

JSTS MINUTES OF March 10, 2008 MEETING

Meeting called to order at Federici's by President Robert Leitner at 7:30pm.

Introduction of 4 board members, 15 members and one guest was announced.

Minutes – Laury Wills

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

Correspondence – Laury Wills

- JSTS received brochures from the following tour companies. The brochures were passed around at the meeting.
 - [23rd Annual Bay to Bay Ride in Maryland](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?EVENT_ID=1548890&BGCOLOR1=EEEEEE&AFILIATE=0&BGCOLOR0=EEEEEE&CHECKSSO=0)
(http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?EVENT_ID=1548890&BGCOLOR1=EEEEEE&AFILIATE=0&BGCOLOR0=EEEEEE&CHECKSSO=0)
 - [Bicycle Tour of Colorado](http://www.bicycletourcolorado.com/) (<http://www.bicycletourcolorado.com/>)

Treasurer's Report – Ed Marx

- Motion made to accept February report and carried.

Membership Report – Ed Marx

- There are currently 149 members for 2008.
- Member bike shops - We currently have 7 member bike shops with several more in the works. We hope to challenge previous record of 13 member bike shops.

Ride Report

- **Winter Madness**
 - We're compiling the final list of riders who qualify for the Winter Madness series. The reward will be gift certificates to our member bike shops.
- **Road Rides**
 - The Champagne Ride is coming up on Sunday, April 27. Gail is coordinating again but looking for helpers. Dan Hinton and John Meyer volunteered to help Gail.
 - Everyone was delighted to see Pete Benton, one of our former road captains, at the meeting. Pete has agreed to take over the D ride captain duties once he is ready to start riding again.
 - We discussed starting the Tuesday night rides earlier on the calendar this year because of daylight savings time. Rob will work with Al and Harold on posting this ride earlier as a "volunteer needed" led ride.
 - Fred will start the Thursday night ride from Manasquan around the same time on the calendar as last year. The rides will start at 6pm. The distance will increase as the amount of daylight grows.
- **Mountain Bike Rides**
 - The spring mountain bike season is winding down.
 - There is a club trip to Chimney Rock on Saturday, 3/15, for mountain bikers looking for a challenge.

- Our current mountain bike ride leaders, Steve and Bryan, volunteered to lead the mountain bike rides for the upcoming Fall/Winter season. Everyone agreed that they are doing a great job and should continue as long as they are willing.
- Steve Karger reminded us that all riders are welcome on the mountain bike rides regardless of skill level.

OLD BUSINESS

• Frostbite Shirts

- The participants selected a lovely gold-colored shirt with the names of everyone who participated (human and canine) on the front. We hope to distribute the shirts at the Champagne Ride.

• Club Picnic

- Andy Melnick agreed to host the picnic this year at his lovely home in the Locust section of Middletown.
- Steve Karger will get the burgers and hot dogs.
- Dan Hinton will coordinate volunteers to bring additional food items and to help set up/clean up.

• Ride Captain, Ride Leader and Rider Guidelines

- Draft guidelines are complete and will be posted on the website.
- There was some discussion about the obligation of all riders to politely speak with unsafe riders.

• Club Promotion

- Jody Rubin and Ed Marx are working on revised designs that incorporate the club brand. Everyone provided feedback. There are some good concepts in the works.
- Steve Karger is still intending to write an article to send to the APP.

• Ride Schedule

- Beth, Barb and Don drafted the new ride schedule. The A group requested a hill ride every month but not always the Highlands. Everett is working on some new hill rides.
- There are more rides heading toward western Monmouth County this year. The new rides through April are already posted on the website.

• Charity Rides

- MS Coast-the-Coast (May 17th/18th)
 - We were asked if we want to have a table at the expo on May 16th from 5 – 8pm and May 17th from 7am – 3pm. Since Pete expressed a willingness to man the table, Rob will let the organizers know that we are interested.
- Ride for Autism (June 14th)
 - Andy mentioned it would be great to have a JSTS tent at the ride with a banner. We will coordinate this with Andy.
- Tour de Cure (June 21st)
 - JSTS has always been a top fund raiser both in the team and individual categories. If we raise over \$15,000, we will qualify for our own executive tent.
 - For those who are going to Bike VA, the Basking Ridge Tour de Cure ride on June 7th is an alternate possibility which will still contribute to the JSTS team fundraising goal.
- There are links from the JSTS site to all of these charity rides.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Custom Printed Polar Insulated Bottles**
 - We looked at the samples. The minimum order for reasonably priced bottles is 120. Since there was very little interest in purchasing these, we tabled the issue.
- **Lakewood BlueClaws**
 - We've been invited to participate in an outdoor theme night sometime in April where we could have a table if we commit to buying 50 tickets. We discussed buying the tickets and selling them on our website. Rob pointed out that we pay a \$3 charge for every transaction. There was some interest but the consensus is that April is still a little too chilly. We discussed that we could do this as a club social event on a night of our own choosing without committing to 50 tickets.
- **CATRIKE Factory Visit**
 - Art Goldberg described his visit to CATRIKE factory in Wintergarden, FL. CATRIKE is a three wheeled recumbent.
 - Art said these would be fine for a C/D pace and are A+ paced on the down hills.
 - www.catrike.com
- **Bicycle Hall of Fame**
 - We discussed that there used to be a Bicycle Hall of Fame in Somerville. We're not sure where it's currently located but it may be nice to do a ride to it someday.
 - www.usbhof.com/home/
- **Monmouth County Outdoor Adventure Expo**
 - We discussed whether to run a table at this event but decided it's not really cycling oriented.
- **Rail to Trails (RTC) Conservancy**
 - Harden explained how RTC has help protect hundreds of millions of dollars in trail funding. Read all about it [here](http://www.railstotrails.org/newsandpubs/news/features/2008_03_rescissions.html) (http://www.railstotrails.org/newsandpubs/news/features/2008_03_rescissions.html).
- **NJ Quick Release Bill**
 - This bill which would make it illegal to sell a bike with quick release wheels seems to be back on the table. The bill will require an automated secondary retention device on all quick release wheels.
 - Paul Pierro e-mailed every state representative and state senator urging them not to support this bill. It took about 45 minutes. Harden previously e-mailed state legislators on behalf of the club. Most legislators seem to be unaware of the impact of this bill.
 - If anyone has questions or wants to get involved in fighting this effort, contact Wally at The Bicycle Hub.
- **Safety on Night Rides**
 - Rob reminded everyone to wear bright clothing for safety on evening rides especially early and late in the season when the rides end toward dusk.
- **Brookdale Bike Safety Course**
 - Paul Pierro is in discussions with Brookdale Community College about offering a non-credit bike safety course which he will instruct.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 14th at The Peddler in Long Branch at 7:30pm.

There was no additional business so the meeting was adjourned.