

## **JSTS MINUTES OF April 14, 2008 MEETING**

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

Introduction of 4 board members, 17 members and one guest was announced.

We had some pre-game festivities this week.

We were treated to a presentation from the Jamis representative. Everyone got to drool over the super light Xenith SL that was on display. We also checked out the Aurora, a classic touring bike and the Parker, an all around mountain bike. Interesting fact - Jamis is owned and operated by a woman, Carine Joannou, who took over the company from it's original owner, her father.

Marie from the MS Ride spoke to us about how important volunteers are to ensuring a safety on the ride. Anyone interested in volunteering should see Steve Karger or Steve Shine. On the ride this year, dinner will be at Tuckerton seaport with a beer truck, roasted pig, and bluegrass band. It doesn't get much better than that! The ride is on May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. The link is on our website.

### **Minutes** – Laury Wills

- Treasurer's Report for 3/1/08 – 3/31/08 was read and minutes were accepted as posted on the web site.

### **Correspondence** – Laury Wills

- JSTS received brochures from the following rides. The brochures were passed around at the meeting.
  - Ocean to Bay Bike Tour in Delaware  
<http://www.bethany-fenwick.org>
  - Tour de Franklin  
<http://www.franklinfoodbank.org>
  - Cycling the Erie Canal  
<http://www.ptny.org/canaltour>

### **Treasurer's Report** – Ed Marx

- Motion made to accept March report and carried.

### **Membership Report** – Ed Marx

- As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, there are currently 180 members for 2008. (42 new, 127 renewed and 2 lifetime)
- Links to all of the current bike shop members are on the website.

### **Ride Report**

- **Road Rides**
  - Mid-week rides are now posted on the website. Tues is A/A+. A leaves earlier than A+. There is no posted slower ride from MJT on Tuesday. If you are interested in leading additional rides, please drop an email to Robert Leitner.
  - Everett's Sat rides continue to rotate between parks. Fred Sweet will lead a longer Sat ride from MJT every Sat.

- Sun rides – The ride schedule is posted on the website. When Pete is ready he will take over the D ride captain again. He may be ready toward the end of May.
- The Champagne Ride is coming up on Sunday, April 27. Gail Stevens is coordinating again but looking for helpers. We need tables. The club has two coolers. Gail is assessing what we need in terms of utensils. Gail will coordinate sending out e-mails for help with Dan. Reminder that we need to help clean up at the end (don't just leave)
- Requests for route changes – Beth, Barb and Don took everyone's feedback into account when they revised the route schedule. If you want to volunteer to lead a ride but don't like the ride that is posted, you can contact Rob to select another ride from the library. The ride index has a listing of every ride, starting point, ending point, distance and terrain description.
- Ride report from last Sunday: The groups were strung out this past Sunday. The winds were strong and people who were dropped could not get back on. There were 7 flats. These factors contributed toward people being dropped. Please make sure people stay together. If everyone is responsible for the person behind them, we won't lose people from the group. Make sure you know who is behind you and are aware if they start to drop off.
- Kudos to Larry Rossi to helping almost everyone who flatted change their tires. In general the group should wait when someone gets a flat. An exception is when there is a large group that needs to be split anyway for safety reasons. When there is a mechanical and someone tells the rest of the group to continue on, find out what that means. Does it mean keep riding but soft pedal with the expectation that the riders that stop will catch up? Communicate!
- If you drop down to a slower group then you need to drop your pace to that group's normal pace. If you ride the slower group's route at your normal pace, it will cause riders that are just able to maintain the normal pace to blow up and get dropped.
- **Mountain Bike Rides**
  - Spring season has wrapped up. We'll hit the trails again this fall.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Frostbite Shirts**
  - Shirts are in. They are a nice bright gold color. They will be distributed at the Champagne Ride. Ed served as a model so we all could see the new design.
- **Winter Madness**
  - Everyone let Rob know where they would like their gift certificates. These will be distributed shortly.
- **Club Picnic**
  - Andy Melnick agreed to host the picnic this year at his lovely home in the Locust section of Middletown on July 13th.
  - 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 posted on the website.
  - Since no one has any additional feedback these will be posted as official.

- **Club Promotion**

- We agreed that our branding needs to be consistent so any club magnet needs to incorporate a look that is consistent with the club brand.
- Steve is still intending to write an article to send to the APP.

- **Charity Rides**

- MS Coast-the-Coast (May 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>)
  - Pete is planning to man the club table at the Fitness Expo
  - Volunteers are needed on the 17<sup>th</sup> to oversee the people who unload the trucks. Contact Steve Karger who will put you in touch with Steve Shine.
- Ride for Autism (June 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - Andy will clarify what additional volunteer help may be needed.
- Tour de Cure (June 21<sup>st</sup>)
  - Please join the JSTS team if you plan to do the ride.
  - Keith needs to let ADA know that Steve Karger or Bob Spony should be listed as the JSTS team captain.
- There is a link from the JSTS site to all of these charity rides.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Next month's meeting is at Beacon – BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR

**The next meeting will be Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Beacon at 7:30pm.**

There was no additional business so the meeting was adjourned.