

## COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, April 13, 2023 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

### MINUTES

**Board Members:** Chris Bowman, Lawrence Vea, Brian Schoneberg, Mike Keohane, Grant Watson, Spencer Cappallo, Jenn Halldorson, Gregg Strong, Lisa Jackson

**Present:** Mike K, Grant W, Brian S, Gregg S, Chris B, Jenn H, Lawrence V

**Guests:**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome and Introductions** – round table intros of all for benefit of new directors  
Mike: enjoy how the world moves more slowly when cycling  
Gregg returning to the board from an absence.  
Jenn: environmental reasons, engaged with bike twitter  
Chris: always been around bikes, enjoy it  
Grant: began activism when a cycle commuter in Vancouver  
Brian: member since 1<sup>st</sup> meeting (14 years), been on the board for 10 years  
Lawrence: Been involved with board since 2014. Enjoy cycling in Comox Valley
3. **Additional Agenda Items** - none.
4. **Approval of Prior Minutes** - March 2, 2023 moved by Mike, seconded by Lawrence. Passed.

#### **Business:**

- **Financial Report / Grants**
  - Jude is in the process of transitioning treasurer position to Lisa.
  - Bank balance is \$25,755, includes BCCC grant monies for 2023
  - BCCC insurance (group), bill is ~\$1100. Liability coverage for members at all our events of \$2M, D&O coverage of \$1M, \$1000 deductible.
  - Form required to set up new bank approvals, Mike will circulate to those required.
  - **Motion:** moved by Mike that new cheque approval paperwork be set up/continued for Mike, Lisa, Lawrence, Chris and Grant with Jude removed. All payments to require one of either Treasurer or President approval plus one other.  
Seconded by Brian. Passed
- **Membership Report** - Brian
  - We currently have 71 paid members for 2023. 19 were signed at AGM.
- **Social Media/Blog/ Website**
  - Update on FB and website: Mike has been posting. Jenn suggested we buy ads on FB. Brian explained that it takes \$500-\$1000 spent to get any significant impact. Grant: posters in bike shops with QR code. Jenn: Bigfoot Donuts is a good place to poster. Mike: local people read the newspaper. Parent Advisory Councils are potential conduits to school-age families.

- Gregg: how much do we care about our membership. Mike: strong membership helps get the attention of politicians.
- **Education Committee Report**
  - Adult Courses
    - Ride Right via Courtenay Recreation – May 13, only one registered so far. Need to spread word (posters?)
    - Instructor Training -April 22,23 with Cycling BC (full with 12 attendees)
    - Marg/Angela trained 14 people from Campbell River Substance Abuse Outreach team on e-bikes.
    - Website: Brian will remove the dormant link to the Ride Right course.
  - School Cycling Program – Spring 2023
    - Spring SCP starts next week, bikes and trailer spring maintenance has been done. We have a good pool of loaner bikes.
    - Bike trailer now at Airport Service. 2023 insurance comes due mid-May.
    - Dates: April 18-20 (Royston), April 25-27 (Arden); 1 week break, then May 9-11 (Valley View) and May 16-17 (Miracle Beach)
    - We have a good pool of volunteers. Mike will solicit some parents.
  - Immigrant Welcome Centre is looking to discuss the feasibility of safe cycling lessons for some of their clients.
  - NIC has a large population of international students who may be looking for affordable bikes.
  - Jenn: RCMP gives unclaimed stolen bikes to the Therapeutic Riding Society which repairs them.
  - Young student interested in raising money and awareness for bike lights; we will help promote. Mike will reach out to the Record newspaper for a story.
  - Some interest in a “learn to ride” program separate from schools (cubs/beavers, private requests). Mike: 1 in 10 parents have the skill to teach their children to ride. We don’t have energy to meet this need.
- **Events/Promotion**
  - GoByBike Week May 28 – Mike made appeal for ideas for this event. NIC is interested in partnering. Lawrence: educate people about recording serial #'s in case of theft.
  - NIC orientation day in Sept (Student’s union and admin both very engaged) Their push is that Lerwick @ Ryan needs accommodation for AT.
  - Still working on the hospital for engagement.
  - Cumberland Women’s MTB Enduro request for Sat June 3 10 to 3 (Lauren, who runs our SCP). Could we staff a promo table? Undecided.
  - Bike Racks - Brian
    - Status of materials for new racks: the company that Mike gave to Brian appears not to be a real business. Still no response from other companies. Grant will give Brian contact info for Imperial Welding and D & D Services in Merville, and talk to Terry the retired welding instructor.
    - Dates for bike racks this summer (Brian to provide).
- **Infrastructure**
  - Cumberland – Spencer has an update on the Courtenay connector but could not attend this meeting. Mike is a delegation May 8.

- Comox - Staff meeting on Apr 14, Mike delegation Apr 19 @ 5pm. Lawrence would like to know the completion dates on active projects and when is Hudson Rd extension proceeding.
  - Courtenay – delegation Apr 12. One question from council was about the Evergreen Club, a seniors’ group. This is a potential outreach opportunity.
  - MoTI/CVRD – delegation Apr 18. Because of collapse of island rail corridor, CVRD has \$392k which was allocated to rail that is now free. We will recommend it be put towards active transportation projects.
  - Comox/CVRD sewer line project 2023-24. Good engagement on this.
  - Counts: Streetlight Data is an organization that tracks cellphone gps info to determine who in the CV is traveling by bike and what all their routes are. Municipalities should be purchasing this data.
- **Mapping Project**
    - Project Update – Grant proposed a plan B where we accept the limitations of the cycleOSM or Cycle Map layers in OpenStreetMaps and edit one of these. We could then post a link on our website and Lester Jones could work from it to make the print version.
    - We will have a scheduling meeting with Mike, Grant, Chris, Spencer and Gregg invited. Grant has time in the next 3 weeks to focus on the project.
- **Other Business**
    - BCCC reciprocal memberships: they have a reciprocal membership which is only \$10 in addition to a regional group membership. Their focus is to lobby the Ministry of Transportation for a vulnerable road user law. BCCC does a quarterly round table with regional groups.

#### **6. Additional Agenda items added**

- None

#### **7. Upcoming Events**

- Board will not meet in July, August or December unless needed. Meetings will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the other months.

#### **8. Round Table**

#### **9. Adjournment**

Moved by Grant, seconded by Mike. Passed.

**Upcoming Meetings:** 25-May, 22-June, 28-Sep.