

# *JSTS General Membership Meeting Minutes*

**Date: September 21, 2015**

**Location- Monmouth Library, Manalapan**

Executive Board in Attendance

Bob Spony- President

David Lee- Vice President

Abe Chasnoff- Treasurer

Michael Cronan- Secretary

There were 8 JSTS club members in attendance.

President Bob Spony called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Motion to accept 6/22/15 Meeting Minutes from June from Steve Karger; seconded by Al McCormick and unanimously passed.

Secretary read the Treasurer's Report from 6/22. Motion to accept by Steve K, seconded by Al M was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer Abe Chasnoff presented the current to date (9/21) Treasurer's Report. Abe covered the various issues and questions, as well as the revenues in and expenses out to date.

The Treasurer's Reports are available for review by any and all club members upon request.

There were 6 club jerseys in inventory at the beginning of the meeting. Bob Spony had 1, Barbara Bennett had 5 jerseys. She presented a check for \$100 to the treasurer for the payment of two jerseys, leaving us with a balance in inventory of 4 jerseys. Barbara now has 3 jerseys, Bob has 1.

Cue sheet clips are listed as inventory/assets. This is incorrect and will be removed from the inventory/asset list by the treasurer.

Fred Sweet was curious as to where the \$1,000 in membership dues came from since the last meeting. A lot of dues came in over the summer. At the June 22 meeting, according to the membership coordinator Joe Hewes, we had 22 renewals, 64 new members and 2 bike shops for a total of 286 members.

At the August 31<sup>st</sup> BoD working meeting Joe reported 270 individual members, 53 family and 2 bike shops for a total of 325. There were 237 renewals and 85 new memberships.

Cue Clips exceeded the budget number by \$75. Abe made the decision to exceed the budgeted amount to procure the clips at the good volume price of 100 @ \$2.75 per. Bob Spony handed out clips to various members in attendance to distribute to riders at upcoming rides.

Fred commented we would end the year with a balance of about \$9k. We still have about \$1,500-\$2,000 due to the Lincroft Inn for the December 12<sup>th</sup> holiday party. Abe has provided Sue Scarola a \$500 check for the payment of the down payment to the Lincroft Inn.

Don Levy asked about inCorp Services line item- Abe responded that they are our registered agent in the event we are sued. The agent relays official communication to the club.

Don asked about the ending balance in 2014 which was \$8,024.

There was a motion made by Steve K. and seconded by Alan Zweibel to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was passed by a unanimous vote.

### ***Membership Report- None***

#### ***Clothing***

Bob Spomy thanked Arlene Tynes and Christine Booth for all their hard work in the organizing, running and delivering of the initial clothing sale. All clothing was distributed and some lessons learned. 4 jerseys remain for sale and are in inventory. Art Rofrano will handle the second clothing order. An updated order form is available and has been sent out.

Charlie Kirlew had suggested a new item – a do rag or “skully”. Charlie had previously solicited interest and found he had enough to go ahead with the MOQ. Each piece will be \$18. Charlie to confirm commitment with individuals who responded affirmatively.

Fred S. mentioned that the JSTS clothing brand or style had been the same for about the last 7 years. Steve K. mentioned it was more like 12 years. Changing and freshening the look after a while is sometimes a good thing. Suggestion for a moderate change but still in keeping with the overall JSTS brand theme. Bob Vaile designed the current look in 2003 or 2004. It was pointed out that there is a lot of work that goes into updating the look, and there must be a dedicated commitment on the part of the individual(s) who undertake this task to see it through to its conclusion. Styles/ designs used to change a lot but there are some very good points about this design that represent this club very well from the lighthouse, etc. on the kit. Paul Pierro pointed out that since we only placed our last order in July that it might not be the greatest of timing to update or change a look so soon after people purchased this style of items. He thought that there should at least be a 3-year gap to honor those who recently purchased club-branded items. Barbara mentioned that if we do decide to change the style/brand we could indicate on the order form that these style will go EOL (end of the line) by such and such date. Steve K mentioned that we could poll the club to see if anyone is artistic or design-oriented.

Fred -> Do we want to put it out and see if we want to do a slight modification?

Charlie -> Older shirts have been popular (yellow and blue design by Tony Blaser- who could be a design resource.

Mike Cronan mentioned that maybe we can keep the existing jersey scheme but offer an optional alternate “new” jersey for sale. That way it gives everyone the option to choose the one (or two) of his or her liking.

### ***Holiday Party***

The holiday party will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Lincroft Inn. A \$500 deposit was paid.

