

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION

General Meeting

Monday, April 30th 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Comox Recreation Centre

MINUTES

Present: Marg Harris, Wilf Dreher, Ed Schum, Terry Dekker, Brian Schoneberg, Dylan Gothard, Chris Bowman, Julia Painchaud, Sue Vince, Willy van Kemanade, Rick Clough

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from March 26th 2012 Board/General meeting were approved as written

REPORTS

4. Financial Report – Julia Painchaud (Treasurer) gave the monthly report. The account balance is \$4566.49. Grant cheque for 24,000.00 has been deposited in the account. The grant money can be kept in our general account as long as it is clearly tracked.
5. Membership Report – Sue Fabrizio's (Membership Secretary) reported that we now have a membership of

66. Brian reported that there may be a cost to Group Spaces in the future. Brian has contacted those who have not renewed their membership but this has not garnered any additional members. A suggestion was made to place coalition information materials in the celebration stations during bike to work week.

Marg & Sue V. and Sue F. to put some thought into reaching membership re: renewals.

6. Discussion re a newsletter. Terry to take this on and try and design something to be sent out to the membership on a regular basis.
7. Technical Committee Report – Wilf Dreher (Tech Committee Chair) advised us that most of their efforts have been revolving around the 6th street bridge. The first step of many has taken place and the geotechnical work and permits have been approved. Ed and Wilf met as CPAC with the Courtenay city budget officer with their comments. The city has a \$50 million budget with \$10,000 allocated to a transportation study. Last year amendments were passed changing priorities for capital spending but to date no budget changes reflect this. It was noted that the Community Plan is a guideline. Wilf and Ed made suggestions that the city encourage cycling infrastructure. There is

\$100,000 allocated for transportation this year. No word at this time on changes to Fitzgerald Avenue.

It was noted that letters to the editor are still the most effective tools for making change.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Special Events – Earth Day, Filberg Festival etc. –
Brian Schoneberg

- ✓ Earth Day generated significant interest for the bridge. Some bicycles were utilizing the lock up. Marg, Brian, Ed talked to quite a few people during the event.
- ✓ Car Free Sunday is June 17th, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and the event organizers are looking for volunteers.
- ✓ Filberg festival takes place on the long weekend in August and we will have 4 days of bicycle lock up to staff with volunteers. Brian can continue to email volunteers in the future but we may need to use a phone committee to organize volunteers.
- ✓ CV exhibition bicycle lock up is held at the end of August; no information is available for the event at this time.
- ✓ We have decided not to attempt entries into the Canada Day and Nautical Days parades as we are stretched thin with our current membership.
- ✓ Bike to work week is May 28th to June 1st. Ed will be running the “bike to play ground” with children. Tyler

is setting up a display in the Comox Mall but the Driftwood mall is requiring \$5 million in insurance and we only have \$2 million. The website is not user friendly and therefore the calculation for participation in this event is likely less than accurate. Sue V. will find out what cyclists can be included in the count e.g. commuters, recreational, school children.

- ✓ Farm Cycle Tour 2012 – Willy van Kemenade provided an update on this year's tour. Planning is well underway. The event will be held on Aug 11 and 12. The 2 days will encourage a wider market on the Island and mainland. It is in the visitor's guide. There are several other farm tours in the Province and we will try to link with them. Last year there was one shorter, family-friendly ride which will happen again this year. There will be a longer ride on each of two days. The same set up for registration will be used as last year. Invitations will be extended to last year's farmers and then more as needed. An extra loop has been added to include Sieffert's Farm Market and Seal Bay Park area. On the North route, 2 separate routes will allow more people to participate. Advance registration this year. Cost of \$25 for 2 days \$15 per day, children 15 and under free. Map is given out at registration. Need to increase marketing this year in order to increase the number of people who attend. Can promote at the Filberg Festival. Economic Development paid for the approximately \$500 loss last year. **MOTION: That the**

Coalition will cover any shortfall for the Farm Cycling tour up to a maximum of \$250. **PASSED**

- ✓ Marg Harris reported that a Members' educational meeting originally planned for May 31st @ Filberg has been postponed to a later date as too many members of the committee will be absent on that date.
- 9. Education (Committee) Report – Rick Clough reported that he and Ed did a bicycle rodeo this evening with the girl guides with 15 9 – 12 year olds participating.

On April 26 Rick and Ed made a presentation on our safe cycling rodeos to principals in the School District. They plan to complete 2 rodeos this Fall. Several schools have expressed interest in spite of the current work situation. At this time we need to teach more CanBike 1 and 2 courses to our members and other seniors to increase our pool of volunteers to assist with the rodeos for children.

CanBike courses will be run on May 4th for a Probus group and on the 14th a commuter skills course will be held in preparation for Bike to Work Week.

- 10. 'New Horizons for Seniors' Federal Grant – *Chris Bowman* updated us on this project which is intended to teach safe cycling to seniors and have them, in turn, assist with safe cycling courses to children in the schools. We are not able to announce our funding

source until after June 5 and any announcements that we make need to be approved by the New Horizons for Seniors staff. We will be employing a coordinator and are currently developing a job description for the contract position and a draft budget, which includes capital purchases.

MOTION: That the project be run by a steering Committee. **PASSED.** At this time the committee will be comprised of Marg, Rick, Chris, Ed. Draft budget discussed. Final budget will be presented to Board for approval. Stop signs and cones need to be ordered ASAP.

MOTION That we approve the draft budget in principle subject to a review to be brought forward next month. **PASSED.**

Chris will arrange a meeting of the steering committee.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Re insurance coverage. We will send a reply to Jack Becker stating that the information we have been sent re insurance is not clear. Ed will talk to him. **Ed has our authorization to vote on the insurance issue as he sees fit.**

NEXT MEETING: Note that the meetings are the

fourth Monday of the month. The next meeting is Monday, May 28th 2012 at Comox Rec Centre.

ADJOURNMENT