

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION

Monthly Cycling Coalition Meeting
Monday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m.
Comox Recreation Centre

Present: Marg Harris, James Taylor, Ed Schum, Terry Dekker, Sue Fabrizio, Chris Bowman, Sue Vince, Angela Dawson, Wilf Dreher, Jon Toogood, Tyler Johns, Willy van Kemenade, Lisa Wall, Don Monroe, Pam Monroe, Peggy Kabush, Julia Painchaud, Guests: Steve Grant, Larry Reynolds

Guest presenters Steve Grant and Larry Reynolds were introduced by Ed Schum.

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- The presenters have created a cycling club for junior riders named VIPYRS (Vancouver Island performance youth racing squad) and spoke re long term athlete development which includes developing the character as well as the skills of high calibre riders. They hope to create safe riders and encourage those riders to give back to the community. The organization has been promoting youth racing and will be hosting this year's BC provincial road race and BC Time trial championships. This year's race schedule includes American events.
- They noted that while there is support for children to begin cycling, there exists a significant gap between introductory level and higher-level riders and that it is difficult for young riders to break into the sport of cycling. It is their hope that through junior cycling clubs junior riders can be kept interested and involved in the sport. They also hope to generate fun as well as good competition.
- VIPYRS is planning to hold weekend rides in the Valley and would like to invite new kids to ride under supervision. There are separate rides based on cycling ability with each group kept together and no one dropped from a ride.
- Ed would like to offer students and parents cycling safety courses as our young racers and cyclists have a bad reputation and kids and parents can help teach others. We teach courses for free so we charge for the purpose of paying for insurance.
- It was noted that the BC cycling coalition is supporting another school project, which is intended to get kids interested in riding.
- A bike rodeo held through NIDES is scheduled for the fall for 10 – 16 year olds and it has been suggested to them that they contact Angela Dawson to coordinate an event.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes from November 2012

REPORTS

4. Farm/Cycle Tour 2013 – Willy van Kemenade presented an update on this year's Farm Cycle Tour which would again be organized by the CV Cycling Coalition, CV Economic Development and two farm groups and held on August 10 & 11, 2013. Motioned made & seconded that the coalition support this event again. Motion passed. Willy is happy to work with the organizers but would like someone to take over the key role. Tyler is interested in being more involved and in organizing the event as part of a committee. Willy has set up a solid foundation from which to run the next one. It was suggested that the issue be brought up at the AGM to bring new leaders on board. **Tyler will begin by emailing the membership for suggestions.**
5. Financial Report – Julia Painchaud Treasurer's report was presented. No activity in account for all of January. MOTION to accept the financial report as presented.
6. Membership Report – Sue Fabrizio reported that the numbers remain the same at 154 members for the 2012 year.
7. Technical Committee Report – Wilf Dreher reported on the meeting re proposal on Menzies Avenue between 5th and 1st Streets at which he provided feedback. He expects to meet with city staff to discuss designating it a

cycling route. He is also waiting for an initial draft for ideas re the master transportation plan and hoping the consultants will look at the “big picture”. He expects the Master Transportation Plan to address the issues as a whole. Menzies Avenue is not currently safe for cyclists.

The Rotarians are working to have the rail trail paved all the way to 30th Street.

8. NHS Federal Grant/Education Committee – Chris Bowman/Angela Dawson reported that the grant finishes at the end of March 2012. \$14,000 of the grant monies has been spent. Now preparing for spring, buying equipment and bicycles. A couple of adult events in March are currently planned. Future funding opportunities are being investigated.

Ed & Chris attended a workshop last week at which several cycling coalitions are working to create a curriculum for cycling education. They are utilizing standards based on the “Bikeability” program in the UK which teaches children road skills for both cycling and driving.

Angela currently needs volunteers for 2 upcoming cycling education events: Huband and Aspen Park schools.

Adult courses are scheduled through Elder College and the Comox Recreation centre.

Angela is creating a newsletter inviting folks who have completed cycling skills courses to provide feedback on the experience.

There will be a volunteer appreciation at AGM for folks who have assisted with the cycling skills courses.

On Saturday, March 16th there will be an event at Huband School to evaluate the cycling skills rodeo and give an orientation to those who have not been able to volunteer in the past.

Ed would like more courses for 14 – 16 year olds but this is dependent on having more volunteers available.

On April 20 & 27th Ed has 2 bicycle rodeos planned for children 9-years of age & over through the Courtney Recreation centre.

9. The Bridge – update – Ed Schum reported that the bridge committee is still waiting to hear if they have been awarded the 1.9 million grant. They hope to know next week. If they receive the grant the bridge will be built this year, if not, it will be built next year as other sources of funding have been investigated. There is a meeting with the engineers on Thursday morning.

NEW BUSINESS

10. A Spin-a-Thon will be held at the Comox community centre March 2, 3:00 p.m. - March 3, 3:00 p.m. Teams of 6-24 cyclists will participate with a team entrance fee of \$300 per team. All profits will be donated to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program to help financially disadvantaged kids ranging in age from 4-18 participate in over 60 different forms of physical recreation. We will be entering a team to support this event.

11. Banners & Posters etc. for displays – *Sue V/Chris B/James advised that the Coalition needs new banners. Moved and seconded that the coalition set aside up to \$500 for the purchase of promotional materials.*
MOTION passed

12. AGM planning – Marg/James/Ed The 2013 Annual General meeting will be held at 7 pm. on February 25, 2013 at the Florence Filberg Centre Evergreen Room. John Rankin from Mountain City Cycle will do a half - hour presentation re preparing a bicycle for the season and will have two demo stations set up. He is willing to set up future workshops at his shop if there is interest expressed. The business portion of the meeting will be short, followed by Volunteer recognition, food, and social time. Ed has very kindly donated great prizes for volunteers.

- A decision was made to continue with the creation of working groups as needed. To this end we will have folks involved in the current groups speak at the AGM and have sign up sheets available for anyone who has an interest in specific types of tasks.
 - ✓ Traffic counting – James
 - ✓ Technical committee - Wilf
 - ✓ Bike rodeos - Angela
 - ✓ Farm cycle tour - Tyler
- Elections - James advised that he is willing to take on the President’s position for 1 year but will not commit to anything further than that.
- Online membership –In order to facilitate ease of yearly membership renewal, and to attract new members, **It was moved and seconded that we proceed with on-line membership. MOTION passed.**
- **James will speak to the Webmaster for the Mountaineering club and then arrange for Brian Schoneberg to speak**

with him and set up an account for us.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A motion was made & seconded that the cycling coalition use Drop Box for members of the executive and any other member appointed by a motion of the executive, further that member information be used only for cycling coalition business. Question called. MOTION passed. Drop box is a free service on google. Large files can be dropped into box and shared by Board members and other members as in the motion above.
- Community notices – The Mountaineering Club will be holding its AGM on Feb 10, 2013 7:30 pm. \$32

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 25th, 2013 (AGM)

MOTION to adjourn