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Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Approval of Agenda: It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the agenda with the addition of "Items for AGM".

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the minutes of the June 12 meeting as prepared.

Agenda Items:

President's Report

1. Nothing new.

Treasurer's Report

1. Cash flow is fine. The Rocky Mountain 1200 is expected to break-even and most expenses will be disbursed after the ride. Details on the Rocky Mountain will be included in the financial report at the AGM.
2. With the unexpected cancellation of the Canada Day ride, refunds were issued. There was a charge of approximately \$1000 to process the refunds. Revenue from this event is often \$4000 - \$5000. The loss of this revenue and the cost of the refunds will not affect our budget.

Canadian Randonneurs

1. The message to start discussion on a Canadian Randonneur club has not yet been sent to the other clubs.

Regional Route Coordinator's Report – Lower Mainland - Reported by Gary Baker and Keith Nichol

1. All routes have been submitted for the summer brevets and have been finalized or are close to being finalized.
2. There will be some minor changes to the Flatlander.
3. The June 200 was well received.
4. The Canada Day ride was cancelled because River Road was under water and lower Fort Langley was under an evacuation alert. The permit to run the event was rescinded once the alert was issued. Roger and Ali had found a new start location at the old ferry dock. The native band was asking for a usage fee but the City of Fort Langley said that we were under no obligation to pay. Roger Holt has a new start location in mind for next year.

Regional Route Coordinator's Report – Vancouver Island – Reported by Stephen Hinde

1. Rides are going well and there are no issues. The summer brevets include some new routes
2. For next season the Vancouver Island group is looking at a slightly reduced schedule as it is hard to find volunteers for the summer series when everyone wants to ride.
3. Stephen mentioned that it would be useful to have two organizers kits and sets of equipment for the Island: one for the Victoria area and one for further north on the Island. Stephen will follow up on this with the Island group. More signs are also needed. The club is already investigating more portable signs and additional signs will be purchased for the Island.
4. Gary Baker pointed out that some additional equipment would be useful in Chilliwack also.
5. It would also be useful to send the pins to two different locations on the Island depending on the event start location, either Victoria or further north, probably Nanaimo.

Regional Route Coordinator's Report – Southern Interior – Bob Goodison emailed the following report.

"Interior rides are now all finished for the year with the exception of the fall 1000 km. Total of sixteen riders for make up rides. Results and organizers report have been sent to Eric. Control cards, waivers and fees will be sent within a day or two. Extreme heat caused a few dnfs on the 600 km make up, all other riders finished. Make up rides start times will likely be moved an hour earlier next year."

I gave a pack of brochures to Wim to distribute in his area. I will do an informal survey of Interior riders, but I think that we are at the right number of events for the region- a spring series, make up rides day, and a 1000 km. I also want to determine what start times are preferred by the majority of riders."

2012 Rocky Mountain 1200km Update

1. There was no update from the organizers.

2. Susan Allen investigated possible road closures on the route. If the road passing Mara Lake is closed, taking the highway only adds 8 km.
3. Gary Baker would like to see riders briefed about the condition of the road shoulder between Little Fort and Clearwater. He says that the rumble strips wander over the shoulder and there are long ruts at the edge of the shoulder and the road which are dangerous and will be hard to see at night. Also, there is more truck traffic than in previous editions of the Rocky.
4. Club clothing will be sold at the Rocky however many items are only available in limited sizes.

Jerseys

1. Chris has placed the order. 23 people ordered.

Next Year's Schedule

1. Gary Baker and Keith Nichol will have an initial schedule ready for the August meeting. After that there will be a call for volunteers.
2. Stephen Hinde says that Vancouver Island is planning on holding Hell Week but it may be held a little later in the spring in a hope for better weather and more riders.

Feedback / Discussion List – Susan Allen

1. There was one item from the feedback page on the web site. It was someone asking about Harold. Susan provided information and let Harold's daughter know.
2. The results from the LM June 200 are not complete yet. Susan will compile official reports from all three surveys which will be reviewed by the organizers and will eventually go onto the web site.
3. Dug Andrusiek reported that the membership was consulted about the possible Rambling Randonneur award. Feedback was received from 8 people, six in favor, 2 opposed. Opposition was related to awarding pins in general, and a desire to see the award granted for international participation rather than provincial participation. The club will go ahead with the award as originally proposed. A request will be made on the web site for a pin design.

Review Action Items

See below

Items for the AGM

1. Susan Allen suggested that the membership should be reduced to \$5 and the cost per ride increased to \$20. A quick look at the number of rides in the last couple of years and the number of members indicated that this would bring in approximately the same revenue as currently. Reducing the membership fee would encourage first time riders. Some of our fixed costs, contributing to membership fees, are now less than in past years; insurance is lower and we no longer print the newsletter and mail it.
2. There was another suggestion that the membership should be \$10 and rides \$20. As we are hoping that there will be a Canadian Club which will include some membership costs to pay for homologations, ACP charges and other expenses, if the membership is reduced to \$10, then potentially when the Canadian club is formed then \$5 could be for the BC Randonneurs and \$5 could be contributed to the Canadian club. Of course at this stage, the cost for a Canadian club is not known. Ross will review the cost of ACP fees and expenses
3. The executive decided to continue discussion at the August meeting once the ACP fees are determined.
4. At least two of the executive will step down and will need to be replaced.

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting will be the Tuesday August 14th at 7:00pm, 2012 at the MEC head office, 149 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver. Those wishing to Skype should contact Jeff Mudrakoff in advance with their address.

Future meetings:

August 14

September 11

Action Items:

New Items:

1. Stephen Hinde will organize (or find someone to organize) the purchase of additional equipment and organizers kits for the Island.

2. Gary Baker will organize (or find someone to organize) the purchase of additional equipment and an organizers kit for the Chilliwack area.
3. Ross Nichol will determine the cost of the annual ACP charges.

On-going Items:

Signs

1. Jeff to investigate flexible signs and jugs.

Route Sheets

1. Malcolm will create an "informative" htm route sheet for a few 200's this season.

Identifying Club Members

1. Malcolm will investigate where identifying plaques (name plates) can made and the associated costs.

Route Coordinators Reports

1. Jeff to have a sign sent to Bob Goodison.

Pins

1. Jeff to talk to Karen about a gift for Flag.

Completed Items: