

# **JSTS General Membership Meeting**

Date: May 18, 2015

Location: Federici's, Freehold NJ

In attendance from the Executive Board

Bob Spony- President

David Lee- Vice President

Secretary- Michael Cronan

Absent- Abe Chasnoff- Treasurer

President Bob Spony called meeting to order at 7pm.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report as prepared by Treasurer Abe Chasnoff

There was no discussion. Steve Karger and Charlie Kirlew made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion was passed unanimously.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Joe Hewes provided the membership update via email:

216 individual memberships

40 family memberships

2 Bike shop

New: 56

Renewed: 203.

There has not been an attempt to reach out yet to those who have not yet renewed. Joe is waiting until approx. June 15<sup>th</sup> to compare the lists and send out a membership renewal reminder/request to renew.

Fred made a suggestion to put out an email blast with a link to the renewal site. Any email distribution lists will have to be manually created and sectioned into multiple segments and Joe will look into getting this taken care of.

President Spony gave Gail Stevens kudos for taking care of the Champagne Ride. Everything went well and we had about 65 attendees. Special Thanks to Dan and Donna as well for their contributions. Gail did a great job bringing the event in under budget.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed By-Law Change

Change the number of meetings to be held through out the year to fewer and at the discretion of the BOD but keeping the Election and Budget meetings.

President Spony explained that due to a lack of attendance at the regularly scheduled meetings and with the advent of the Internet, web site and email it is not necessary to hold the meetings per the schedule under the current bylaws. Election meetings and Budget meetings would still be held per the regulations.

After a brief clarification Fred Sweet made a motion to hold the following meetings:

1. For the purposes of the Budget Presentation
2. For the Election of Officers
3. At any other time as deemed necessary and at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Michael San Giorgio seconded motion.

There was discussion held on the merits of this proposal. Ken Stockton mentioned his Welding Union's structure of 5 meetings per year, which seemed to work. Mike S. opined that fewer meetings with more meat would keep it interesting. Steve K. mentioned that meetings could be held after a ride on weekends to attract more members than the usual suspects who normally attend the Monday meetings.

Charlie K. mentioned that the Treasurer's report and budget could be put on line and password protected with the route sheet password, which would provide access to any member. Putting these online would be in the interest of transparency and they would be available to any member at any time for their examination.

President Spony called a vote on the motion on the floor to limit the number of General Membership meetings to Budget, Election and at the discretion of the BOD.

This motion would be presented at the next meeting pending approval.

The motion was passed with a unanimous AYE vote. There were no votes against the motion and there were no abstentions.

The motion was carried and will be formally presented at the next Meeting.

President Spony will send a notification to the members list.

Joe Hewes and Ed Marx are to work to see if they can get the ACTIVE notification of ALL members fixed. In the interim Joe will create the aforementioned distribution lists for mass notification.

#### PICNIC

President Spony informed the members present that the picnic would require a three (3)-person committee to determine the date, time, location, and to handle logistics.

Ed Marx informed the members that he had reformatted the Ride Schedule to better display in the mobile mode to be a more user friendly.

There was a reminder about the Ride of Silence to be held Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### NJ BIKE WALK COALITION

The Monmouth County Freeholders want to gut the policy called "Complete Streets," as they are passing the costs to the local municipalities to pay for any bike/ pedestrian street improvements. This is basically a knife through this proposal.

Ed to look to create a link to the freeholders to allow concerned members to provide their opinions and feedback.

Joe Hewes referenced the Jersey 101.5 (radio) 5 pm hour on the Motorist vs. Cyclist battle going on in NJ. There was a report that did that NJ was the 11<sup>th</sup> safest state to cycle in.

OLD BIZ

President Spony has ordered a new set of proofs for the cycling caps that are to be for the 2014 season recognition awards. There was a brief discussion of cycling vs. ball caps.

Pete Benton brought several vintage cycling caps to give a representative sample of what a good cycling cap should be.

Bike Clips- Many members are asking about bike clips to hold the route sheets. The club handed them out a few years back but they are since long gone. Need to find a source and price to revisit this idea.

With all business being conducted in a most expeditious manner, President Spony moved to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded by Joe H. and Ed M. and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm sharp.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary of JSTS  
Michael Cronan

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