

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION

Monthly Cycling Coalition Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Comox Recreation Centre

MINUTES

Present:

Board members: Marg Harris, Sue Fabrizio, Sue Vince, Chris Bowman, Steve Allen, Julia Painchaud, Angela Dawson – recorder

Members: Brian Schoneberg (Webmaster), Dave Hardie, Harry Gaines

Regrets: Terry Bourque

- Approval of Agenda
- Acceptance of Minutes – Sue Vince
- New Board member – Steve Allen was introduced

Reports

Financial Report – Julia Painchaud presented written report as attached

- Signing authority – needs to be changed/updated at Credit Union. Marg, Sue, Julia have signing authority. Chris will be added. **Julia to check procedure for new signing authorities**

Membership Report – Sue Fabrizio - currently 59 paid members in 2015

Suggest we contact people when membership coming due. **Sue/Brian will develop process.**

Education Report – Angela presented written report

- Committee, Chris Bowman, Marg Harris, Rick Clough, Angela Dawson
- Committee met March 16th.

Bike Safe Rodeos:

Plan to do 4 rodeos this year – **Angela arranging**

Focus on schools that have not been done for 3 years and the schools that are Haste Active School Travel schools this year: Cumberland, Valleyview, Miracle Beach.

2nd half of Cumberland Rodeo is scheduled tomorrow. Grades 4 and 5

Miracle Beach – date to be set

Valleyview – May 4, 5 or 7th - to be confirmed

Education session for Girl Guides to – date still to be confirmed

IRide – Cycling BC (Lauren Lam Coordinator in Comox valley). Education Committee will meet with Lauren to coordinate our education programs

Adult Education:

- Plan to charge \$20 in future for the UCS course. No courses in Recreation Reporter as last few have been cancelled due to lack of registration. Focus on cycling groups e.g. Newcomers, Medicine Shoppe etc.
- Paul Bally Memorial Ride – Geoff at Trail Bikes planning
- Education committee is looking for new and enthusiastic members

Technical Report (including mapping)

- Chris, James Taylor and Sue meeting with Nancy Hofer tomorrow re: mapping project.
- Sue has gift certificate \$525 she won from Broken Spoke – suggested CVCCo match the amount

MOTION: (Sue V) “that CVCCo match the \$525 gift certificate to raise further funds for mapping” - 2nd Chris – Discussion – **carried**

- Courtenay held street plan open house (Marg) – CVCCo has focused on Willemar and the proposed cycling infrastructure as the plan appeared to be worse than existing situation.
- We are on Courtenay City council agenda for April 20 for non-confrontational information sharing. Will present Sue’s video (**Marg, Sue, Angela, Terry**)

CPAC / ITAC Report Marg, Chris reported that the Cycling Task Force has completed its term and the newly forming Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee, or “Go Smart”, has first meeting on Thursday, March 26th. Will hopefully to adopt new terms of reference similar to those drafted by James Taylor. Committee comprised of reps from each jurisdiction including Regional District. Unclear how the ‘old’ Cycling Public Advisory Committee (CPAC) will evolve within this new structure. (Chris, Marg attending)

Special Events – Chris, Sue, Marg – involving loaning our bike racks and volunteers for bike parking and marshalling.

- Bike Swap April 18, 19th at Robb Road (Sue V will arrange for racks)
- Snow to Surf – April 26. Chris is putting volunteers together – has 11 - needs 20
- Bike to Work Week May 25 Request for us to assist with Bike to the playground on Thursday 28th for preschoolers – Marg will accept that invitation and confirm volunteers.
- Canada Day Parade – July 2015 – If volunteer wants to organize – otherwise we will not be represented
- Filberg – July 31, Aug 1,2,3, Bike lock up (Sue V organizing)
- Farm Cycle Tour – Aug 8,9 - Tyler Johns coordinating – Sue has video which can be used for promotion (? Shaw cable)
- Air Show – Aug 15 –bike lock up – Sue V will organize
- YANA – Aug 16 – bike racks required – Sue V
- Petit Fondo – no request yet

Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge

Sue V and Marg are representing CVCCo on the Bridge Committee – Bridge Committee presenting at Courtenay council April 13. Low key approach to obtain ‘support in principle’ to enable fund raising to move ahead.

Correspondence:

- Insurance renewal BCCC – Marg submitted stats for past year and anticipated stats for upcoming year – waiting to hear the cost of our insurance for this year.
- BC Societies renewal - Julia has submitted new board member documents
- GMO-free endorsement – Marg stated that all had agreed that this does not meet our mandate

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board & Committee Structure

- Marg expressed concern that Board members may ‘burn out’ by involvement in too many areas – suggests that board members might decide what their area of interest – E.g. Technical and Mapping, Public Relations, Articles, Educational and focus there.
- Sue V, Steve, Harry, Julia, Marg, Sue Fabrizio, said they would be willing to write an article. People to bring ideas to meeting next month with the month that would be best for them – or develop a pool of articles – need author name and photo of author to submit with article.
- Education Committee needs additional members
- Membership – Harry suggests contacting members re active involvement
As well as contacting members who have not renewed – Harry offers to help
Suggest to survey all members re area of interest/volunteers – phone calls rather than emails to members who have expressed areas of interest
Social – Regular social events help create relationship
Chris reminds that as we are an advocacy group we are focused on numbers so to respect people who don’t wish to actively participate

Suggestion to have newsletter – one page max – what’s coming up – what the board has been doing plus an article about an issue. Brian is very willing to put newsletter together if we send content – including photos of all events.

Will post on Facebook – Imagine Comox Valley posts on Facebook – can link with them – cross posting –

Survey results from Willemar should be made public – **Marg to ask City Hall**

2. **Monthly meeting structure, day/time, location**

- Location – **Marg to research facilities in Courtenay to accommodate Board members**
- Suggestion that we have online meetings on occasion – with opportunities for others to engage via Google groups.
- Suggestion to have each Committee Chair send written report prior to meeting to enable board members to be better prepared at meetings, with questions/comments.
- Will leave it as Mondays for now – decision next time
- Meeting adjourned 9.00pm

3. **Next Meeting:** Monday, April 27, 2015