

Minutes
CVCCo Board/General Meeting
Monday, Aug 27, 2012

Members Present: Marg Harris, Julia Painchaud, Chris Bowman, Angela Dawson, Brian Liberman, Tyler Johns, Ed Schum, Sue Vince, James Taylor, Wilf Dreher, Marlene Zacharias, Dylan Gothard, Willy van Kemenade

Note . . . indicated action required by a member

Call to Order - 7:08

Approval of Agenda

Acceptance of Minutes from July 23rd Meeting Ed (mover) Sue V. (second)

Financial Report: presented by Julia Painchaud (see attachment)

Membership Report: presented informally by Marg Harris in absence of Sue Fabrizio

There are approximately 165 members down from about 180 last year. Ed said that it is effective for executive members to hand our Coalition pamphlet when meeting prospective members. Sue V. said she had a few remaining from the Filberg Bike Lock Up and she offered to do some revisions after Angela pointed out that this would be required.

Also she offered to look into the possibility of making a presentation of a Newcomers Meeting.

Farm Cycle Tour Report- Willy

Last year there were 195 participants compared to this years 303. Tartan Media provided the marketing for outside the Comox Valley. The feedback on this year's tour was very positive. Angela asked if there would still be an opportunity to provide feedback and Willy said that there would be something coming out online. Willy thanked Tyler for the vast volunteer work provided and Tyler in turn said he was compiling information on how much volunteer work was done by all concerned. Willy said that he was willing to work on the tour again next year but he was looking for a new co-ordinator.

Technical Committee Report- Wilf Dreher

Fitzgerald Ave.

Wilf feels that the Fitzgerald Ave project has now become more a political than a technical concern for us. In his view Fitzgerald is just part of the overall cycling network which should be our greater concern. Ed added that we have come a long way in our ability to have some influence on decision making in Courtenay as regards cycling. Engineering seems much more aware of the need to be consistent with the transportation

statements in the OCP. He reminded us that according to ICBC figures there are 1100 more cars coming into the Comox Valley each year. The traffic congestion over the next few years will almost certainly become increasingly severe. Ed feels that the Transportation Master Plan which is currently underway will probably support much of our viewpoint on the importance of planning for alternatives to the automobile in order to reduce traffic congestion. Brian suggested we make representation at the next Courtenay Council Meeting. Wilf volunteered to get in touch with Derek Richmond, the contact person for the transportation study, to find out where things are heading. He also agreed to check what was happening with 19A near Royston regarding repaving where the new sewer line is going in and then getting back to Sue Vince on this concern. One of the contentions of the person behind the Fitzgerald Ave. petition was that the rail line would be a more suitable route for cyclists. Ed noted that there are only 3 intersections allowing access to city services whereas Fitzgerald allows 17 different choice points. Additionally, cyclists using the E & N route would have to detour six blocks to get back to locations on Cliffe Avenue, and the gravel surface is not suitable for all bicycle tires.

Motion: We make a presentation at the next available Courtenay Council Meeting to provide our viewpoint on Fitzgerald Ave. (James mover, Brian seconder) The motion passed and it was agreed that James will take the initiative and bring together a committee consisting of Sue, Ed, Wilf, Marg and James to prepare this presentation.

Ryan Road and Lerwick.

It was noted that Ryan road has bike lanes prepared at the new Thrifty location and this is encouraging. Unfortunately Lerwick has no such provisions once it leaves Comox and this is a significant problem for cyclists wishing to access NIC, the Aquatic Centre and in future the new hospital.

Traffic Count

Wilf and James will work on planning this jointly and the targeted date is September 26th pending the completion of repairs to the 5th Street Bridge.

New Horizons for Seniors Federal Grant: Chris Bowman

Chris and Angela noted that 78 adults have been trained in various courses since the receipt of this grant and that we are building up a good reserve of volunteers willing to work at Bike Rodeos.

Motion: The CVCCo will pay for the 109 vests purchased and will sell back to the New Horizons Project 25 vests for use in courses **at cost**. mover- Chris, seconder Brian. Motion passed.

Urban Skills Courses will be offered on Sept 16 and 22 **and a CanBike 1 course on October 27** at the Courtenay Rec. Centre

We will be represented at Rexpo on Sept. 15, 10:00 till 2:00, **with Ed and Angela coordinating the rodeo and information table**. About 10 volunteers will be required.

Ed noted that we had been offered free trailer storage and thus money will not need to be taken from the New Horizons Grant.

Chris advised us that he and James were working on a grant proposal for next year involving at least one bike company in order to carry on the work begun with the N.H. Grant . The proposal needs to be completed by October 1.

Angela was complimentary about the article done by Lise Broadway from the ECHO, and she had not heard the interview she had done with JET FM.

Bridge Project

Ed informed us that a preliminary design has been completed and it will soon be followed by the final design and cost estimate. We should find out by the end of December as to the success of the grant proposal for bridge funding.

Filberg Festival: Sue Vince

We accommodated 822 bikes and brought in \$813.00 from a combination of donations and the sale of vests. In addition, a few new members signed up. Several people asked about cycle route maps and so Sue spoke with Mike Collins at the Broken Spoke and he was interested in coordinating with us on a new edition of the map he produced. It is hoped that if sufficient maps are printed t the cost could be brought down to as low as \$2. The report and video Sue prepared were big hits and the video has been linked on the Filberg website providing a great profile for us. Well done Sue.

Next Meeting: Monday September 24th at the Comox Recreation Centre