

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION
Board/General Meeting
Monday, June 25th 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Comox Recreation Centre
MINUTES

PRESENT: Marg Harris, Ed Schum, Terry Dekker, Chris Bowman, Sue Vince, Wilf Dreher, Brian Schoneberg, Rick Clough, Jean McCrae, Angela Dawson

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from April 30th 2012 Board/General meeting were approved as written

REPORTS

4. Financial Report created by Julia Painchaud (Treasurer) was accepted as submitted. Note that the regular accounts and the grant monies are kept separate.
5. Membership Report – Sue Fabrizio (Membership Secretary) reported that we now have 107 members. Discussion held re increase of membership. Angela noted that folks taking the CanBike courses may choose membership rather than simply course insurance cost for the same fee. Membership cost still has a reduced amount option for those who need it. It was noted that setting up payment on line remains cost prohibitive. Membership forms are, however, available on line. Angela will have membership forms available at any courses we run. Discussion held re possibility of accessing online registration/payment through BCCC (**Marg to follow up**). A further follow-up reminder to lapsed members was recommended (**Brian to follow up**).
6. **Brian to email Terry a reminder re newsletter that she is to create.**
 - a) Technical Committee Report – *Wilf Dreher (Tech Committee Chair) was in contact with Drdul and Courtenay now intends to bring him up Tues & Wed July 3 & 4 to specifically look at the plans for Fitzgerald Avenue. He will be here for 2 days. On July 3 he will make a short presentation to Courtenay city council and in the evening he will meet with the CPAC at the Regional District Boardroom from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Ed has encouraged Nancy Hofer to bring Courtenay City council members to this evening meeting as the presentation time at the council meeting is very short. On July 4 Drdul will meet with Comox, Cumberland and the Regional District councils.*
 - b) Re Fitzgerald Ave. the city has a preliminary design and proposes to paint lines this year and create physical cycle lanes next year. An open house is to be held to advise residents of the proposed changes.
 - c) Re the new Thrifty's mall, both MOT and the municipalities are involved so it is complicated. There are entrance and exits on both Lerwick Ave. and Ryan Rd. This area will become a very high traffic area.
 - d) Study for the Transportation Master Plan- Ed, Wilf met with Eric Richmond. The city has money in their budget for this endeavor and have done the evaluation of the submissions. They would like to create a vision of how Courtenay will look in the future. This longer term planning is potentially positive. There has been a change of attitude in City Hall and more weight is being placed on the community plan in the planning process. The first phase will occur over the summer, with a second to follow.
7. 'New Horizons for Seniors' Federal Grant – *Chris Bowman* and Angela Dawson (our program coordinator) reported that we are now 6 weeks into the 10 month program. Angela has some handouts that might be a good addition to the program. Ed had already made contact with some schools. 3

rodeos have been completed and another one is scheduled for tomorrow.

- A commuter skills course has been held and Canbike 1 & 2 courses and an Urban Cycling skills course are scheduled.
 - A trailer has been purchased and is being used and interior finishing is underway. Some equipment such as cones, stop signs, chalk and other assorted materials have been purchased.
 - A radio interview with Jet FM was done and a media event with John Duncan was held. Schools have not responded as yet with input for the newspapers.
 - Thrifty's donated food for each event. Angela has been contacting other groups and people in the community and has obtained free facilities for all the courses (Sports complex and Comox Rec Centre).
 - Angela would like to have a CVCCo entry in the Canada Parade. She will look at the city website and enter us. We will ask members to participate (Brian)
 - Re the purchase of bicycles for the course, Ed would like to postpone the purchase of bicycles and it was suggested that we access the group in Vancouver who is doing this re insurance concerns.
 - Marg to contact the Record re participation in and/or reporting on a CanBike Course.
8. "The Bridge" – update – *Ed Schum* advised that costs for the geotechnical survey were approved. The city engineering department came on board and completed their assessment very quickly. Ed is very hopeful about the success of a Grant application which was submitted in May for the cost of the bridge. Ed will be meeting with John McCrae and John Duncan for an update as to when a decision will be made. Fundraising cannot be initiated until the status of the grant is known. It is Ed's hope that the bridge will be built next year. At that time 100 volunteers need billeting and feeding for up to 6 weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

9. Special Events – Filberg Festival – *Brian Schoneberg* spoke to the requirements of volunteers for the Filberg Festival on Aug 3, 4, 5, and 6, from 10am – 6pm. Volunteer orientation will be held on July 31 (*Sue and Marg plan to attend*). Sue will be contacting members to volunteer for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

10. A Transportation committee from the school district has been formed to address the issue of providing safe routes to school for children. They want partnerships with other groups and surveys of traffic density/flow. They are requesting a liaison with the cycling coalition and we are assigning the task to the education committee. We are mandated to partner with initiatives such as this one. We will maintain the contact with the Transportation Committee to see how we can support their endeavour. Ed recommended that we should have a member in contact with each school as a liaison.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Re Mountain Dirt bike Course - Brian to send the information out to the membership.
12. Potluck event at Brian's June 30th at 4 p.m. BYOB. Board members and Committee members invited to give Brian a 'send off' to Cold Lake. 2859 Elderbury Cres, Ctny, (off Lerwick Rd).

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 30th 2012

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:40 p.m.