

JSTS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2016

Location- Trek Bike Shop, Middletown NJ

Executive Board in Attendance

David Lee- President

Steve Surowitz - Vice President

Ron Daggett- Treasurer

Michael Cronan- Secretary

There were 12 JSTS club members in attendance including the Board Members. In addition both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton signed in.

President David Lee called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The Secretary, Michael Cronan, read the previous months Treasurer's report into the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bob Spony and seconded by Steve Karger. All in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

The May meeting minutes were presented and Steve Karger made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Bob Spony. All in attendance were in favor. Motion passed

The Treasurer Ron Daggett read the current Treasurer's report for the period between June 13 and September 12 after a short pizza break. Copies of the report will be made available to any JSTS member upon request to the Treasurer. After a short QA regarding bank statements resolution to the check and other outstanding debits the report was motioned for acceptance by Steve Karger and seconded by Charlie Kirlaw. All present were in favor and the motion was passed

Committee Reports

Membership

David Lee informed the gathering that Joe Hewes has resigned as Membership Chairman due to other commitments taking up his time. A hearty round of thanks was offered to Joe for his service and dedication to JSTS and we hope to see him around on rides in the very near future. Joe will continue until the end of 2016 and the club will need to find another Membership Chairman for 2017.

David presented Joe's membership report dated 9/12 @ 1400 hours

74 new members

227 renewal members

35 family memberships

260 individual members

301 Total Members

Ride Coordinator

David presented for Barbara Bennet

16 riders rode on this past June's Finger Lakes ride

The Al Faragasso Memorial Covered Bridge Ride had 40 riders

The Vermont Challenge had 13 riders

The NJ Gran Fondo on 9/11 had 14 riders

The Century is rescheduled for September 18th

The La Dolce Vita was postponed due to extreme heat conditions and is rescheduled for September 24th.

For 2017

Hotel Dory – Italy will be September 9-16

The June Summer Tour has yet to have a location selected

October 2017 will see the Al Faragasso Memorial Covered Bridge Ride

Alan Zweibel has volunteered to coordinate the 2016 Harvest Ride

Correspondence

We received a note from the Lincroft Inn that they will be selling the restaurant and closing for renovations thereby eliminating our Holiday Party location. We did put a deposit down to secure the spot and this will be returned. Cost at the Lincroft was \$35 + tax per person plus \$75 for the bartender and a cash bar.

Steve Surwitz has been working with MJ's in Matawan as an optional venue. Steve is negotiating to get a preferred rate for the club and to try and match the Lincroft Inn's' rate as closely as possible

Dan Hinton indicated he will look into Sterling Gardens on RT79 and the Colts Neck Inn is another possibility. Dan inquired as to if there would be a DJ?

Old Business

At the June meeting The Treasurer Ron Dagget was asked to come back and make recommendations on the Financial Cushion Question – How much do we need? What do we do with excess??

Ron prepared an analytic report that laid out the various options that based on his findings using historical data and financial reasoning where the club could possibly land. For a detailed report on this issue, any club member can contact JSTS Club Treasurer Ron Dagget, for a copy that lays out the financial recommendations. Membership will review and the cushion will be discussed and negotiated and taken into account by the 2017 Executive Board when preparing next year's budget which it was noted should be a zero deficit budget as discussed earlier this year.

There was a brief discussion about why we start the current Membership year in October rather than January 1st of the New Year. It was noted that this was a discussion only and any membership start dates needs to be changed in the bylaws following the proper procedures laid out in the Club Rules and regulations. It was requested that the membership regulations be put on the header of the membership applications in order to make clear the timing and head off any potential issues over payments.

It was briefly discussed that we should provide to all the club volunteers either a T-Shirt or Polo that represents and promotes JSTS. This is a great idea for 2017. These types of expenses could be used to spend down the "club reserve", but will have to be monitored to see when we reach or approach the spend down breakeven point.

Dan noted that we need better club visibility and having this kind of T-Shirt which folks can wear everyday would be a step in the right direction.

The July event at the Library brought in about 10-12 people – mostly older folks looking to get back into riding. David Lee handed out applications but we have not tracked new memberships yet to see if this even resulted in these people signing up for JSTS yet.

Steve K inquired as to why is there declining club membership at the club picnic? I reason is that this year the date and time were not decided on until very late, perhaps conflicting with already long planned family events. It was also asked about why we don't have the picnic at public parks, and why do we always have it at people's houses? A pool is generally preferred due to the heat so that tips the balance in favor of a private house.

It was also brought up that several folks have noticed an increase in cliques developing in the club and wondered as to what the reason might be? A brief discussion ensued as to potential theories and the

issue was left for another time, but with the hope that this perception may be improved over time.

Other Business

Joe Hewes has resigned as Membership Coordinator effective 12/31/16

Steve Karger asked for a resolution that gave a special thanks to Joe Hewes and Ed Marx for all they have given to the club with their time and service over the years. It was unanimously granted and JSTS formally thanks Joe and Ed for their service to JSTS.

2017 Elections

Nominating Committee. Steve Karger has volunteered for one of the three positions on the Election Committee. We will need two additional members to round out the committee.

Volunteer Recognition

David is running out of ideas for volunteers gifts and we have noticed that the costs can be prohibitive. Headbands, water bottles and scully's came up as potential gifts. Possibly the afore discussed JSTS T-Shirt. There are 40-50 awards per year and that is about \$500 dollars

New Business

Steve Sigel from the CJ Bike Club has asked if we would want to sponsor (or help run) the Farmlands Flats Tour. There are many questions about distribution of revenue and we'll need to do much more research on what resources will be required of JSTS to support the even, what is our exposure and is there a benefit to JSTS.

Dan Hinton asked why the club doesn't have folding tables that we use at our various events. Multiple rides and events utilize them so why don't we purchase several for club use and then we won't have to beg borrow and steal from club members for these events.

Charlie Kirlew asked if anyone was going to run the Mountain Bike Series this year.

Steve Karger to finish the web Code of Conduct for posting to our Yahoo Groups. We also noticed that Yahoo groups did have some posting delays over the summer and it appears that webmaster Steve Buchanan is preparing to migrate JSTS from Yahoo to Google groups

A big thanks to the folks at the Trek Shop for providing us tasty refreshments for our meeting.

There was a move for adjournment made by Charlie Kirlew with a second by Al McCormack. All present were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 845pm by President David Lee

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Cronan

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