

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, March 2, 2023 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Board Members: Chris Bowman, Lawrence Vea, Brian Schoneberg, Jude Loukras, Mike Keohane, Grant Watson, Spencer Cappallo

Present: Chris Bowman, Lawrence Vea, Brian Schoneberg, Jude Loukras, Mike Keohane, Grant Watson

Guests: Margaret Harris

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Additional Agenda Items

Chris: participation in project529.com bike registration program. He will do some research for discussion at a future meeting.

4. Approval of Prior Minutes

moved by Lawrence, seconded by Mike, passed.

5. Business:

• **Financial Report / Grants**– Jude

- Very few transactions last month.
- We are looking at funding from ICBC, BC Transit and GoByBike.
- YE 2022 Financials were presented.

• **Membership Report** - Brian

- 122 past members from 2021, 3 new and 7 renewals for 2023.

• **Social Media/Blog/ Website**

- Jude: Jen Hall did some posts on Facebook.
- Jude is frustrated with the multiple changes in the FB interface.
- Mike: Jen is considering a board position. Perhaps she is willing to be our social media guru.

- **Education Committee Report**

- Adult Courses

- We have a series of Ride Right courses scheduled via Courtenay Recreation – May 13, July 22 and Aug __.
- Instructor Training -April 22,23. This course is filling up. 2 open spots remain. Margaret and Angela will audit the course as a refresher. They are extra to the 12 paying spots.

- School Cycling Program – Spring 2023

- Spring SCP will be at Arden, Miracle Beach, Royston and Valley View.
- Dates: April 18-20 (Royston), April 25-27 (Arden); 1 week break, then May 9-11 (Valley View) and May 16-17 (Miracle Beach)
- Need volunteers to sign up, set up at AGM.

- Margaret: Campbell River public health nurses are being given e-bikes to visit clients and will be getting the Ride Right course from us, paid by VIHA. Marg suggests that we might give them a package price. 12 to 14 nurses will participate, 4 at a time. Marg will propose a price to the board.

- Trailer is winterized and at Mainroad yard for winter. Mike proposes April 10 for bike maintenance day, hopefully with help of Gary Olenik again. Chris B will help.

- Mike: we could use some grant funds to provide training to immigrant kids through the Immigrant Welcome Centre. Jude: we could use available Education funds for this.

- Lake Trail Community Education Society is interested in providing bike lights for kids. (Grant explained that this society was created to manage Lake Trail Community School after-school activities.)

- Received contact from CV Head Injury Society re helmets for kids program – wondering how can to help. If anyone has ideas on how to identify kids in need, contact Mike. Teachers and school admin staff are reluctant to select recipients.

- **Events/Promotion**

- Bike Racks

- Brian continues to shop for sources of materials for new racks (Nautical Days)

- Rental agreement – any thoughts on rates? \$50-\$100 for first day and \$25-50 for extra days? No decision made on this.
 - Current events using the racks are: the Filberg Fest, Nautical Days (new), Music Fest and Sea to Sky race. No others identified at this time.
 - Chris: we need a waiver. *Did I miss someone volunteering to work on this?*

- **Infrastructure**
 - Brief summary of Mike’s presentation:
 - All jurisdictions are reviewing cycling plans in the upcoming weeks.
 - Cumberland is working with their consultants on an active transportation strategy.
 - The 2 Lazo Rd projects are funded.
 - Courtenay Cycle Network Plan is being updated.
 - Comox Valley Sewer line project: we are continuing to lobby for support for cyclists during construction, including premium route options.

- **Mapping Project**
 - Grant: Spencer is looking into hosting of server application for our customized piece of OpenStreetMaps. Grant is checking with possible providers of map data hosting. No schedule available at this time. We expect the cost of these services to be minimal. Most of the funds will go to Lester Jones for printable version layout and for printing.

- **AGM**
 - Jude is stepping down and all other current board members are seeking re-election at this time (who must resign prior to election at AGM).
 - Steve Allan will staff the membership desk.
 - Mie will get Joyce to help with tap payment.
 - Get memberships on line and at event
 - Plan for Zoom webinar?
 - Mike will check out Evergreen Room for set up, microphone, wifi, Zoom feasibility, etc.
 - Sell “tickets” on Universe or otherwise to know what our attendance may be?

- Lars Reece Hansen to give presentation on Nova Scotia cycling trip.
- We need a secretary and treasurer for the new board.
- Potential new board members are Margaret Harris and Jen Hall. We will solicit likely candidates.

- **Other Business**

- Mike: for an extra \$10 members can have a BCCC membership added to ours. One advantage is the insurance offered by BCCC.

6. Additional Agenda items added

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7. Upcoming Events

- Courtenay Rotary presentation Mar 7 at lunch (Mike)
- Meeting schedule for 2023 (set up with board after AGM)

8. Round Table

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday March 30, 7 pm via Zoom