

Jersey Shore Touring Society (the “Club”)
Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2023 Meeting

- Pursuant to notice duly provided, the New Member meeting of the Club was convened via Zoom on November 13, 2023.
- Paul Sakson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and there were approximately 20 members of the Club present, including all of the board members except Eric Bonnett, Treasurer, who had another commitment. (Other members joined throughout the call.)
- Pat Perrella, Vice President, made a motion for approval of the minutes of the prior meeting, which was seconded. On a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved.
- Mike Greaney, Secretary, reported that no correspondence of significance had been received.
- Paul Sakson and Pat Perrella, presented the Treasurer’s report, reviewing the income and expenses for the months of September and October. In the discussion, which included questions from members, each expense line item was discussed. The discussion included:
 - The InCorp Services expenses, which in 2022 were paid until 2024. It was noted that Rob Nuara had negotiated a rate of \$49 per year, a discount from the standard rate of \$99 per year.
 - The contributions to the IMBA and to a local EMS unit. It was noted that several different EMS units responded to club-related calls this year and one would be chosen to receive the contribution.
 - Total expenses for the year-to-date were slightly under the total budget expenses for the year. Paul Sakson explained that substantially all expenses for the year had been paid by October 31.
 - Paul Sakson presented the September and October bank statements and bank reconciliation.
- Rob Leitner made a motion for the approval of the Treasurer’s report, which was seconded and unanimously approved in a voice vote.
- Steve Karger, representing the Election Committee, discussed the Election Committee’s process for selecting the slate of candidates, noting that no other members expressed interest in serving as an officer. The slate presented by the Election Committee was:

- o President: Pat Perrella
- o Vice President: Howard "Ward" Kradjel
- o Secretary: Michael Greaney
- o Treasurer: John Ech

It was noted that Section 4 of Article VIII of the club's by-laws provide that, if there is only one candidate for each office, then the Secretary may cast one vote for each officer in lieu of a secret ballot. As this was the case, Mike Greaney, as Secretary, cast one vote for each officer on the ballot, and the candidates thereon were elected to their respective offices.

- Committee reports were presented:
 - o Ward Kradjel reported that:
 - The Bike Advocacy and Community Outreach Committee The team is engaged with the Monmouth County Barriers to Mobility Experiences Committee, There will be three meetings in the coming months. JSTS will provide review and feedback about the needs of cyclists and the strategies that are developed.
 - Mark Schussel is leading an effort to define an advocacy campaign to be launched in 2024. Details are TBD with an initial planning call being planned before the end of this year.
 - His committee is in touch with partner organizations who may be able to help. The NJ Bike and Walk Coalition was instrumental in helping with this year's safe passing campaign. We expect to meet with NJTPA funded Street Smart NJ to learn about how they can help.

Ward invited members to take part in these efforts and/or join the committee, and to reach out to the committee by sending an email to the committee at jsts-advocacy+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

- o Paul Sakson noted that the Budget Committee was now formed, with the election of officers for the coming year, and would be beginning work in the coming weeks. Fred Sweet commented on the desirability of obtaining member input on dues and other budget items.
- o Jean Roy reported on the Clothing Committee. The Volunteer Recognition jerseys will be distributed on 11/18 and 11/19 prior to the beginning of the rides from MJT and BCC, respectively, Jean Roy also reported that he continues to work with Agile on the design and production of the new kit. Pat Perrella noted

that it was expected that the new kits would be ready for the spring season, as usual.

- Rob Nuara reported on the continuing production and issuance of the Paceline, our club newsletter, noting the most recent issue. Various members complimented Rob on the quality of the issue. Rob noted that many riders take pictures during rides and post them on their Strava or other social media pages, and asked that members send those pictures to be sent in or posted to the Club's website so they can be more easily selected and included in the Paceline. Rob also noted that he needs members to assist in the production of the newsletter.
- Rob Leitner reported on the IT Committee. Rob noted that the club would experience an increase in the cost of the Wild Apricot app, with an expected cost of \$1,512.
- Paul Sakson reported on the Membership Committee. There was discussion about trial members whose memberships expired without the trial members becoming active members. It was suggested that more outreach to trial members be made so as to make it easier for the trial members to be comfortable participating in club activities.
- John Hayes noted that the club is now in the less active time of year. He noted that Tom Trank had volunteered to assist with the day-to-day maintenance of the ride calendar/Wild Apricot app, including time changes, route changes, etc. John noted that he and Barb Bennett are still seeking more member assistance/volunteers to help in this effort. John also noted that he is now resident in Delaware and he will be done serving in his current capacity by the end of the year.
- Dave Mako discussed his plans as head of the Social Committee to work with the board and club membership on social events as events are planned by the board. The board expressed its appreciation for Dave taking leadership in this area, particularly his efforts in connection with the Harvest Ride. Also, there was general discussion of the timing of the end of season party, and it was agreed to discuss this topic further at a future meeting.
- In general discussion, Rob Leitner noted that the Frostbite Series begins on the Monday after Thanksgiving and runs for five weeks. It was noted that, to be eligible for recognition, they need to register separately on Wild Apricot.

- Paul Sakson briefly reviewed the proposed changes to the by-laws, noting the prior discussions on the topic. Rob Leitner provided some background on the considerations related to the changes relating to the lifetime membership provisions. Rob made a motion for the acceptance of the proposed changes to the by-laws, which was seconded. The proposed changes were approved via a unanimous voice vote.
- The board agreed to send the approved by laws electronically to Rob Leitner for posting.
- There was general discussion following the vote on the by-laws, including considerations on the rider guidelines regarding e-bikes (i.e., e-bike riders not passing other bike riders on climbs) and on dues levels and budget items. No specific actions were planned at this time on these items.
- After a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved via a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.