

Comox Valley Cycling Coalition

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

March 1st, 2012 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Filberg Centre – Evergreen Seniors' Lounge

1. Call to Order and Welcome – President – Marg Harris welcomed the 37 members in attendance and asked the assembled to consider participating on a working group which unlike our past committees would work on task orientated time limited projects. Sign up sheets for these working groups were made available.
2. Approval of Minutes from 2011 Annual General Meeting. *Approved*
3. Introduction to Reports – President – Marg Harris
4. Finance Report - Treasurer - Krista Kaptein Krista Kaptein presented financial report for 2011. MOTION that the report be accepted as presented. *Passed*
5. Membership Report – Membership Secretary - Sue Fabrizio reported that we currently have 175 members. Many registrations occurred at last year's AGM but throughout the year registrations are received at Bike shops in the Valley and at the Bike Parking and information tables that we have set up during the year. We are researching online registration which would require the coalition to adjust the current bylaws.
6. Technical Committee Report – Vice-President & Committee member – James Taylor - explained the role of the Technical committee. Members of the committee also sit on the Cycling Public Advisory Committee which advises the Comox Valley Cycling Task Force regarding concerns about cycling infrastructure and safety in the Comox valley.
7. Education Committee Report –Committee member, Rick Clough - reported that the committee began meeting in September with the goal of reducing car use and increasing cycling as a means of transporting students to schools through bike rodeos/Safe Cycling Courses in the schools. The goal is to complete bicycle rodeos in 4 or 5 schools this year. Rick has been working with one of the directors in the school board who is enthused and supportive. Feedback indicates that principals are in favour. The current teachers' dispute has slowed down the process.
8. Grant Proposal – Secretary, Terry Dekker - reported that the New Horizons for Seniors program grant application was submitted in September 2011 and funding is to be announced by April 1, 2012. Our project is intended to support safe cycling courses for seniors and school age children.
9. Special Events – Board member, Brian Schoneberg highlighted opportunities that we have utilized to do community outreach. These include: Earth Day, Bike to Work week, Filberg Festival bike parking and Comox Valley Exhibition bike parking. Gil Penalosa's visit and presentation reinvigorated the community (first car free Sunday was an outcome of this). This year we want to continue being involved in these events and have been invited back by event organizers. Our next event is Earth Day April 21, followed by Bike to work week May 28 – June 3. Filberg Festival Aug 3 – 6, Cv Exhibition Bike Parking.
10. "The Bridge" project – Past President, Ed Schum, is engaged in this initiative to have a pedestrian/cycling bridge built which crosses the river from the foot of 6th street to Simms Park. This is the key to an integrated network of cycling routes for the Comox Valley and will benefit downtown Courtenay as well as promoting cycling. Ed outlined how the involvement of the Timber Framers Guild and other community organizations as well as Provincial and Federal funding will reduce cost to the city.
11. Media – President, Marg Harris reported that Krista will no longer be writing monthly articles for the newspaper and it is important that we continue to take advantage of this opportunity to reach the community. We can also make use of support from Shaw Cable, local Radio, Community advertising such as posters, our Website and Facebook sites. Members who are interested in participating in this aspect of the Coalition are asked to contact Marg.
12. Presentations - Krista Kaptein our treasurer and media person will be stepping down from the board. Brian Schoneberg director at large, webmaster, organizer of our special events volunteers and bike parking, is being posted out of province but has offered to continue as our webmaster. Marg presented a small token of appreciation to both.

12. ELECTIONS

Marg asked for nominations for all positions and the slate of volunteers was elected to the 2012 Board of Directors.

President – incumbent Marg Harris
Vice President – incumbent James Taylor
Secretary – incumbent – Terry Dekker
Membership – incumbent Sue Fabrizio
Treasurer – Julia Painchaud

Director at large - Sue Vince
Director at large – incumbent Chris Bowman
Past President – Ed Schum

13. Adjournment of formal meeting.

PRESENTATION: “Bike Fitting” Les Black, Owner/Operator of Black’s Cycles in Comox demonstrated how bicycles can be fitted to the individual cyclist resulting in a more comfortable and efficient ride.