

JSTS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: June 22, 2015

Location: Marlboro Worship Center

In attendance from the Executive Board:

Bob Spony- President

David Lee- Vice President

Secretary- Michael Cronan

Treasurer- Abe Chasnoff-

13 Members attended the meeting.

President Bob Spony called meeting to order at 7 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Abe Chasnoff read the Treasurer's report.

- There was a brief discussion regarding the number of available jerseys for sale. After a brief discussion it was concluded that three (3) jerseys had been sold leaving a balance of 2 jerseys available for sale. Abe made a note of this and indicated he would update the report and balance as necessary for the current reporting period
- Joe Hewes made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Pete Benton seconded it and the motion was passed unanimously.

The Secretary read a note of thanks from Debbie Asbjorn regarding the Ride of Silence, and a note of thanks from Andy Abere from the Autism ride.

Abe noted that he had checked with the insurance company and it was conveyed to us that a member rider or one who would otherwise be eligible is still covered by the club's insurance even if they had not signed in for the ride.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Joe Hewes provided the membership update:

-222 renewals

-64 new members

-2 Bike shops

There are 286 current members - 243 individual memberships and 43 family memberships.

- Membership responses are still coming in. Joe expects 300-350 when it is all said and done.
- There is a list of 158 people who did not renew from 2014. Looking at targeting them with a survey using Survey Monkey. You can ask 10 questions and send the survey out to 100 people for free
- Joe created 10 survey sample questions and these were read aloud for consideration as well as examples of what we can ask. Joe asked for input from the membership and Rob Leitner agreed

to assist Joe with tweaking the survey questions. Alan Zweibel mentioned that his other club loses about the same amount but also offsets it with similar gains

- Ed Marx has figured out a way to do an email blast with Gmail.

COMMITTEES

President Spony indicated the following need Committee Chair people and members:

- Picnic
- Century.

There was discussion about how the board was handling the recruitment of members for these committees and President Spony stated that he has brought this point up several times at meetings. Discussion ensued that perhaps the board could be more pro-active and reach out and recruit these committee members rather than wait for them to volunteer

Steve Karger was to talk to Tony Blazer (from the 5/18 meeting) to see if he could host the **picnic** but as of the meeting has not heard back yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Clothing Orders- President Spony mentioned that someone was needed to run this year's Club clothing sale.

President Spony also asked about the reallocation of funds for other purposes if they were not spent or under-spent per the budget.

- There is \$343 unspent budgeted monies available that Bob would like to reallocate to other purposes, such as dinner expenses at general meetings- especially the November election meeting.
- Charlie Kirlew indicated that a motion can be raised at a meeting and voted on to spend monies (capped at \$200) and either accepted or rejected at that same meeting. It does not need to be brought up in one meeting and then voted on at the next meeting. There is nothing in the bylaws about reallocation of funds.
- Charlie Kirlew made a motion increase the dinner meetings budget by \$200
- Don Levy and Rob Leitner consulted the by-laws to verify actions and concluded that we have indeed adhered to the bylaws with this motion.
- There was a comment made about offering food to come to a meeting as an inducement but Bob mentioned that Barbara Bennett's experience was that food increased attendance.
- Charlie Kirlew's motions was seconded by Al McCormick.
- Vote was 9 in favor, 0 no votes, 1 abstention.

Proposed By-Law Change & Web-posting of Treasurer's Report

President Spony brought up the proposed by-law change for discussion and a vote.

The proposal made at the 5/18/15 meeting was - ***Change the number of meetings to be held throughout the year to fewer than presently done, at the discretion of the Board of Directors (BOD), but keep the Election and Budget meetings.***

There was spirited discussion – it was noted that there are mandatory meetings such as election and budget no matter what...

- Don Levy mentioned that checks and balances were important between the BOD and the membership and it was vitally important to maintain transparency within the club to all its BOD actions.
- Other discussion was presented that even though some meetings may be postponed due to circumstances such as the inability to have a quorum from the BOD - life happens and we then reschedule as necessary –
- There is no reason for a fundamental change, which could create issues down the road
- Additional discussion about “How do we pull people in if we stop having regular meetings it could be dangerous and the club could become beholden to the whims of the BOD”. If meetings are held consistently people can count on the consistency and makes it easier to plan long term as well as potentially attend meetings.
- There was a review of proposed changes and wording to the bylaws as presented on the web site. Specifically – what is the definition of a Chairperson who, under the proposed change, would become part of the general BOD? The elected officers would make up the Executive board and together with the chairpersons make up the entire JSTS BOD committee.

A vote was taken on the proposed by law change:

All in Favor -0

Nay – 8

Abstain- 2

The MOTION IS DEFEATED 8-0.

Additionally there was a discussion about the pros and cons of posting the treasurer’s report on line accessible by club password.

Don Levy made a motion to post the meeting minutes on line

Al McCormick seconded it

All in Favor-0 Nay- Unanimous voice vote all NAY

Abstain – 0

The MOTION IS DEFEATED.

OLD BUSINESS

President Spony indicated that the 2014 volunteer recognition caps (40) had been ordered.

The caps should be in by the beginning of July.

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.

Bob Spony has seen them for \$7 per. Amazon had only 74 at \$4 per.

Abe Chasnoff to check the check register to see where previous years clips had been sourced.

Rob Leitner has officially cancelled the domain name JSTS.com as of 6/22/15 as previously agreed upon. JSTS will only use www.jsts.us from now on.

Club Recognition award discussion

Socks were discussed as an award as were the JSTS do-rags. Past selections had been from major contributors plus high volume ride leaders. The cut-off was generally around 4-5 rides led. Actual awards handed out will be on how many items can be purchased from the budgeted line item funds. Overachievers cannot double-dip on awards

Arlene Tynys asked about club clothing and who does the ordering.

Rob Leitner mentioned that there were templates to use to order from the vendor.

Bob Spony mentioned it takes about 6 weeks to process the orders.

Arlene Tynys and Christie Booth volunteered to head up this year's clothing sale. They will get hooked up with Jose, who handled the 2014 clothing orders.

David Lee mentioned that there were a lot of non-club members who rode the 2014 century which really taxed resources at the pit stops.

- Should we charge a nominal fee (to non-members)?
- Princeton Free Wheelers charges based on ride length
- Maybe purchase a lot of the disposable wristbands. A quick look yielded cost to be about \$15 for 500 bracelets
- Perhaps a sign in table where a wristband is handed out can be set up to help control the process
- Arlene Tynys to look further into the wrist bracelets
- Again it was mentioned about the volunteers need for the Picnic and Century committees
- Dates need to be chosen and logistics planned
- BOD needs to push the membership to volunteer and not expect the membership to just volunteer. Cannot be passive- must be pro-active.

It was mentioned that safety must be actively pushed on all rides

- It was noted even when riders have done everything properly a car still came up from behind them in the other side of the yellow line to pass.
- Please be extremely pro-active and vigilant about road safety and don't forget to check behind you as well.
- Bob Spony mentioned about his participation in the NJ Public TV piece on summer activity safety.

Rob Leitner made a motion to adjourn.

It was unanimously seconded and accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm sharp.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary of JSTS
Michael Cronan

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