

# COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION

Monthly Cycling Coalition Meeting  
Monday, January 26th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Comox Recreation Centre

Present - Marg Harris, James Taylor, Ed Fudge, Terry Dekker-Bourque, Julia Painschaud, Sue Vince, Angela Dawson

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

The Minutes of November 2014 meeting were accepted as written.

Reports

- Financial Report Julia Painschaud - The current balance is 6641.61. There has been a deposit of \$20 for vests, which brings the balance to 6661.61. A cheque was received from Ed Fudge on behalf of Cross Canada Cycle Tours (CCCT) to cover the cost for the rodeos that the coalition completed.
- Membership Report – Sue Fabrizio – Our membership currently stands at 137 members.
- CPAC/Go Smart – James Taylor reported that each of the involved jurisdictions is in accord with this initiative. The Regional District has not yet provided a representative.
- Response to City of Courtenay Road Infrastructure changes - Discussion held re approaches to Courtenay’s current plan and the possibility of making a presentation to Courtenay City Council.
- Mapping Initiative – Sue Vince reported that Lester (this is the person in Delta BC, who was hired by Cycling Task Force to create the maps) has been paid and has printed out the information that he has; however, some of the information from Comox has not been supplied yet. Sue, James, Chris Bowman, Karen Albert (Parks & Recreation) and Nancy Hoffert, have spent time looking at this initiative and considering the best approach to designing user-friendly maps. They have been in contact with Leslie Hatch who is the head of engineering for the City of Courtenay.
- Hospital Update – James Taylor/ Sue Vince reported the creating of Bicycle Lockers at the new hospital is still under debate
- Education Committee –
  - Angela Dawson expressed the Coalition’s gratitude for the cheque received from the Cross Canada Cycling Tour Society (CCCTS). Angela will be in touch with Angela Holmes in order to plan school rodeos for the spring. Valleyview and Miracle Beach schools are being focused on by HASTE for “active travel” this year. A Bicycle Rodeo was held at Arden Elementary School in Oct 2012 and it is time to hold another one there. Additionally, Queenesh Elementary School has never had a bicycle rodeo.
  - Angela is hoping to plan and advertise Adult Cycling Skills courses through the local recreation centres but will check this out with Ed Schum who would instruct them. Angela believes that the fee for the courses should be \$20 rather than the current \$40.
  - Angela would like to have more skills courses for children on school professional development days. Angela noted that the other local skills courses, IRide, are designed to enhance bicycle-handling skills while ours are more focused on road safety skills. In order to prevent duplication of course material she will be in contact with the folks running the courses.

- Ed Fudge advised the attendees that the CCCTS would like an urban skills course. They cannot fund any children's courses at this time but he suggested that they may be able to provide volunteers.
  - Angela noted that in a past course she received a discount from Pannago pizza on the lunch she supplied for the school volunteers; this may be an affordable way to thank volunteers.
- Helmet Transfer to I Ride – Chris Bowman has donated some of helmets belonging to the coalition, to the IRide program. He believes that these will be well used and that this has helped open a line of communication with these folks.
  - Permanent Bicycle Training Facility – Angela Dawson, Sue Vince, Ed Schum/Marg Harris attended a gathering which included representatives from the school district including Ian Hasselgrave, where there was significant interest in the project. This initiative would not fall under the coalition umbrella but we will continue to be at the table. It was noted that the School district has land but no money and that road safety does tie in to the existing curriculum in the school system. There will be future meetings and a list of organizations who would be potential partners will be created. The program would not be restricted to bicycles but include motorcycles and scooters.
  - Snow to Surf – James asked whether the coalition was interested in participating in organizing bicycle racks to assist at the handover point for the road bicycles and road marshalling on April 26. This will require 20 volunteers for 3 hours. Discussion was held re last year's experience and it was determined that we more involvement with the organizers and better planning is required. Discussion held regarding the number of volunteers we have available, although it was evident that we had enough volunteers last year. James will contact Chris, ask if he would like to be involved, and then decide on our involvement at that time. We are already committed to several events such as the: Filberg Festival, Farm Cycle Tour, Petite Fondo, Yana Ride, and possibly the Air Show.
  - Air Show – Sue Vince advised that we have not been asked yet. Sue will coordinate Filberg and, if we are asked, the Air show on 26 August.
  - AGM – James Taylor/Marg Harris/Sue Vince and Marg & James & Angela will meet to organize the evening. Marg has declared that she is willing to serve as president. Terry is to call Tyler Johns and ask if he will consider being a board member. With the exception of James, all other board members will be continuing for another year.
  - Use of University of Victoria Victim Accident Reporting App – Sue Vince explained that this is a tool for developing advocacy & data gathering. It can be utilized anywhere in the world. Sue o because of Sue's relationship with the professor developing it if we can get enough data we could be analysed.

#### New Business

- Rash of Accidents – An email from Wilf Dreher discussed the issue of gathering information on cycling accidents and collisions in the Comox valley. It was decided that this should be on the agenda at the next meeting.
- Correspondence – There is a Fundraiser being organized in the memory of cyclist Paul Bally and his widow, Evelyn Bally would like to have the proceeds go toward safe cycling education in valley. Marg and Angela will be getting more information. Geoff, the owner of trail bikes is planning to organize a ride in memory of Bally.

Next Meeting – AGM February 23, 2015