## ***Committee Reports***

***Picnic*** – Steve K reported that the picnic was a success and they had great weather. Only about 30-35 people attended at Tony Blaser's house. Barb mentioned that one of the reasons may have been that the date was not on the calendar early enough and by the time it was posted perhaps many folks had otherwise committed. It was suggested that the picnic date be posted much earlier on the Club Calendar of events to minimize conflicts during the busy summer time.

Steve K. mentioned that he, Al McCormick and Bill Metzger will be handling and paying for the 2016 picnic as it will be a 30th year celebration for the three of them.

**Century-** Steve K. The Century had great weather – much better than 2014. Thanks to the committee that put it together, as well as John Brandauer who ran SAG all day along with Dan Hinton and John Souchak (at rest stop 1, Len Zawodniak at rest stop 2, Arlene and Steve Surwitz at rest stop 3 and George Gregorio as a floater. SAG changed a few flats and Steve K returned one rider to BCC. The temperatures ran in our favor, as the consumption of ice and water was down over 2014. The team was excellent, as it takes a lot of planning and logistics to staff the rest stops, purchase the product and spend all day in service to our fellow riders. Refreshments provided were ice, water and Gatorade; bread, peanut butter and jelly and bananas. Barb mentioned that in previous years there were some other items and we might look at things like figs or Nutella (for those who don't like peanut butter). Fred mentioned that maybe we should allocate a few more dollars in the budget next year for different or additional items. Charlie mentioned that we budgeted \$200 for SAG but only used \$42.76 (per statement)- however there were still a few outstanding expenses to be processed.

Pros and Cons were discussed about handing out century patches (iron-on or sew-on were debated) for the half/metric/full century riders, or some other incentive to encourage more riders to come out and participate in the club century. Bike Virginia has given patches out in the past but...

The Century was a success. The last riders (self-proclaimed 'tortoises') returned about 4:15pm. Those present did not see A+ riders all day. No issues were reported on either the 50 or 62 mile rides from Al M or Pete Benton.

Fedor Wouda *may have* gotten a check for \$20 from a non-club member prior to the century start.

Thanks to Steve K for a great job on the Century!

**Vermont Challenge-** Barbara reported on the 2015 Vermont Challenge. We had about half dozen or so riders this year and this was our 4<sup>th</sup> year participating. This will be put on the 2016 calendar again. See Attached Appendix A for Barbara's 2016 Calendar of Events. As mentioned in a club email blast JSTS would like to put in a team(s) for the 2016 New Jersey Gran Fondo. To date 5 people have already signed up.

**Harvest Ride-** Alan Zweibel reported that the 2014 event was easy to run and had a good turnout. Last year it was held at the Freehold YMCA. This year it is scheduled for Allaire State Park but Pete B mentioned there are some additional events scheduled at the park that weekend that may impact the ride and the after party. There was an informal proposal made to change it to either Manasquan reservoir or even the Freehold Y. Barbara will look at the ride options from Manasquan and the Freehold Y and make suggestions to Alan Z who will make the final decision on where to hold the ride.

**Election Committee-** Don Levy. November is our annual Board of Directors election. The election will be held on November 9, 2015, and the location is still TBD. All 4 board positions are open. One Board member will be stepping down. Abe Chasnoff will not run for re-election as Treasurer. There is a fair amount of interest in filling the positions from the membership already. Need to get the information out on Active.com.

### **New Business**

Bob Spony made a proposal for a Lifetime membership for Tony Blaser, who over the years has been very involved in the club activities, volunteering time and hosting the picnic. He meets the age requirement. Bob brought before the BoD and was approved to bring it to the General Membership for a vote.

Barb asked if we had a list of all club member over 70 who would meet the lifetime age requirement. One does not currently exist. Lifetime membership is an honor for those who meet the requirements and have done service for the club. Bob Spony was asked in the past to be considered as a lifetime member, but declined. Bob's proposal for Tony Blaser was seconded by Steve K and seconded by Charlie K. Tony Blaser was unanimously approved as a Lifetime member.

Mike C mentioned that perhaps every September members could propose a candidate for Lifetime membership, assuming they meet the basic requirements- and then vote on it at the October meeting. Charlie K added that there is a provision to make someone a lifetime member if there are "extraordinary circumstances."

Abe Chasnoff introduced a proposal to allow the President to transfer unused funds from line items in the budget to other line items to supplement them as needed. See Appendix B for the proposed amendment. Barbara mentioned that perhaps it can be rewritten to set a limit on "unspent funds" to be allocated. Fred said that we already have discretion up to \$200. Charlie K clarified and the actual wording was if it was needed, an emergency meeting could be called and a change could be made based on need. It was mentioned that the current amendment need not be changed as there is already flexibility, but Abe clarified that there is a \$200 limit and it takes 2 meetings. Charlie also added there are two ways to modify – one if under \$200 and 1 meeting, and if over \$200 then the two-meeting rule is enacted. Questions were asked about how to accrue the funds or account for them or to move them. After some further back and forth discussion Abe made a motion to accept his proposal as written. Steve K seconded it. Voting will be at a subsequent meeting.

Barb asked a question about whose role was it to be the keeper of the bylaws and update, revise, & delete the actual current document and keep version control.

It was noted that web master Ed Marx is stepping down and a new web master candidate has already been identified and all seems to be transitioning smoothly. Steve Buchanan has volunteered to be the new web master.

Eleven \$15 Road ID certificates were made available to JSTS courtesy of Andy Abere and Ride for Autism. The certificates were handed out at the meeting to those who asked for one. All eleven were distributed.

Fred noted that the club should look at requiring any new members to have some sort of Road ID or similar identification and contact number with them at all times. This should be a requirement upon sign-up before membership is granted. Paul Pierro brought up the idea of some additional alternate systems as an option. Barbara mentioned about purchasing a bulk lot of Smart ID, which are blank, and the rider can fill in as needed. It's important to have the right contact information and identification in the event of an emergency Fred again emphasized that ALL members on ALL rides have their contact information and ride leaders should ask their group if they have it.

Steve K mentioned that there are several folks who are due cycling caps for 2014 volunteer recognition that have not received them yet. Fred asked about the requirements for receiving a recognition award. The criteria are- ride leaders who lead "x" (TBD) amount of rides as well as volunteers who stepped up and worked on the various club activities throughout the year.

Abe clarified the reason for the overage on the cue sheet clips is that they were a good price at that volume. Clips were handed out at the meeting and Bob Spony should have additional items. Those who received clips will hand them out to the members at the rides who ask for/need one.

Abe C. proposed a motion to approve the overage on the cue clips. The motion to ratify the overage expenditure for the cue sheet holders was seconded and passed unanimously.

### ***Remarks***

Bob S related a story about the September 13<sup>th</sup> ride out of BCC where a rider hit a bad patch of pavement near Seven Presidents Park and went down resulting in abrasions. She also hit her head. Two young people in a car stopped to assist, checked out our rider and took her vitals. These two turned out to be students at Monmouth U studying to be Physicians Assistants. The students mentioned that the rider continued to ask the same question over and over and they decided that she should go to the nearest hospital and be checked further. They put her and her bike into their car and took her to the hospital. The rider emailed Bob later that evening and said she was fine but has a few scrapes and cuts. Bob called Monmouth U and spoke to the President's Secretary and emailed Dr. Janet Mahoney who is the Dean of the Medical Department. They replied that they were very happy the students could help. The rider also thanked Dr. Mahoney. Dr. Paul Brown emailed Bob S. and told him that he was going to bring this to the attention of the Board of Directors a Monmouth University.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Steve K and seconded by Charlie K. It was accepted unanimously and President Spony gaveled the meeting to a close at 8:32pm.

Submitted by JSTS Secretary

***Michael Cronan***

**-Two appendices appear below-**

Appendix A

	Event	Contact
February	Souper Saturday	Volunteer Needed
4/17	Champagne Ride (rain date 5/1)	Volunteer Needed
May	MS Coast the Coast	Volunteer Needed
May	Ride of Silence	Debbie Asbjorn
5/30	Tour of Somerville	BMB
6/11	Ride 4 Autism	Andy Abere
6/16 - 18	JSTS Summer Tour	Rob Leitner
June	JSTS Longest Day Pizza	Volunteer Needed
July/August	JSTS Picnic	Volunteer Needed
8/11 - 14	Vermont Challenge	BMB
August	Bike Vermont with CJSC	Bill Metzgar
9/4	JSTS Club Century	Volunteer Needed
9/10	La Dolce Vita ride	Andy Abere
9/11	Gran Fondo NJ	BMB
9/17	JSTS Saturday (unsupported) century	BMB
9/17 - 10/1	Italy trips	BMB
10/2	Fall Classic	Volunteer Needed
10/9	Harvest Ride	Volunteer Needed

Appendix B

**Proposed Amendment to Article X Section 2 of the By-Laws:**

**After the first sentence, insert the following:**

**After an event has occurred, for which funds have been allocated in the budget, the President, with the concurrence of the Board, may transfer any unspent funds in that line item to any other remaining line item.**

**RATIONALE:**

**There have been a number of events held this year where the funds allocated have been more than the amounts expended. There have also been some line items where expenses have exceeded the budgeted amounts. This amendment would permit the Board to reallocate excess funds, without exceeding the overall spending limits set in the budget.**