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- VTL § 1146** Drivers to exercise due care to avoid colliding with any bicyclist, upon any roadway and shall give warning by sounding the horn when necessary.
- VTL § 1236 (a) and (e)** Bicycles must have a white headlight, a red taillight and reflectors between dusk and dawn.
- (b)** Bicycles must have a bell or other audible signal.
- (c)** Bicycles must have working brakes.
- (d)** Bicycles must have reflectors, reflective tires and/or other reflective devices.
- VTL § 1238 (a)** Children under 14 but older than 5 must wear an approved helmet.
- (b)** A child under one is not permitted to ride on a bicycle.
- (c)** A child one or more years of age but less than 5 must wear an approved helmet and be carried in a properly affixed child carrier.
- VTL § 375 (24)(a)** Cyclists may not wear more than one earphone attached to a radio, tape player or other audio device while riding.
- VTL § 1234** Cyclists must ride by the right hand curb and no more than two abreast. **Does not apply in new York City.** It is specifically superseded by 34 RCNY 4-02 (e).
- VTL § 1237** When turn signals are required, left turns shall be signaled with the left hand, and right turns may be signaled with either hand. [see the Biking Rules [Hand Signals Section](#)]
- VTL § 1233** Clinging to vehicles or attaching bike to another vehicle being operated on roadway is prohibited.
- VTL § 1232** Cyclists must ride on a permanent seat, feet must be on pedals, and bike must carry only the number of persons for which it is designed and equipped.

August Meeting

Thursday August 6, 2009

7:30 PM

New Village Recreation Center

SBRA meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month. At New Village Recreation Center in Brookhaven. Located near the intersection of Wireless Road and Hawkins Road East of Nicolls Road (CR97).

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New Members

6/10/09 thru 7/13/09

Johanna Bambach, Jonathan Beekman, Gail Beekman, Linda Bennett, Martin Boettcher, Kevin Brogan, Patricia Brogan, Gregory Caggiano, Stacey Caggiano, Karen Daniels, Tyler Daniels, Terry Dunbar, Diana Fuchs, Mary Hoeffling, Reuben Jeffery, Robin Jeffery, Susan MacDonald, Frances Montera, Laurie Olsziewski, Valerie Redmond, Vita Ross, James Saliba, Antoinette Saliba, Judy Smith, Donna Thomas, Valerie Traverzo, Constantin Tsavos

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MEETING MINUTES July 2, 2009

- 1) Call to order –President Gregg Eisenstein called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Approximately 40 members and guests were in attendance.
- 2) Acceptance of Minutes – the minutes of the June 4, 2009 meeting were accepted as published on the SBRA web site.
- 3) Treasurer’s Report (Joe Matzelle): Joe reported on the club’s current balance and recent expenditures. Joe noted that while a few small bills from Bike-Boat-Bike remain to be paid, the profit was several thousand dollars in excess of the budget. Total riders were 1,056, which is the highest turnout in several years.
- 4) Committee Reports:
 - a. Statistician (Joe Matzelle) – Joe reported that for the year to date,

members have ridden over 80,000 miles on club rides and that posted rides are approximately double compared to the same period last year. A full report of individual rides and is available on-line and is updated twice monthly. Joe notes that he is still missing 65 ride sheets from various ride leaders and reminded the members that ride credit cannot be awarded unless the ride sheets are turned in.

- b. Membership – (Norm Samuels) – there are presently 607 members, including 109 families and 18 new members.
- c. Sunshine (Bruce Presner) – Bruce was pleased to report that there have been no incidents requiring get-well cards this month. He also reported that Joe Abruzzo expects to be back on his bike soon following kidney surgery.
- d. Webmaster (Percy Zahl) – There was no formal report his month.
- e. Advocacy (Paul Miklean) – Paul recently did a presentation on biking safety and led a ride with a local church group. There are many opportunities for this type of community outreach by the club but we need volunteers to participate. Also, Paul advised that the Town of Brookhaven is interested in preparing a “Biking Master Plan”. We need member participation to insure that the needs of the cycling community are address. Please contact Paul for further details.
- f. Social (Mike Warner) - Mike reminded everyone that the picnic is scheduled for July 19 at Indian Island County Park in Riverhead. There is a \$10 reservation fee, which will be refunded if you attend. Volunteers are still needed for all activities.
- g. Rides –

- i. Guide Dog Ride – Jeff Meyer advised that he still needs volunteers for the 20th Anniversary Guide Dog Ride, scheduled for Sunday, September 13. For anyone interested in riding, pre-registration by 9/09/09 gets you a T-shirt. Jeff Also noted that the Guide Dog Foundation still has a few sharp-looking biking jerseys to sell from the event several years ago. Contact Katherine Fritz at the Foundation (631-930-9000) if you are interested in what could be a collectors item.
- ii. Adopt-a-Road: Bob DeVito announced that Rich Mardosa has scheduled the next clean for Sunday, July 12. Details of the ride that precedes the clean up will be posted on the Ride Calendar.
- iii. Special Events Rides –
 1. Barbara Abraham announced that the Long Island Railroad Association is interested in holding a “railroad” themed ride on the North Fork in October and is looking to SBRA for assistance on how to organize this type of event. Bob DeVito agreed that we could help them but stressed that the date of this event should be reviewed against our calendar as well as other clubs, to prevent a conflict.
 2. Barbara also noted that the Suffolk County Historical Society has scheduled a ride on the east end for 9/28/09. No further details were available.
 3. Greg Eisenstein noted that the Paul Simons Memorial Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, July 11 on the Stony Brook University Campus. In addition to the usual 3 mile family loop around the campus, a 30 mile ride to Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai will also be held. A barbecue for all riders will follow. SBRA will have a membership booth at the ride start and the club will pay the registration fees to members who volunteer to man the booth. This event is a fund raiser by the Paul Simons Foundation to raise funds for

the Avalon Park and Preserve in Stony Brook.

Excursions page of the web site.

Old Business:

4. Bob DeVito reminded the Club of the Babylon to – Beaches ride scheduled for July 24th. This is an easy ride to Fire Island from Babylon and the \$25 entry fee goes to the Wounded Warrior project that supports disabled veterans.
5. Barbara Braun mentioned two out-of-state rides that may be of interest to SBRA members:
 - a. Seacoast Century – Hampton Beach, NH – 9/26/09; and
 - b. Seagull Century – Salisbury, MD – 10/10/09

Both rides have been popular with club members in years past and there may be interest in a club sponsored group trip to one or both events. Barbara will post the details on the

- 1) Road ID – Bob DeVito advised that the vendor has requested a \$600.00 minimum order from the club in order to offer the discount we have received in the past. There still remains interest by members to purchase Road ID items so Bob will go back and discuss this with the company.
- 2) Joe Matzelle advised that the Club has set up a PayPal account and will begin accepting membership dues shortly. Eventually we will also extend this to registration for club events and for the purchase of club merchandise.
- 3) Newsletter Committee – Bob DeVito announced that Jim Deerfield has agreed to serve as the Chair for the committee charged with developing the on-line Rolling Wheels newsletter. Volunteers are needed, with or without design experience.
- 4) Club Historian – Bob also announced that Lori Weisinger has agreed to accept this position. Lori will be contacting club members that have held leadership positions in the past to begin to develop a written history of the club and its activities
- 5) Volunteer Awards – this was discussed at the Executive Board meeting. There remains a few minor issues that will be settled shortly.
- 6) Multi-club Ride – the ride location will continue to be the Suffolk Court complex in Riverhead.

5) New Business - none
 Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
 David DiRoma
 Recording Secretary*

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