



**COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - AGM**  
**Tuesday March 14, 2023 7:00-**  
**Filberg Centre plus Virtual Meeting via "Zoom"**

**MINUTES**

**1 Call to Order**

- President Mike Keohane called the meeting to order at 7:03
- 41 attendee's – 29 in-person; 11 via Zoom

**2 Welcome and Introductions**

- Mike thanked many people for all their support over the past 14 years.

**3 Approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM**

- Moved Lawrence Vea, Seconded Lauren Lan to accept the minutes. Passed.

**4 Financial Report**

- Thank you to Jude Loukras for all her work over the past 4 years. Unfortunately Jude was not able to attend as she was in Ontario. Mike presented a gift to Judith as a thank you.
- **2022 Financials**
- Income \$14 889.19 which included \$3 438 of "non-grant" income.
- Expenses \$11 941.43 which included \$2 883 "non-grant" expenses.
- Closing Balance \$17 918.57
- Pre-Assigned funds \$5352.70
- Funds available \$12 565.87
- **2023 Budget**
- Income: \$3900
- Expenses: \$3300
- Grant funding \$10 000.
- Moved Chris, seconded Spencer to accept financials. Passed

**5 President's Report:**

- **133 members for 2022; over 800 followers on Facebook.**
- **BC Cycling Coalition-** umbrella group for over 30 cycling groups in the Province
- We were the recipient of 3 BCCC grants in the past 2 years for a total of \$10 000
- Encourage members to join BCCC - \$10

**Our 3 priorities: Education, Advocacy & Special Events**

- Our target audience for Education & Advocacy are the 60% or people who are "interested but hesitant" to cycle.
- **School Cycling Program Report – Lauren Lan**
- Every Gr 4 & 5 student in SD71 receive the 2 day course over a 2 year period.
- We supply all the necessary equipment though many students have bikes and helmets.
- Have 4 schools set up for this spring: Royston, Miracle Beach, Valleyview & Arden
- *Volunteers needed!*

*Safety awareness.: Ben & mother made a presentation to the meeting. Ben is 15 years old and a regular cyclist. In November he was hit by a car ((his light was not working) and had to be airlifted to Nanaimo.. Has begun initiative to develop safety awareness. Looking to distribute lights to schools and is seeking our support and assistance. We will assist in any way we can.*

- **Adult Education – Marg Harris/ Angela Dawson**

- Have 4 instructors at present. Have received BCCC grant to run an instructor training course April 21/22. Ten people are signed up including 2 from Campbell River. Are scheduled to teach 2 courses this spring in Campbell River. Three courses will be offered through Courtenay Rec Centre this spring/summer. Thanks to Julie & Rick Howell for all their help over the years and to Dylan and Nancy Gothard.
- Angela mentioned the importance of visibility and riding in a straight line. Always obey the rules of the road and to think the person in the car is an idiot! Also mentioned all the new riders on ebikes who could use some education.
- Mike presented a gift to Rick & Julie.

- **Special Events :**

- Filberg Festival, Musicfest, Snow to Surf, YANA Ride...we supply bike racks for all these events and most provide a small donation.
- We are working on getting some more bike racks.

- **Advocacy/Infrastructure overview:**

- It is challenging to work with all jurisdictions ( Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, CVRD, KFN 7 MoTI) and attempt to align priorities. Communication is improving. Each jurisdiction has developed a Master Transportation Plan. Funding, as always, remains a major hurdle.
- **Commuter vs Recreational Cyclists (many are both).** We want to ensure safe connectivity between major nodes. Working on consistent annual funding by each municipality to be put towards cycling.

- **Some cycling infrastructure activities in the various jurisdictions:**

- **Cumberland:** working on Master Transportation Plan (AT Grant in 2022) Would like to complete bike lanes on Cumberland Rd from Bevan into Dunsmuir., improving connections into Royston & Courtenay as well to the Hydro Dam via Bevan and Comox Lake.
- **Comox:** new bike lanes on Comox Ave in 2022. , 2023: Lazo Greenway from Butchers to SandPines Rd; Completion of Lazo Loop from Simba to Kye Bay Rd.; Sewer Main replacement from Courtenay Pump Station all the way to Treatment Plant at Willemar Bluff.; 18 month project beginning Spring 2024, which is likely to cause major traffic congestion. Traffic flow for vehicles only going west along Dyke Rd. but bikes will be able to go both directions. We will be encouraging this. As well, 2 traffic circles will be put in at Glacier View and Rodello.
- Comox required Idiens pathway behind McDonald development to be completed before housing construction could begin.
- **CVRD** – 25 priority projects delineated in 2021 study
- 80 Million in investment required. Working on shortlisting them.
- New Automated Waste Management program in 2024 with concerns about people putting their new garbage bins on shoulders/bike lanes. Will require education.
- **MoTI** -Will paint lines on Knight Rd; 12 km of resurfacing on 19A from Virginia Dr to Howard Rd & 2.8 km on Strathcona Parkway.
- **Courtenay:** Design work for 6<sup>th</sup> St Bridge completed. Working on priority routes as they

update Cycling Network Plan.

- Lerwick: have had "Bike Route" signs removed as this is not a safe route! We have expressed our concern and are working with Courtenay to make cycling in this area safer.
- Apartment complex being built beside Superstore. This will include a 3m MUP to join up with Back Rd. We are hoping to extend this behind Superstore to the Bypass and then eventually provide a safer connection between east and west Courtenay. There are some complications including Superstore loading dock, drainage ditches and Ducks Unlimited Environmental area.
- Member expressed concern re Condensory Rd. Coalition has been pushing for safety upgrades but likely not much will happen till treaty is completed. Member encouraged to contact Komoks Band and perhaps a Letter to the Editor.
- **Managing Efficient Network Growth:** Annual budget needs to address: Yearly maintenance (sweeping, snow removal, repair); updating and addition of painted network; completing detailed design work so projects are shovel ready; include stakeholders in decision making & ensuring end of trip facilities (lockup) are available.
- **E & N Rail to Trail:** Today's announcement to give Snaw-naw-as First Nations their land back. For the entire route only 7 km are on First Nations land all of which could be lost to ICF. Rail line which makes a rail line impossible. How will First Nations wish to use their land? Leaning towards Active Transportation use.
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## 6 Election of Directors

- **President** – Mike Keohane
- **Vice President - Open**
- **Secretary** – Grant Watson
- **Treasurer - Open**
- **Director** – *Chris Bowman*
- **Director** – *Spencer Capallo*
- **Director** – *Jenn Halldorson*
- **Director** – *Brian Schoneberg*
- **Director** – *Gregg Strong*
- **Past President-** *Lawrence Vea*

## 7 Nova Scotia Cycling Trip – Lars Reece-Hanson presentation

## 8 Invictus Games – Nick Holyome presentation

## 9 Termination

- Dylan Gothard moved and Grant Watson seconded that the meeting be terminated at 9:04. Passed.