

Minutes of JSTS Board Meeting - October 7, 2019  
Freehold Municipal Center

Call to Order: President Robert Nuara. Introduction of four board members present and twenty-two club members in attendance.

President Robert Nuara opened with instruction to members that this meeting was added to the schedule so that club members could review proposed By-law change before the scheduled November meeting. This is in accordance with the By-law rules.

The proposed By-law changes are to address the problems the Club is having with the current internet processing provider, Active, and to better manage the membership database. The current process with Active requires manual processing of checks and manually reconciling membership receipts. Members, Steve Buchanan and Rob Leitner have been researching internet processors and recommend that the club consider a system with the firm Wild Apricot.

Participants reviewed proposed changes to By-laws:

Article II, Section 6 -- Membership Application

Original

An application form for membership authorized by the Executive Board shall include a statement releasing the Club, its officers, members and agents from liability in case of accident, injury, or misadventure in connection with Club rides and activities. Applications of Junior Members must be co-signed by the Junior Member's parent or legal guardian. Membership applications should be mailed with the appropriate fee to: Jersey Shore Touring Society, PO Box 8581, Red Bank, NJ 07701. Membership applications may also be submitted through the on-line process which is accessible through the Club website, [www.jsts.us](http://www.jsts.us). Membership applications should not be submitted to ride leaders or other Club members at Rides.

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Article IV, Section 1 -- Annual Dues

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Rob Leitner described some of the features that the new system can offer, and also an appreciation for the patience of members while kinks get worked out. Reminder email features and auto renewal options can be set up. Members will be able to update their information in the system and have their own personal password. Many other features are also available. Wild Apricot handles memberships for many other clubs. JSTS will possibly no longer have paper applications if we move to this system.

The contract with Wild Apricot will be on a month-to-month basis. The Club does not have a contract with Active so that will not need to be cancelled.

Because of the increase in operating costs in moving to this system, Club dues will need to be increased to cover these expenses. The membership fees will increase to \$25-single and \$35-family beginning in 2020. Membership dues have not increased in many years because there has not been an increase in operating expenses.

These changes can be voted on at the November meeting which will be held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at Federici's Restaurant in Freehold. The meeting will also include election of 2020 board members, member appreciation gifts and pizza.

Meeting Adjourned