

Minutes of JSTS General Meeting - November 14, 2022 (via Zoom)

- ❖ Call to order at 7:02pm President Robert Nuara.
- ❖ Robert Nuara, President - Introduction of Board Members present: Steven Shell, Treasurer, Sheryl Nishirua, Secretary. Not present - Louis Osmont, Vice President. Roll Call not taken - 16 members attended via Zoom teleconference.
- ❖ Motion made by President Robert Nuara to accept the minutes of the September meeting and approved.
- ❖ Sheryl Nishiura, Secretary, reported no correspondence received.
- ❖ Treasurer’s Reports for September and October shared by Robert Nuara (Treasurer, Steve Shell had audio issue). Reviewed and accepted.
- ❖ **Committee Reports:**

Membership Update: Robert Nuara for Rob Fisch. Data as of October 31, 2022

➤ · 418 Total Memberships: 314 Individual and 95 Family Memberships

	Renewed	New	Total
*** MEMBERS ***			
Individual Member	246	68	314
Family Member	86	9	95
Lifetime Member	9	0	9
TOTAL MEMBERS	341	77	418
*** PAID MEMBERSHIPS ***			
Individual Membership	246	68	314
Family Membership	46	5	51
TOTAL PAID MEMBERSHIPS	292	73	365

Current Trial Memberships: 4

NOTE: "Memberships" does not include additional family members. It only includes the bundle administrators.

Ride Coordinator Update - Barb Bennett and John Hayes

- Barb reported that most of the schedule has been posted for the remainder of the year.
- The Frostbite series rules have been modified this year and will include weekday as well as weekend rides. More members may qualify for award t-shirts with these new rules.
- The Ride Coordinators have listed one ride leader for two different rides on the November ride schedule which is different from past practice. This is being tried instead of combining different paced rides together (A/B+, B/C+, etc) because there are not as many ride leaders for off-season rides and people may not sign up for combined rides. The assigned ride leader should designate a leader from the ride that they aren't on. This can be done in the parking lot or in advance of the ride. The ride coordinators would appreciate any feedback to find out if this system is working.
- November 20 Rides are dedicated to World Day of Remembrance to remember those lost in road accidents.
- Proposed 2023 Club Events:

■ La Dolce Vita	Apr 9	
■ Champagne Ride	Apr 23	(rain date: April 30)
■ Longest Day	w/o June 19	
■ JSTS Picnic	July?	
■ Century	Sep 3	
■ Gran Fondo	----	
■ La Dolce Vita	Sep 23	
■ Saturday Century	Sep 30	
■ Al's Covered Bridge Ride	Oct 7	
■ Harvest Ride	Oct 8	
- Club Meeting Dates can also be put on the ride calendar
- There is currently no system set up which allows coordinators to notify ride leaders closer to the date of a ride that they are scheduled to lead. Ride Coordinators normally send out an e-mail to all ride leaders 1-2 months in advance and include the schedule.
- If anyone is interested in coordinating the Summer Tour or Italy Trip next year they can contact Barb Bennett for information.

- It was noted that if people wait until the last minute to sign up for a ride, they risk the ride being canceled as the ride leader may determine that there is no interest.
- The “+” Rides were originally added to the schedule to add additional distance to the regular pace rides. They have morphed into faster paced groups, but that wasn’t the original intention of the “+” groups.

Clothing Coordinator Update - Jean Roy

- Orders are currently being shipped from Ascend for the fall clothing orders.
- We expect to have the Ascend online store open again in the spring.
- The Volunteer Gifts and Ride Leader Gifts are currently being distributed. It was suggested that the volunteers be listed on the website to encourage others to volunteer and the efforts of the volunteers be recognized. It was noted that in past years (before Zoom meetings) the volunteers were acknowledged at the November meeting and the gifts were given out.

❖ New Business - Robert Nuara

- On Saturday, November 5, there was an accident due to a pothole in Cranbury on the A ride and 5 cyclists crashed. Three people were hurt to varying degrees and bikes were damaged. The person who had the most severe injuries was about $\frac{3}{4}$ into the pack.
 - It’s extremely important to enforce the need for all riders to call out hazards on the road. Riders tend to get lax but it’s extremely important.
 - The Club Insurance doesn’t cover bike damage. Rob is attempting to find out if the pothole was previously reported to the township.
 - The Club can increase the insurance to include bike damage - the current carrier offers a \$20k max per year which would cost about \$1,215 per year above the current rate for the Club. If there is interest in this insurance the Board can follow-up.
 - There was discussion about the importance of having phone numbers and emergency contact information in the rider member profile for these situations.
 - Barb Bennett noted that routes have been modified to avoid this road.
- Robert was contacted by a bike helmet manufacturer KAV - <https://kavsports.com> regarding a sponsorship opportunity. The company offered to provide club members with a discount on their custom helmets in exchange for the club promoting the helmets on social media and have the helmet logo on Club apparel. Members are encouraged to review the website for future discussion.

- It was noted that riders should replace their helmets every 2-3 years.
- Discussion about how to get members more involved in meetings and events. Need additional ideas to enhance members to participate.

- ❖ JSTS Board Elections - Don Levy
 - Election and Acceptance of JSTS Board Officers for 2023:
 - President, Paul Sakson
 - Vice Presidents, Diane Wright and Louis Osmont
 - Secretary, Michael Greaney
 - Treasurer, Eric Bonnett
 - Outgoing President, Robert Nuara congratulated the new board and noted that a transition meeting would be coordinated to review current practices and procedures. Newly-elected President, Paul Sakson expressed appreciation to the current board and enthusiasm about the Club moving forward. He also acknowledged all of the people behind the scenes who keep the club running efficiently.

- ❖ Next meeting will be held on January 9, 2023
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.