

JSTS MINUTES OF September 16, 2008 MEETING

Meeting called to order at Beacon Cycling & Fitness by President Robert Leitner at 7:30pm.

Introduction of 3 board members and 17 members was announced.

Minutes – Laury Wills

- Sue Scarola made a clarification with regard to her statements made at the JSTS General Meeting on June 16, 2008, as addressed in the email from Andy Abere dated June 17, 2008, which was attached as an addendum to the minutes of the June meeting. Specifically with regard to section 3, Sue noted she had said at the meeting that she did not see any accidents during the Ride for Autism except for a minor fall, but instead, was informed by someone else on the ride that an accident had taken place but that rider was also able to go on.
- Treasurer's Report for 6/1/08 – 6/30/08 was read and minutes were accepted with the correction from above.

Correspondence – Laury Wills

- Thank you notes from the Foodbank and from Eden Adult Services who helped with the Ride for Autism were passed around.

Treasurer's Report – Ed Marx

- Motion made to accept June - August report and carried.

Membership Report – Ed Marx

- As of Aug 31st, there are 106 new, 171 renewed, and 2 lifetime members. We have 220 individual, 59 family and 12 bike shop memberships.
- Overall we exceeded our 2007 membership levels. Renewed members are up this year and we have 7 more bike shop members than last year. Way to go Lydia and everyone who helped recruit the bike shop members.

Ride Report

- **Road Rides**
 - **Rides of the Century** – Thanks to Barb Bennett, Steve Karger and Andy Paquin for outstanding SAG support. There were a couple of flats but no major incidents. There was consensus that we need to change the Monroe recreation area rest stop as the bathrooms were locked. Jodie suggested we try to avoid McCabe Ave on future rides as the road surface was pretty rough.
 - **Harvest Ride on Sunday 10/5 at 9am from Monmouth Battlefield** – Dan is coordinating.
 - **Oct 4th JSTS Joint Ride with ECBC** – Tom Love is coordinating. See link on website for details.
 - **Summer Recap** – There were a couple accidents over the summer. Most recently Joe Ritch and Theresa Seidler had an encounter with a car on their tandem. Joe had some minor injuries but Theresa suffered the brunt of the impact. The club sent them a fruit basket and we hope to see them both back out on the road when they are feeling better.
 - **Riding in a Group** – How can we get a group of ad hoc riders to function as a well oiled machine? It's inevitable that gaps will develop on rides but we must remember that the purpose of our club is to ride as a group. Ride leaders need to be loud and vocal about containing the groups. If a group sets out with the intention of riding at a pace other than the advertised pace for that route, this should be clearly stated at the start of the ride and at any other points where the groups reintegrate. Remember, everyone is responsible for the person behind them. Do frequent headcounts. If the groups decide to split up, make it official.
 - **Whistles** - Ed found an ad for a very loud whistle that may be useful to notify the group when someone is falling off the back. Everyone thought these are a good idea to give out at the holiday

party. Pete Benton made a motion to purchase 8 dozen. Dan Hinton seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

○ **Upcoming Charity Rides**

▪ **Timmy's Tour de Shore** – Sunday, Oct 12th. Club member Steve Burke is coordinating and could use some volunteer help. See the link on the club website for details.

○ **Mountain Bike Rides** – It's time to get dirty again! Mountain bike rides start on Saturday, 9/27. See the website for the ride schedule and locations. Our first ride of the season will be at 6 Mile Run Park in Somerset. Brian explained this is a great place with logs and stream crossings. The club will meet at Monmouth Battlefield and carpool from there. Don't be afraid to come out and join the mountain bikers.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Summer Picnic Recap** - The picnic went off well. There was lots of help shopping, cooking and cleaning up. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and especially thanks to Andy Melnick and his family for hosting the event.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Holiday Party** - The holiday party is set for Dec. 13th from 7 – 10 at the Lincroft Inn. Sue is coordinating again this year. Thanks Sue! The DJ is booked and Sue is working on the menu. We expect to charge \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members to help defray the cost. We will finalize this at the October meeting.
- **Souper Saturdays** – This is something we used to do in winter. After the Saturday rides, everyone who rode goes back to someone's house for soup and socializing. We all think this is a great idea but need someone to volunteer to organize and to host the event. There was a suggestion that we use the fireplace suite at Holmdel Park. Dan volunteered to check into this. We'll discuss options at the next meeting.
- **Elections Committee** – We need someone to gather the list of candidates for the 2009 board and to present these names to the current board. Bob Spony volunteered to be on the committee. Bob will talk to Steve about what is involved. Rob Leitner will be stepping down as President. Jody Rubin expressed his desire to run for the position of President. Dan and Ed are interested in continuing as Vice-President and Treasurer respectively. Laury is willing to continue as secretary.
- **Weekday Rides** - Joel Brown is semi-retired and willing to lead rides during the week. He can ride on Monday or Friday from Holmdel Park and possibly Monmouth Battlefield. The rides will be at a C pace and around 40 miles. Joe will work with Rob to post 4 weekday rides in October on the website.
- **Saturday Ride Schedule** – There are currently 3 rides posted for every Saturday. The 8am MJT ride is an A pace. The 9am ride from MJT is a B pace. Everett's ride is generally a C pace. Fred Sweet suggested that for next year's road riding season we try to coordinate the start locations for these three rides. If the Saturday rides were coordinated like the Sunday rides, it would give everyone the opportunity to see one another. We discussed that we could use Everett's current rotation of 4 start locations and design new long distance routes that head into Western Monmouth for the faster paced groups.
- **Programming Routes** - Vince Bono found a website that is helpful to map out routes and then download them into your bike GPS. Following is from an e-mail that Vince sent out...

This site is the best thing for cyclists since... ok, since the wheel.

*It is ***extremely*** helpful in visualizing/mapping routes, altitudes encountered.*

And if you have a Garmin Edge (bike gps) you can download the course to it, which can assist tremendously in following routes.

*It is ***not*** a replacement for route sheets. It doesn't map all roads (e.g. the Shrine). I have used it in about ½ dozen rides, I have found it to be 80-90% accurate. That is sometimes it indicates off-course when I know I'm on course, or occasionally losses GPS sync.*

Even without a GPS, the site can be of value, in assisting and finding routes between point A and point B (make sure to check 'avoid highways').

You can then click on the CUE sheet tab and get a 'route sheet'.

<http://bikeroutetoaster.com/>

Click on "Course Creator"

If you get a message that indicates a "timeout" it means the other sites that it is pulling information from are overloaded.

Try back in a few hours or sometimes the next day.

- **Ride Distances** – As always, please send any requests for route changes to Rob. There was discussion about the length of the upcoming C rides. In general the C routes should be shorter than the B routes. The next Sunday ride has a C route that is almost as long as the B route. Some of the C riders expressed their desire to substitute with a shorter route.
- **Webmaster** – Rob will seamlessly transition these responsibilities to Ed Marx by 2009. Webmaster is an official club position but is not an elected position, and it is not a member of the board.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 13th at Ferderici's in Freehold.

There was no additional business so the meeting was adjourned.