

Minutes of JSTS Board Meeting - March 8, 2021

- ❖ Call to order at 7:03pm President Robert Nuara. Introduction of four board members present. Roll Call not taken - 19 members attended via Zoom teleconference.
- ❖ Motion made by President Rob Nuara to accept the minutes of the January meeting and approved.
- ❖ Sheryl Nishiura, Secretary, reported correspondence from League of American Bicyclists - Membership Fee due 3/1/2021.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report for January and February 2021 read by Alan Zwiebel. Motion made to accept financial statements made and accepted.
- ❖ Committee Updates:
- ❖ Membership - Jerry Korn

Membership Analysis				
As of February 28, 2021				
<u>Period</u>	<u>Renewals</u>	<u>New Members</u>	<u>Life Members</u>	<u>Total Members</u>
Oct.1, 2020 to Feb. 28, 2021	225	53	10	288
Oct.1, 2019 to Feb. 28, 2020	198	37	10	245
Oct.1, 2018 to Feb. 28, 2019	130	10	8	148

Noted that 53 new members have signed up in the current year already.

- ❖ Ride Coordination - Barb Bennett.
 - 2021 Events are on the calendar. Note that Everett Anderson's 90th birthday ride was added to schedule for April 17. Barb asked the Board to consider a donation to charity of Everett's choice as a gift.
 - The Ride Calendar is light for April because there is a lack of Ride Leaders.
 - Barb asked for feedback on the Century Ride this year. The last two years have been an unsupported Century with an event at the end. Steve Karger volunteered to assist with SAG support if needed.
 - For weekday rides, leaders are still needed for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Wednesday rides will be scheduled out of Millstone and once per month from Holmdel Park.
 - Fred Sweet may lead daytime rides on Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Champagne Ride is scheduled for April 25. Safety concerns are still being addressed. Discussion regarding legal liability of Club in the event of Covid transmission and privacy concern for members to disclose vaccination status.
- ❖ Old Business/New Business - Sheryl Nishiura/Andy Abere
 - Fraud Gift Card Scam. Members of the Board received fraudulent e-mails from the Club President requesting gift cards be purchased.
 - Andy reported that he is continuing to assess interest in alternative starting points and rides. Ride Leaders are encouraged to offer suggestions.
 - Andy reported that the Club Facebook group now has over 600 members (up from 400 last year). We would like to encourage these people to become club members.
 - Andy is continuing to tweak the Guidelines for Ride Leaders and Rider Guidelines. He hopes to have this done soon.
- ❖ Clothing Coordinator - Jean Roy
 - Frostbite T-Shirts: Jean has 34 shirts for participants and asked for suggestions on how to distribute. Barb Bennett suggested that shirts be distributed at Everett Anderson birthday ride on April 17. The Board will review.
 - Ascend Store will be open from March 15 through March 31 so that members can put in orders for Club Clothing.
- ❖ By-Law Changes - Rob Leitner
 - Rob clarified that under the previous rules, guest riders were not covered under the Club insurance policy. With the new website, the Club can offer a "Trial Membership" for 30 days at no cost. This membership is a one-time only membership and is non-renewable. The by-laws will need to be updated to be consistent with the new procedure. Below are the changes being proposed to the by-laws that were reviewed:

Proposed By-law changes:

Existing Language

Section 2--Types of Membership

There shall be four types of membership in the Club: Adult, Family, Honorary, and Life.

New Language (change "Adult" to "Individual"; drop "Honorary"; add "Trial")

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There are four types of membership in the Club: Trial, Individual, Family, and Lifetime.

Existing Language

1. **Adult Annual Membership** . Available to adults 18 years of age or older.

New Language (change "Adult" to "Individual")

1. **Individual Annual Membership** . Available to adults 18 years of age or older.

New Language (define "Trial Membership"; adjust numbering of other membership types accordingly)

1. Trial Membership . Available to prospective new members that are 18 years of age or older, allowing them to take trial rides with the Club before becoming a paid member (one of the other membership types as listed below). A Trial Membership requires the same membership application to be completed as all other membership types. An individual with a Trial Membership does not have any dues, but shall execute all waivers required for adult members. Individuals with a Trial Membership shall pay for any other expense required of an adult member for any club activity (e.g., Holiday Party). For club activities with additional fees, individuals with a Trial Membership must pay the "guest rate" where applicable.

An individual with a Trial Membership is asked to convert to an Individual or Family Membership after taking one (1) trail ride, though they may take additional trial rides if needed to make a decision on whether or not to become a paid member. If the individual does not wish to continue their membership with the Club, they have the option to cancel their membership. Annual dues are immediately due upon converting to an Individual or Family Membership.

A Trial Membership shall terminate and automatically convert to an Individual Membership at the end of the Trial Membership (as defined in Section 3--Term of Membership), at which point the applicable annual dues will become immediately due. Unless annual dues are paid, the individual is no longer a member of the Club, and may not participate in any rides or other functions of the Club.

A Trial Membership is not renewable.

DELETE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

~~**3. Honorary Membership** . (i) Honorary membership may be conferred by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board for one calendar year upon a person who has rendered extraordinary service or has made an outstanding contribution to the Club or some aspect of cycling. (ii) Honorary membership may also be granted by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board to a guest speaker for one calendar year following their appearance at a club function. (iii) Honorary members must fill out the club registration form and execute the waiver thereon when riding with the club.~~

Existing Language

Section 3--Term of Membership

Each membership in the Club shall be for a term of one calendar year.

Section 4--Voting Rights

Each adult member shall have one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

New Language (revised for Trial Membership)

Section 3--Term of Membership

Each membership in the Club shall be for a term of one calendar year, except for Trial Membership, which has a term of thirty (30) days.

Section 4--Voting Rights

Each adult member shall have one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members, except for individuals with Trial Memberships, who have no voting rights.

DELETE (obsolete section)

~~Section 9—Guest Riders~~

~~Prospective new members who wish to take a trial ride with the Club prior to joining the Club may only take one trial ride before they make a decision whether or not to join the Club. If a person wishes to continue to ride with the Club beyond the first trail ride, they must join the Club by completing a membership application and paying the appropriate fee.~~

Existing Language (Article V, Section 3)

Section 3--Members Must Sign the Sign In Sheet For All Club Rides

All Club members are required to sign the sign-in sheet corresponding to the Club ride that that member is a participant prior to the start of the ride. All Club rides must have a corresponding sign-in sheet. Sign-in sheets must be sent to the Club secretary aer the completion of each ride.

New Language (revised for new online ride registration)

Section 3--Members Must Register For All Outdoor Club Rides

All Club members are required to register for every outdoor Club ride in which they are a participant, prior to the start of that ride. Indoor rides organized by the Club are open to members and non-members alike, and do not require registration.

Existing Language

ARTICLE VIII--NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND VOTING

Section 1--Eligibility for Voting

All members except junior members (those under 18 years of age) are eligible to vote. Each member shall have one vote on any issue put to a vote of the membership. Members must meet the requirements of Article III, Section 1. Members must be in a currently paid-up status.

New Language (revised for Trial Membership)

ARTICLE VIII--NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS AND VOTING

Section 1--Eligibility for Voting

All members except individuals with Trial Memberships and Junior Members are eligible to vote. Each voting member shall have one vote on any issue put to a vote of the membership. Members must meet the requirements of Article III, Section 1. Members must be in a currently paid-up status.

Changes to the by-laws will be voted on in next meeting

❖ Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm.