

# **JSTS General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 9th, 2016

**Location-** Hazlet Township Public Library

Executive Board in Attendance

David Lee - - President

Steve Surowitz - Vice President

Ron Daggett- Treasurer

Michel Cronan- Secretary

There were 11 JSTS club members in attendance including the Board Members.

President David Lee called the meeting to order at 705 pm.

The Secretary, Michael Cronan, read the previous months Treasurer's report into the minutes. One question that was raised was "did the club expect any large unbudgeted expenditures going forwards this year ". There are no large expenditures expected from here out. Of the remaining balance we are not expected to utilize much of that. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Abe Chasnoff and seconded by Andy Melnick. . All in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer Ron Daggett read the current Treasurer's report. Copies of the report will be made available to any JSTS member upon request to the Treasurer. We sold one JSTS jersey from the inventory at the April meeting. We now have 3 jerseys in inventory. It is club policy to sell the jerseys at cost to member. At the Champagne ride we collected checks and cash for a donation to the Monmouth/Ocean County Food Bank. Ron filed the IRS form 990-N early - on 4/28/16 as it was not due until May 15, 2016.. There were no further questions or observations. Abe C made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Andy Melnick. All present were in favor of accepting the motion and there were no nay votes.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Membership***

David Lee presented for Joe Hewes

Current membership report.

234 total Registered (not individuals)

39 New

195 Renewals

205 Individual

30 Family

There were no questions.

### ***Frostbite***

There are a couple of more Frost Bite T-shirts to give out. There is one person whom we can't get in touch with who is due a shirt but this person does not currently show up on this year's membership rolls. Steve Surowitz indicated letters/communication had been sent but we still have yet to hear back from 4-5 folks.

### ***Champagne Ride***

David Lee reported that the Champagne Ride and post ride gathering was held April 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success and many thanks to Gail Stevens who once again did a great job putting it all together. Thank You Gail.

### ***JSTS Picnic***

David Lee reported on the status of the summer Picnic. Three of our members have generously volunteered to pay for the picnic to mark a special occasion but we still need to put together a coordinator and volunteers to run and plan the party. We have an assistance Picnic Coordinator but still need the Lead Coordinator

### ***Ride Coordination***

David Lee reported for Barbara that she still needs an assistant Ride Coordinator to help her with many of the day to day activities. We will ask Barbara to prepare a "job description" to give a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities. We will put that out to the membership via the Active & Yahoo groups, and request a volunteer to step up.

David also indicated that the longest Day will be Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> at MJT weather permitting.

The sketchy weather this spring has caused more cancellations than normal. It has been noted that we had been having some delayed delivery emails via Yahoo groups. Steve Buchanan is looking into it and working on it as well as looking at alternatives to Yahoo groups.

Rides are up on the web through June 30<sup>th</sup>. July and August will be up soon.

Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> Andy Abere will be leading a "F" class ride- F for Fun or Festival or Food- to the Belmar Seafood Festival. Details will be worked out and the ride will start at 930 to be timed to the opening of the Festival.

Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Ride of Silence from Allaire St Park. It has been requested that we arrive early and be at the starting line on time as the ride kicks off promptly as it is a national/global event.

Discussion on the Tour of Somerville on Memorial Day weekend. There was a suggestion that we consider supporting the event somehow in Somerville. Departure would be from Colonial Park, travel to downtown Somerville and return to the Park- approximately 50 miles. Charlie Kirlew made a point that we may want to consider since we are operating at a loss on paper according to the budgetary numbers do we want to spend additional unbudgeted dollars. We do have an agreed upon club direction that we wanted to operate the club on a very precise on- budget level going forwards.

We should promote the event as a special ride to all riders and put it on the schedule. Suggestions were made that we could have two classifications – perhaps an A/B+ level at 50 miles and a B/C level with a 35 mile loop. Next year we want to make this more available to all riders for all levels and distances next year.

The Ride for autism is Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> and will depart from Brookdale CC.

The 2016 Summer Tour has 17 participants booked for the tour of the Finger Lakes. There are 2 rooms left and will lose them on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Ride will run June 16-18 and have 2 to 3 rides per day and many après bike activities. Trying to coordinate a group dining experience for two of the evenings.

The JSTS Club Century is September 4<sup>th</sup> and will begin in Keyport and head out to Washington's crossing. Rest stops will be as follows

- Monroe Park 8-11
- Washington Crossing 930-1230
- Sundek Park 10-230

We will need volunteers at the rest stops as well as SAG drivers/teams

### **Other Correspondence**

Dave Lee will continue to place any miscellaneous correspondence on the Yahoo group's site for consumption by all. There was no mail or correspondence at the PO Box per Ron D.

### **Old Business**

Retro Jersey. Order forms are on the website. We must have enough orders to get the sample jerseys for sizing etc. and we need a minimum dollar order of \$250. To date we have only one order placed, but several more folks have indicated they will place orders

### **New Business**

David Lee reiterated the need for a GPS tutorial for Garmin's and Smart phones to be held at the June meeting. We will need volunteers to tutor those who have questions and maybe put on a brief how to. Members can bring their devices and cables if they want to get a first person hands on experience. If we can find one or two experts for each category please let David know ASAP

Steve Buchanan could not make the meeting but sent his report to be presented at the meeting and David Lee read; "We were 4 for 4 on Sunday -all cancellation and delay notices went out immediately upon being sent. The last email to get delayed was sent on Friday evening (by Everett). I am hopeful the issue has resolved itself, and will asking Fedor & John Schwebel to send out test messages this week, as they (along with Everett) were the last ride leaders to have their messages delayed.

We have tested Google groups, and if we continue to experience issues with yahoo groups much longer, I will suggest that we move to Google groups. It is functionally identical, and Google is not in the process of laying off employees and searching for a buyer like Yahoo. If we go that way, we can either move all 555 road and 158 mountain accounts behind the scenes (not easily, as the interface only allows me to add 10 at a time) or we can send out an email (with appropriate Google group links) to our existing subscribers asking them to register themselves, thus allowing us to cull unused / abandoned user accounts."

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Charlie K and was seconded by Andy M - all were in favor.

President Dave L adjourned the meeting proper at 749 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michael Cronan*

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JSTS Secretary

