

# ***JSTS General Membership Meeting Minutes***

**Date: March 14, 2016**

**Location- Monmouth Worship Center, Marlboro**

Executive Board in Attendance

David Lee- - President

Vice President -Steve Surowitz

Ron Daggett- Treasurer

Michael Cronan- Secretary

There were 8 JSTS club members in attendance plus the executive board.

President David Lee called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Treasurer's report from 2/8/16 was read. A motion was made by Bob Spony to accept the report and seconded by Steve Karger. All present were in favor. Report is accepted.

A motion to accept the minutes from 2/8/16 was made by Joe Hewes and seconded by Steve Karger. All present were in favor. Minutes were accepted.

Abe Chasnoff and Ron Dagget then presented the background on the budget number discrepancies. According to Abe there was a clerical error in the budget sheet and he failed to enter the amount for the Longest Day pizza from one sheet to another. This accounts for the difference that was reported from the 2014 budget carryover and what was put into the 2015 budget sheet. Abe did not reconcile the budget to the checkbook. Now that the discrepancy was identified everything checks all the way through and it is carried through the year.

Ron D suggested removing the prior years "leftover" amount from the budget for the subsequent year. Without the carryover amount from one year to the next, and the way the budget is constructed, the club will, on paper book a loss in FY 2016. Members present suggested that budgets should be constructed going forwards with a net-zero forecast.

Steve K asked why do we have a surplus of funds? What are we doing with this surplus? Why not spend it?

Joe Hewes made a motion to accept the FY2016 budget as is and was seconded by Steve K. It was also stated for the record that it should be the business of the club and the executive board to present and accept a balanced budget for FY 2017. All members present voted aye and the motion was passed. A copy of the treasurer's report and budget can be made available to any member by contacting the treasurer Ron Dagget.

## **Membership Report**

Joe Hewes- 156 members registered (families and individuals). There are 19 new members, and 137 member renewals. There are now 20 family and 136 individual memberships recorded. There were no further questions.

### **Frostbite Ride**

Steve Surowitz reported that 5 members have not responded to several email requests to determine their shirt sizing. He will send another email requesting responses by Friday 3/18. If he does not get solid feedback by then he will guesstimate. Question was asked if the coordinator who has been tracking the rides should get a Frostbite shirt but it was pointed out the Frostbite shirts are for those who completed the ride and the coordinators will be recognized as part of the normal volunteer recognition program at the end of the year.

### **Souper Saturday**

David Lee reported on Saturdays March 12<sup>th</sup> event. It was nice weather and they had approximately 12 riders total with 8 riders in one group and 4 in the other. The soup was good! David passed the receipts along to the treasurer for payment. March is better than February from a weather standpoint and everyone would prefer the event to take place in March in the future.

### **Champagne Ride**

Will be held April 17 per Gail Stevens the coordinator. David Lee will restate the budget limit for this event. Steve Buchanan will put the event on the web site. Bob Spony will meet up with Gail and hand off the paper goods he currently has sometime in early April. We may need another cooler (the spigot was broken on the 2015 century ride) Bob will provide Gail an inventory and she can get the balance of what is needed.

### **Club Picnic**

There is NO Picnic coordinator yet. Steve Karger put out three dates that were mutually acceptable to the generous gentlemen who agreed to foot the bill for this year's picnic. July 24, July 31 or August 7<sup>th</sup>.

We still need a venue as well as volunteers to set up, cook, clean and tear down. As well as work out the logistics of who is buying the soda, ice paper goods and food. It was suggested we not go back to the well to ask those who graciously hosted the last three Club picnics but rather attempt to find another venue. The picnic generally gets about 60 attendees.

### **Ride Coordinator**

Barb Bennett reported that we have 616 rides on the 2016 calendar. And only 25 or so various rides do not have a ride leader yet. Need to remind the club that Volunteers to lead rides are always needed and appreciated. We need a volunteer to assist with the day-to-day ride coordinator duties. There are hundreds of emails that come in asking one person – Barb to update, change, adjust etc. and it becomes very time consuming. Thus we are looking for someone to step up and assist.

The April rides are currently up on the website ride calendar and May will be up soon.

Our event rides – The Vermont Challenge has 12 riders confirmed. The Summer Tour has 15 confirmed made up of B and B+ riders plus one on the fence. This will be in the Finger Lakes. There is a 10-count room block reserved.

MS Ride – it would be nice to put a JSTS group together to represent. We need a name to link coordination through for this.

The Longest Day ride date needs to be put up on the site, as well as the picnic and the Century.

We need a Fall Classic coordinator as well as a Harvest Ride and Holiday Party coordinator.

### **New Business**

Steve Karger wanted some guidelines on what constitutes a conflict between rides and what the differentiator(s) are. After a discussion about the various elements that might be in conflict, and what the general guidelines to keep in mind while creating additional rides, it was decided that Steve's request for a ride was certainly within reason and he could hold his 16 mile ride which would not conflict with the scheduled 25 mile ride on the schedule.

### **Correspondence**

David Lee collects the electronic requests from outside groups and then will post the information to our Yahoo groups if found pertinent to biking. Ron D will be picking up the physical mail at the PO Box and will hand off to David L.

### **New Jersey Design**

If we want an alternate throw back jersey design we need a coordinator to drive this project. Barb has a name for someone who she met at the Holiday party who might be into graphic design and might be able to help out.

Steve Karger suggested we have a design contest. The designer of the winning entry to receive a free jersey. Bob Spony also mentioned his daughter had some skills in this department and might be willing to help as well.

We need to however gauge the interest level of the club before we embark on this project. Ideally we would like to have the designs submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to present them to the membership at the Club picnic. Again we need a volunteer to coordinate this project.

**Route Design Guidelines-** We need to post the Route Design Guidelines on the website for people to reference when creating new routes.

**Facebook Page-** Steve Karger is the Facebook page admin and has been given the discretion by the club to remove posts that don't conform to the policies and protocols of JSTS.

### **Miscellaneous-**

Some of the pages on the sites need to be updated with the 2016 password.

Still need to find the way to have an easy way to create a Group email or All Club Members. Ed Marx & Steve Buchanan are working on it.

The next General meeting will be a Bike Maintenance workshop meeting and will be held at the Peddler in Long Branch on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

With no other business before the club, a motion to adjourn was made by Steve Karger and seconded by Bob Spony. All present were in favor and the meeting was adjourned by President David Lee at 8:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michael Cronan*

Michael Cronan, JSTS Secretary