

Jersey Shore Touring Society (the “Club”)

Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2023 (Budget) Meeting

- Pursuant to notice duly provided, the budget meeting of the Club was convened via Zoom on December 11, 2023.
- Paul Sakson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and there were 19 members of the Club present, including Paul, Pat Perrella, Vice President, Michael Greaney, Secretary, Ward Kradjel, Vice President-Elect, and John Ech, Treasurer-Elect. (Other members joined throughout the call.)
- The draft minutes of the November 13 meeting had yet not been posted to the website, and by consensus it was agreed that they would be presented at the next membership meeting.
- Don Levy reported as Chair of the Lifetime Membership committee. Don reported that the Lifetime Membership committee had been considering possible awards of Lifetime Membership, and outlined the criteria for such awards, including long-time membership and significant contributions to the club, a positive influence on the club, and being of age 70 or greater. Don reported that the committee is nominating Steve Karger and Bob Spony for Lifetime Membership Awards. Don noted the discussions that committee members had with various club members regarding their possible nominations, and the many contributions that each had made over the years.
- The Board members present approved the Lifetime Membership awards to Steve Karger and Bob Spony unanimously, noting great appreciation for their significant contributions. Various members also expressed thanks to Steve and Bob.
- Pat Perrella then presented the 2024 budget being proposed for approval. Pat outlined the process undertaken to develop the budget, and presented from an [outline previously distributed to members who registered for this meeting](#). Pat discussed:
  - Goals of the Club,
  - 2023 Club activities,
  - Club expenses (2023 budgeted, 2023 actual, and 2024 proposed budget),
    - In response to member questions from Steve Shell and others in which the popularity of the Sweet Treats rides this year were noted, Pat explained that the reduction in the budgeted amount for the Sweet Treat rides reflected an intent to hold the Sweet Treat rides on one weekend rather than on multiple weekends (as was the case in 2023).

- Pat also responded to members’ questions regarding the new Remote Hill Ride series, which were also noted as very popular in 2023 and for which there were incremental expenses not budgeted for in 2023.
  - Rob Leitner commented on the budget for in-person membership meetings, noting that the attendance on the Zoom meetings was greater than attendance of previous in-person meetings, and a discussion ensued. Fred Sweet noted that the Club had several well attended meetings when food was provided at the meetings. It was noted that these meetings drew out members who didn’t normally attend membership meetings. Rob Nuara noted that the cost of these meetings was in excess of the \$300 in the 2024 budget. After discussion, there was consensus that one meeting would be in person in 2024 in the March - May timeframe, and that the continuance and frequency of in-person meetings would then be assessed.
  - Members complimented Pat for the quality of the budget presentation.
  - There was discussion of the trend of ride leader recognition, which was noted as an important element of the Club’s activities. Pat agreed to provide a 5 year summary of these expenses to the members.
  - There was discussion as to whether or not to recognize Brookdale Community College and the Club’s historical usage of BCC and other ride locations; there was no consensus regarding any recognition or other actions to be taken in this area.
  - Pat reviewed revenue projections and the assumptions underlying the projections. Members commented on the renewal discounts and the projected membership levels. Pat indicated that the discounts and renewal process would be communicated to members before the end of the year.
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- Rob Leitner made a motion to accept the budget as presented, which was seconded and approved by a unanimous voice vote of the members present
  - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.
  - The next meeting, an in-person meeting at a location to be determined, is scheduled for March 11, 2024.