

Jersey Shore Touring Society (the “Club”)  
Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2023 Meeting

- Pursuant to notice duly provided, the New Member meeting of the Club was convened via Zoom on September 18, 2023.
- Paul Sakson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and there were 22 members of the Club present, including all of the board members. (Other members joined throughout the call.)
- Pat Perrella, Vice President, called for a vote on the approval of the minutes of the prior meeting. On a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved.
- Mike Greaney, Secretary, reported that no correspondence of significance had been received.
- Eric Bonett, Treasurer, reviewed and presented the Treasurer’s report.
  - Eric reviewed the bank reconciliation showing the cash activity of the Club year to date through August, and compared the activity with the approved budget.
  - It was noted that the Club would make a contribution to the Bike Walk Coalition without receiving an invoice from the Bike Walk Coalition.
  - The excess of actual over budgeted expenses for the Pizza Rides and the Sweet Treat rides was discussed by the membership and Board.
  - There was discussion of an unprocessed request for reimbursement for a ride leader and it was agreed the payment would be processed as quickly as possible.
  - The excess of actual over budgeted expenses for “Meeting expense (Zoom Account)” was discussed by the membership and Board. (The overage relating to the Zoom Account expenses had been discussed in a prior meeting.)
    - The discussion included an explanation that part of the overage was due to the educational session held at B3 Bicycles in July. There was discussion by the membership and Board of the need to present certain unbudgeted expenditures at a meeting of the membership. It was noted that the expenses related to the educational session were offset by the excess of actual donations and sponsorships over the budgeted amount of same.
    - Pat Perrella agreed to reply further to Charles Kirlew following the meeting.

- o It was requested that the actual bank statement corresponding to the months on the bank reconciliation be made available to the membership.
  - o On a unanimous voice vote, the Treasurer's report was accepted.
  
- Paul Sakson presented proposed changes to by-laws to be discussed and approved at the November 13 meeting (the Election Meeting).
  - o The proposed edits were made available via the Ride Calendar on the Club's website prior to the meeting.
  - o Paul described the changes to the Lifetime Membership provisions, noting that the proposed changes were developed by the Membership Committee.
  - o Pat Perella described the changes to the provisions relating to earphones, headsets, and similar equipment. It was agreed that the language regarding the use of bone-conduction headphones "in emergencies" would be refined for clarity.
  - o Paul discussed the changes to the meeting at which the Club's budget would be approved and to the definition of the Budget Committee, and a discussion ensued. There was a question as to whether a membership meeting in January would be held; Paul indicated that the Board was in favor of more meetings as opposed to fewer, but it was not yet clear as to whether a January meeting would be needed.
  - o It was noted that the final proposed changes would be presented to the membership via the website at least 30 days prior to the November meeting.
  - o There was discussion of the provisions regarding the process for the resignation of the President and other Board members.
  - o There was discussion as to whether the detailed rider safety rules for members should continue to be included in the by-laws or be included in one comprehensive set of member-ride leader guidelines that would be referred to and reinforced by the by-laws.
  
- Ward Kradjel reported on an opportunity for the Club to provide input to the Barriers to Mobility Committee, and there was consensus that the Club should participate.
  
- Jean Roy reported on some clothing samples that were reported by our vendor as not returned and requested that if any member knows where the samples are that the member return them to him, with no questions asked.
  
- Rob Nuara reported on the Paceline newsletter, noting the low level of articles and news submitted. It was acknowledged that the newsletter may be discontinued if members don't submit articles and news for inclusion.

- Paul Sakson noted that additional members to serve on the Election Committee are needed, and that the Election Committee was to be formed by September 30.
- Pat Perrella presented new logos and related materials (e.g., promotional postcard) that have been developed to date.
- John Hayes requested member assistance/volunteers to help with the daily maintenance of the ride calendar/Wild Apricot app, including time changes, route changes, etc. He noted that the process is somewhat convoluted and the help is needed to assist the ride leaders. The upcoming Dolce Vita and Covered Bridge rides were also discussed. Members interested in assisting should contact John directly.
- Paul Sakson noted that a member volunteer is needed to serve as the social events coordinator. It was noted that assistance in this area is particularly needed for the upcoming Harvest Ride.
  - The possible need to obtain permits for Club picnics and other gatherings at local parks was discussed.
- Joel Brown discussed the Henry Hudson Bikeway ride, which would start at Liberty State Park.
- There was discussion of our sponsorship with B3 Bicycles and a suggestion that the Club continue to reach out to other local bike shops.
- A motion to adjourn was passed on a unanimous voice vote.
- The next membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13.