

# COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION

Board/General Meeting  
Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Marg Harris, James Taylor, Ed Schum, Terry Dekker, Sue Fabrizio, Brian Schoneberg, Chris Bowman, Wilf Dreher, Wendy Prothero, Tyler Johns, Julia Painchaud, Sue Vince, Richard Olson

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from November Board meeting. Motion passed.

## REPORTS

4. Financial Report – *Krista Kaptein (Treasurer)* – attached. We made a \$500 donation to the Conservation Strategy Group to support their advertising campaign prior to the Municipal elections in November 2011. This donation put us slightly over budget for the 2011 fiscal year, but the decision to use some of our reserve funds was made at the previous board meeting. Krista has indicated that she will not be running for re election in 2012.
5. Membership Report – *Sue Fabrizio (Membership Secretary)* Our membership currently stands at 175. Membership renewal is due at the time of the AGM on March 1st. Brian clarified the need for a corporate credit card account in order to sign up with pay pal to enable online registration. **Sue will check into issues of liability with a credit card.** This will not be in place by AGM so we will send out emails reminding members to renew their memberships prior to, or at, the AGM. Plan to have enough ‘staffing’ at the AGM to process memberships quickly at the door.
6. Technical Committee will be attending the Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Public Advisory Committee. The committee has been in contact with the Coastal Cycling Committee of Vancouver who asked us to identify our issues with the Ministry of Transportation (MOT).
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Street cycle/pedestrian bridge (*Ed Schum*). Ed distributed cards providing information for registering online as supporters of the project. A meeting on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> will have the report from the Timber Framers Guild. It is important that the bridge project not be seen as a “cycling coalition project” but rather as a broad based community project designed to enhance access to the downtown core, the trails, the parks and the river.
  - Re the Lerwick/ Ryan Road intersection and traffic flow into the new Thrifty foods parking lot - the MOT is requesting cycling lanes on Ryan Road (seen as a positive attitude change by MOT) but not apparently on Lerwick. **Wilf will be raising the issue on Wed at CPAC.**
  - It was suggested that we ask municipalities in the valley to use the same marking standard (green coloured pavement) for cycling lanes that Comox is using. Jim Gillis is the director for Area B, which includes the new Gas and Go station on Dyke Road. The CPAC will meet him at the Task Force meeting in early February. It is also on the CPAC agenda for Wed meeting. Any member is welcome and encouraged to write a letter to Jim Gillis.
7. Education (Committee) Report – *Ed Schum, James Taylor et al*
  - Meeting with Alan Douglas, Director of elementary education SD#71 (*James*). Due to the current “work action” Principals are too busy to address any new initiatives at this time. Jan

31st meeting with Alan will be a presentation of proposed cycling educational activities for students.

- Ed believes we will be able to do more rodeos with our current volunteers, but would like to see surveys developed which address why students and parents believe it is not feasible for students to walk or cycle to school. This information could be used to approach councils regarding unsafe intersections and school routes.
- The BC Cycling Coalition is developing a graded program for students between grades 4 and 8 and have requested a letter of support from our local Coalition. They will be looking for support from the provincial government to teach a standardized safe cycling program in schools.
- MOTION that the CV Cycling Coalition will write a letter of support in principle for the BCCC initiative for a standardized cycling education program for students between grades 4-8. PASSED
- (Marg to write and obtain input from Board members before sending to BCCC.)
- Wendy spoke to Tiffany Iles, Management at the Comox Mall. They may be open to the idea of static demonstrations in the Comox Mall during Bike to Work Week.
- Tyler will follow up on this, Terry will help.

#### OLD BUSINESS

8. November 2011 Membership Focused meeting – review/feedback was positive. Approximately 62 people attended. May 3 meeting will have the same format.
9. AGM on March 1st 2012 – Evergreen Lounge in the Florence Filberg centre.
  - Brian willing to video presentation and play it on the screen as the presentation takes place to improve visibility.
  - Black's cycles will do a presentation on bicycle fitting using 'models' and different styles of bikes.
  - There will be a sign up for members interested in volunteering with different working groups
  - Refreshments - Marg to contact Kabushes
  - Prizes – decision that educational presentation is 'the prize'.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- World Community Bazaar – Takes place on February 4, 2011 from 10 am. To 4 pm at the upper level of the Filberg Centre. Brian Schoneberg will be staffing an information table for which there is a \$10 fee.
- Discussion held re creating partnerships with other local organizations to form working groups with specific goals. We did this in the fall before elections partnering with the Conservation Strategy group. This will encourage the community to view us as more than just a cycling groups.
- Working with City Councils. Discussion held re standing committees vs special events group
- Media – needs a small group to make sure we keep our 'face' in the paper and in other local media. Marg will initiate.
- At the AGM we will speak briefly to the different roles for volunteers and encourage members to get involved in our activities:
  - ✓ Special events - Tyler
  - ✓ Education - James
  - ✓ Bicycle Lock ups - Brian
  - ✓ Technical - Wilf

- ✓ Media - *Marg* -
- ✓ We will inform other cycling groups about our AGM –
  - Probus (**Brian**),
  - Medicine Shop, CCCTS (**Marg**),
  - Adventure Group (**James**)
  - We will invite Mayors and City Council to the AGM

OTHER BUSINESS Discussion was held re sending group emails to our membership without compromising personal privacy. Messages and information will be sent to members via the website mail (*Brian*)

NEXT MEETING: AGM March 1, 2012 at the Filberg Centre at 7:00

ADJOURNMENT