

Minutes of JSTS General Meeting - September 12, 2022 (via Zoom)

- ❖ Call to order at 7:03pm President Robert Nuara.
- ❖ Robert Nuara, President - Introduction of Board Members present - Louis Osmont, Vice President was unable to attend due to a family emergency. Roll Call not taken - 16 members attended via Zoom teleconference.
- ❖ Motion made by President Robert Nuara to accept the minutes of the March meeting and approved.
- ❖ Sheryl Nishiura, Secretary, reported a certified letter was received from Active Network regarding increased fees. Rob Leitner confirmed that JSTS no longer utilizes services of Active Network.
- ❖ Treasurer's Reports for May, June, July and August shared by Steve Shell. Reviewed and accepted.
 - Steve noted that significant expenses are anticipated through the end of the year:
 - Insurance premium
 - Membership dues - International Bikers Association,
 - Volunteer Gifts
 - End of Season Party
 - Rob Leitner requested that in future meetings that the Treasurer also report the expense amount to the budget in the presentation which was agreed.

Committee Reports:

- ❖ Membership Update: Robert Nuara for Rob Fisch. Data as of Aug 31 2022:
 - · Individual Members: 243 renewed ; 62 new memberships = 305 Total
 - · Family Members: 86 renewed;8 new family memberships = 94 Total
 - · 9 Lifetime members
 - ·12 trial Memberships

YTD (Oct 2021) thru Aug 2022, total membership is up 6.57% over the same period last year.

AS OF END OF AUG				AS OF END OF AUG					
	2022			2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
*** MEMBERS ***	Renewed	New	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Individual Member	243	62	305	285	217	271	291	257	227
Family Member	86	8	94	50	31	25	27	103	35
Lifetime Member	9	0	9	9	8	7	8	8	7
TOTAL MEMBERS	338	70	408	344	256	303	326	368	269
	2022			2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
*** PAID MEMBERSHIPS ***	Renewed	New	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Individual Membership	243	62	305	285	217	271	291	257	227
Family Membership	46	4	50						
TOTAL PAID MEMBERSHIPS	289	66	355	285	217	271	291	257	227
Currently Active Trial Memberships	12								
<p>NOTE: "Memberships" does not include additional family members. It only includes the bundle administrators.</p>									

❖ Ride Coordinator Update - Barb Bennett and John Hayes

- John reported that scheduling has continued to be a struggle due to injuries and need for additional Ride Leaders. Some scheduled events still need ride leaders including the La Dolce Vita Ride. The Unsupported Century and The Harvest Ride are on the schedule. The Century Day Rides were very successful.
- Barb reported that "Al's Covered Bridge Ride" was not scheduled this year because some roads are not in good condition. If someone is interested in leading this ride out of Princeton another route can be mapped. The ride normally is the Saturday before the Harvest Ride.
- The Ride Coordinators would appreciate any feedback from riders who rode the Century on the route this year.

❖ Clothing Coordinator - Jean Roy

- The online Ascend Store is currently open through September 26. The same items are being offered as in the Spring.
- Members may want to combine their orders to save on shipping costs.
- Samples will be available for members to try-on at some Thursday and Saturday rides. Dates are noted on the ride calendar.
- Items will be shipped 7-8 weeks after the online store closes.

❖ Don Levy, JSTS Election Committee

- The election committee is making progress in identifying members for the 2023 board but it has been very challenging. The committee is continuing to identify candidates for all Board positions.
- A few people have expressed interest but have not fully committed to running.
- Don is optimistic that a slate will be finalized by mid-October.
- Emails have been sent to solicit candidates.
- Fred Sweet asked if members could be solicited when they register for rides or when members renew. Rob Leitner responded that this cannot be implemented.
- Meeting attendees were asked to speak with people on rides about joining the Board since only a small percentage of Club members are in attendance.
- The Club by-laws prevent any type of incentive to be provided to the Board members.

- Paul Sakson suggested that eventually the Board should include more than 4 members to share the responsibilities.
- ❖ Old Business - Sheryl Nishiura
 - Approximately 40 members attended the Club Picnic.
 - Approximately 55 members attended the Club Century Day Events
 - The board presented all Century riders with a Century Day commemorative gift (cycling keychain).
 - The invitation has been sent to members for the End of Season Party on October 2 and it is posted on the website. Currently there are 14 members and 6 guests signed up. The target attendance is 90+.
- ❖ New Business - Howard Kradjel - Safe Street
 - Safe Street is an advocacy program involved in efforts to improve the safety of cyclists on the road and provide road safety education.
 - Bicyclist injury and death is at an all time high.
 - Safe Street advocated for the NJ Safe Passing Law which went into effect this year.
 - Howard requested the JSTS Board and members support and contribute toward Safe Street efforts to work with local government and community leaders.
 - Barb Bennett commented that it's challenging in NJ due to the structure of local government. The club made some efforts and had discussions about 10 years ago about putting flyers on landscaping trucks parked in the road..
- ❖ Bylaw Changes- R. Leitner
 - These proposed bylaw changes have been discussed in the last two meetings. This change will reduce confusion in cash-flow reporting when creating and managing the budget because of dues paid in Q4 count toward the following calendar year.
 - An early renewal discount may continue to be offered at the Board's discretion to encourage people to renew early.
 - Memberships will run through January 31. There will no longer be a grace period and annual dues will not be open until January 1.
 - Motion made to approve the following bylaw changes and approved:
 - ❖ [ARTICLE III - Term of Membership](#)

- ❖ ARTICLE IV - DUES
- ❖ Updates to Membership Coordinator Duties
- ❖ Full marked-up copy of proposed bylaws

- ❖ Next meeting will be held on November 14, 2022
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.