

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday Jan 11, 2024 7:00 pm

Minutes

Present: Chris Bowman, Lawrence Vea, Brian Schoneberg, Mike Keohane, Grant Watson, Gregg Strong

Regrets: Lisa Jackson, Spencer Cappallo, Jenn Halldorson

Guests: Ian Kalina

1. Call to Order
2. Additional Agenda Items
3. Approval of Prior Minutes - Nov 22, 2023. Passed.

Business:

- **Financial Report / Grants**
 - \$17,933 general bank balance, plus \$5020 in the savings acct.
 - Mike moved to transfer \$5000 from general fund to an interest earning account. Seconded by Chris. Passed.
 - Approx. \$7900 is committed to grants and SD71.
 - Financial reports have been circulated to board members.
 - Motion – to move an additional \$5000 from general account into short term savings (LJ/ MK). Passed.
- **Membership Report – Brian**
 - Current member count: 130 2023 Members, 28 2024 members, 315 on mailing list.
 - Mike crafting email to past members to encourage 2024 membership renewals.
 - Mike requests that we all think of ways to encourage new members.
 - Steve Allen has renewed business memberships from all the local bike shops plus Amped rentals and Blue Tuque.
- **Social Media/Blog/ Website**
 - FB and website have been quiet. We need a volunteer to post newsy things.
- **Mapping Project**

- Update on status: The project team has completed the work of creating new map content using an easy-to-use app to categorize and label all routes deemed appropriate in the valley. This has been passed on to our GIS expert Lester Jones. Lester estimated end of January to return drafts of the downtown and regional maps.
 - Mike has tentatively booked Lester for next winter. It may be easier and better for cyclists to update every year.
 - We need a discussion about how many copies of print map to print and where to distribute it.
 - CVRD has provided us a list of all parks with links to their website. We can pass on a screened version to Lester to put on the maps. Grant offered to coordinate this.
 - Mike has requested a quote on print costs from Sure Copy. ABC is another option. Discussion on folding techniques and who can do them.
- **Education Committee Report**
 - Adult Courses
 - Working on offering free adult lessons to members in 2024
 - School Cycling Program
 - Schedule for spring sessions (4 SD71 schools + Couer de L'Isle)
 - Lauren has proposed that day 1 of the program leverage parents to assist so that our volunteers can focus on day 2 when their skills are more needed.
 - Lawrence: we need road rides for Denman and Couer de L'Isle.
 - Data gathering on bike counts – Gregg: had sessions with Lauren and Serina. Schools are not keen on leaning on teachers to do counts. School district has given blessing to this project. First counts will be completed mid-February. Three annual counts are planned (fall, winter and spring).
 - Mike has spoken with Evolve who are planning an e-bike share program (See previous meeting minutes). No cross-promotion deal yet.
 - **Events/Promotion**
 - Film Screening (*The Engine Inside*): cancelled due to film owners putting out for free on line. <https://www.redbull.com/us-en/films/the-engine-inside>
 - Need to book a spot for the AGM in late March. Looking at Thur 21-Mar.
 - Gregg confirmed he is ok to present cycling Newfoundland slide show (~20min). Lawrence: Gregg's presentation is likely to bring a crowd so lets look at booking the rotary hall.
 - Air Show returns to Comox Air Base 18-May. Brian can bring the bike racks.

- Confirmed bike valet events – Brian: 28-Apr Snow to Surf, 12 to 14-Jul Music Fest, 2 to 4-Aug Filberg Fest.
- Possible bike valet events: 18-May Comox Air Show, 20-Jul Courtenay Market, 2 to 4-Aug Nautical Days, 15-Sep Petit Fondo.
- Lawrence proposed a Lazo Loop grand opening ride. To take place at Holmes Point sometime in early spring before the Comox Rd gets ripped up for the new sewer.

- **Infrastructure**

- Lazo Rd widening is complete.
- Dingwall stairs are done.
- Cumberland Connector – stakeholder consultation in Q1?
- Sewer ForceMain Project meetings
 - Tues Jan 16, 2024 – Little Red Church 4-7pm (Lawrence and Gregg participating)
 - Tues Jan 23, 2024 – Comox Rec Centre 2:30-5:00 pm
 - Also a Webinar – Jan 25th over lunch hour (we would not be part of the presentation)
 - Lazo Greenway bids out to tender (summer 2024)
- Courtenay 2024 Projects include Cumberland Rd bike lanes, Headquarters/Vanier as well as design work on 6th St from River to Fitzgerald. We want to be proactive with comments on what we would like to see.
- Courtenay is looking for an AT Engineer (replacement for Carrie)
- Mike presented trail concept and request for CVRD consultant funding Jan 9.

- **Other Business**

- None.

4. Additional Agenda items added

- Julian K from Air Base is working on a bike to work program at the base. He has federal funding. He's currently doing a destination survey. Has hired Urban Systems.

5. Upcoming Meetings

- Next meeting planned for Mar 14 at 7pm.
- Mike away Jan 14-Mar 8 (will have email contact but not phone/SMS)

- AGM in late March

6. Round Table

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 14, 2024