be February 11th at a place to be determined.

There was no additional business so the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.