

## **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2013 MEETING**

### **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD AND MEMBERS**

11 MEMBERS AND 4 BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

### **TREASURER'S REPORT/ MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Andy gave the report for the month of January. Motion to accept was made and approved.

Joe gave the membership report of 123 individual members, 32 family and 1 bike shop. He said there was some discrepancy between his figures and what Active.Com has, but he will straighten out it by next meeting.

There was discussion regarding bike shops memberships; should the bike shop membership be between May and April as this is when their cash flow is best. Vote will be taken at the March 11 meeting.

### **READING OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES & CORRESPONDENCE**

Bob read the December Treasurer's report and asked for motion to approve. Motion carried.

There was one letter for a "Draw For Sight Bicycle Poker Run," in Maryland on 4/28. See the details here: <http://chestertownlions.org/>.

### **2013 BUDGET - AMENDED**

Debbie presented an amended budget which included the carry over amount from last year and revised line items based on discussion at the January meeting. Motion to accept the amended budget was made and passed.

### **RIDE REPORTS**

Debbie announced that Saturday 2/23 will be Souper Saturday to be held at Stephanie McAuliffe's house in Little Silver. It will be held rain or shine.

Barbara said that there is a need for ride leaders for the upcoming season.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ride leader workshop to be held this Saturday Feb. 16 at the Freehold YMCA. The time is 12 noon to 2 P.M. and pizza will be served after. Members considering the ride leader role should attend.

CPR & First Aid Certification Program will be held March 9 at the Monmouth Worship Center. It is specific for cyclists. The cost is \$ 75. per person. Cut-off to register is Feb 16

Discussion held regarding Volunteers. An example from another bike club was given of a point system they use for rewarding their members for volunteering as ride leaders, event coordinators, etc. A committee will be established to discuss and present a volunteer reward system for JSTS.

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## **GUEST SPEAKER - CYNDI STEINER - NJ BIKE WALK COALITION**

Cyndi is the Director of the NJ Bike Walk Coalition. She gave a slide show presentation and explained that NJBWC are advocates for cyclists and pedestrians. Some keys points of the presentation:

- NJ is one of 43 states that have this advocacy organization.
- There are 4 million riders, include commuting and recreational cyclists.
- 26% of all road fatalities in NJ occur to pedestrians and bicyclists; this number is twice the national average, 13%
- Monmouth County was the first county in NJ to pass a Complete Streets policy in July 2010. A copy of the policy is available if you are interested.
- There are strong direct correlations in the US between the number of adults who get 30 minutes of exercise/day and the number who regularly bike and walk
- There are strong inverse correlations in the US between the number of children who bike and walk to school and the rate of diabetes diagnosis.
- MAP 21 - NJ lost 30% of federal funding for Safe Routes to Schools, Recreational Trails Program and Transportation Enhancements (bike and ped projects) under MAP-21, which became effective 10/1/12; this amounts to \$7.5 million per year in 2013 and in 2014. We also stood to lose another 50% of the amount that was allocated (\$8.6 million), as this could be transferred to other projects.
- As a result of advocacy efforts by NJBWC and our partners, we were able to convince NJDOT Commissioner Simpson not to make any transfers out of the program and to restore the shortfall by transferring in dollars from other programs within the transportation budget. This amounted to the preservation of \$16.1 million for bike and pedestrian projects in NJ.
- We are now working with NJDOT to make sure these funds get allocated to bike and ped projects around the state
- Cyndi ended by saying that the more cyclists on the road the safer we will be. Members signed up to get email updates

Next meeting - March 11 at the Monmouth Worship Center. Guest Speaker Andrew Belcher, author of [Mind Body Bike: Yoga and the Art of Slowing Down to Speed Up.](#)

Motion made to adjourn and passed.