

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION  
General Meeting  
Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Comox Recreation Centre

Present: Ed Schum, Sue Vince, Marg Harris, Angela Dawson, Chris Bowman, Julia Painchaud, James Taylor, Terry Dekker

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Acceptance of Minutes – the minutes of October 28, 2013 were accepted as written.
4. Reports
  - Financial Report – Julia Painschaud (Treasurer) presented the financial report. There was only a \$.05 addition for interest. It was accepted as presented.
  - Membership Report – Nil
  - Technical Committee Report – Wilf forwarded his report to James. We received notification of a City of Courtenay meeting to create increased cycling priorities. Sign up is on Doodle. Nancy Hoffer, City Planner, has been advised that we would like to discuss Anfield Drive as well as priorities previously discussed with Nancy's predecessor (Mooney). Sue to remind James to add a map of the Anfield area and her proposed bicycle trail. We also need input for the Transportation Master Plan. We are trying to establish regular meetings in which to work with the city.
  - CCPAC Report – There will be a report given to the Cycling Task Force on December 6th in part based on the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
  - Cycle Skills for Life – Angela Dawson – reported that Huband School's Active Learning program requires, a minimum of 4 of us to cycle with them as they go from the school to the aquatic centre for the students' Water Safety Course, this coming Thursday at 12 noon. Betty, Rick, Marg, & James have volunteered to do this. There will be one remaining class on the following Thursday.
  - Bike Lights – The lack of lighting on some bicycles have been identified as a concern by city residents and we would like to initiate a project whereby the CV Cycling Coalition invest \$300 and the Cycling Task Force \$880 toward providing bicycle lights to folks who cannot afford to purchase them. This is a safety issue and Nancy Hoffer will present this proposal to the Cycling Task Force next week. She had some questions and suggestions for us, one of which was that we make presentations to Council on the Coalition's activities including how we are

partnering to provide lights for bicycles, outlining the key elements as to how this will be delivered. She suggests that Ronna Rae has information on this issue which would be helpful to us and that we reiterate the fact that these are to be given away rather than sold. Nancy is willing to write a newspaper article about our work to provide lights.

- Discussion as to how to use our various links to distribute lights to those who need them.
  - Maple Pool Campsite owner will be talking to residents and assess who would want and use bicycle lights
  - Auxiliary RCMP Bike squad will be speaking to the cyclists they believe might need lights and assess who would utilize them
  - Suggestions that it is made very clear that the lights come from the Cycling Coalition and Cycling Task Force
  - Offer accountability by keeping records and handing them out, for example, to Maple Pool Campsite and Caravan, World Community when they refurbish bikes, accounting for where the money and bicycles are going without gathering the personal information of those who receive them.
  - Work with World Community (who already hand out bicycles) and have them with us when we distribute lights at, for example, the Campground on a Saturday or Sunday
  - Draft out a piece of paper or decal that accompanies the lights to explain where they come from. Marg will work to make labels for lights. Ed will bring lights to Marg so that she can size the labels.
  - James to contact World Community to ask about their participation at Campground
  - Marg will contact Care a van and Dawn to Dawn (if that would be helpful)
  - Ed has a contact in the RCMP auxiliary
- Re Nancy's idea of making a presentation to council about this project and what the coalition has been doing, including our Educational program, Lights, and Rodeos
- Farm Cycle Tour - Willy & Tyler report that financially it broke even and they hope it will do better next year. The Economic Development advertising did not bring in many folks from outside the Valley so that next year they will be focusing less on folks outside valley and more on providing entertainment and food at farms
- Their committee will meet in January
- Bike Lock ups – Sue had picked up the connectors for the stands and wondered if we should get decals to identify which stands are ours in the event that we share equipment with other organizations.
- A motion was made Marg, and seconded by Julia. An amendment was introduced by Chris and seconded by Angela. The resulting final motion reads that Sue look into the cost of 200 decals at ABC printing and bring the

info and a recommendation on the purchase of decals, back to the board for a vote. The amended motion was passed.

- November Special Meeting – The executive will be hosting a movie night for members and their family and friends at the Evergreen Senior Lounge in the Filberg Centre. The executive should plan to arrive at 6:30. Marg will bring cookies, James will provide cups, milk and a 20 cup urn for hot water, and Sue will take care of the coffee, tea, sugar, and napkins
  - Agenda for the evening was discussed
- Request to Man Snow to Surf – We have been advised that Bill Atkinson is organizing the switch from Kayak to Road Bike for participants but requires volunteers and is very happy to have our assistance. Snow to surf organizers will meet in January and will advise Marg as to how we can assist.
- Comox Rotary request re: bike route map display board(s) – Marg was contacted by the Comox Rotary club and is interested in Bike Map route displays and Rotary will fund. He would be happy to take our existing maps to go in each community. This requires upkeep, lots of money & maps.
  - Our suggestion would be maps up top and free and available at multiple locations.
- Bike Racks from Regional District – Marg has not heard anything at this point. Also they would like proposals for future projects by mid December. Suggestions signage, covered bike racks.
- Christmas Parade at Sue's house Dec 3 unless weather bad. Meet in Transition Town 5:30 Wed