

MINUTES OF MEETING
B.C. RANDONNEURS CYCLE CLUB

Held: Tuesday, October 16th, 2012 at MEC head office.

Committee Members Attending: Deirdre Arscott, Chris Cullum, Ryan Golbeck, Sylvia Lee, Jeff Mudrakoff, Keith Nichol, Ed Person

Attending by WebEx: Mike Croy, Stephen Hinde, Andy Reimer, Jim Runkel

Regrets: Dug Andrusiek, Gary Baker, Bob Goodison, Ross Nichol

Guests Attending: Susan Allen, Eric Fergusson

Minutes are available on line, <http://www.randonneurs.bc.ca>. Look for the "About BC Randonneurs" section, bottom right corner of home page.

Please note that any club member can still request an email copy of the minutes by contacting the club secretary.

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

Approval of Agenda: The prepared agenda was amended to add an item to discuss if attracting new members is a goal.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Agenda Items:

New Randonneur Web Page – Susan Allen

The new Randonneur web page was setup to encourage people whose goal it is to complete a 200. Riders starting at distances greater than 200 kilometres are not recognized on this page. More than half of those who start at 300 km distance, without previously completing a 200, fail. As a result the Randonneurs don't want to encourage riders to start at a distance longer than 200 km. On the other hand, riders starting at any distance should be encouraged. It was decided that new riders will be acknowledged when they do their first 200 and they will be informed in advance.

Feedback

Jeff will take over "feedback" from Susan Allen who is no longer on the committee. She explained that when she receives email from the web site feedback page, she communicates with the person for more information and then brings the information to the committee. The Feedback person also handles summarizing ride surveys.

Committee Meeting Schedule 2012-2013

The committee members agreed to continue meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. The committee decided that no meeting would be held in December.

Meeting dates:

November 13, 2013

January 8, 2013

February 12, 2013

March 12, 2013

April 9, 2013

May 14, 2013

June 11, 2013

July 9, 2013

August 13, 2013

September 10, 2013

President's Report – Ryan Golbeck

Ryan welcomed new members to the committee. WebEx meeting software was being tried for the first time and Ryan asked for those attending remotely to give him feedback after the meeting. He is encouraging non-committee members to attend meetings as guests. There is nothing to report about a Canadian Club. Ryan is planning to create a list of goals for the year.

Treasurer's Report – Keith Nichol reporting for Ross Nichol

Cash flow is fine with enough start funds for the next season. The Rocky had a surplus of about \$5000 because many volunteers donated their honoraria to the club and food costs were less than budgeted as a large number of riders were unable to complete. As Keith knew that we would be discussing how much to reimburse volunteers for personal use of their vehicles, he mentioned that \$15,737 was paid for mileage (52,000km) on vehicles at 30 cents per kilometre and that many volunteers didn't report mileage. The cost would have been approximately \$26,000 if the reimbursement rate was at 50 cents per kilometre.

Web Infrastructure / Database – Ryan Golbeck

A member requested that we add a forum to the website. The discussion list works reasonably well but a forum would separate discussions. A forum would need a well worded disclaimer, it would be moderated, and it would need to have a retention policy so that items can be deleted after a certain period of time. Items that are “over the line” would be removed. It was noted that the discussion list and/or a forum is a place for discussion, and that the committee should not be expected to respond. As there were enough people supporting a forum, it will be set up.

Jeff Oh suggested wiki for ride organizers. New ride organizers could get information here and previous organizers can share their knowledge. With a wiki it would be easy to post and correct information and it would be a good reference. Everyone thought this a great idea. The information on the wiki would be sent to ride organizers as they sign up. An example of the types of information that could be included: border opening and closing times, who to contact to reserve a start location or control locations etc. Ride organizers could add the details while working on route. Committee members could have access and update information too in order to reduce the burden on the organizers. Ryan will go ahead and start this.

Membership Fees – Ryan Golbeck

Materials and web site must be updated to reflect new costs. The membership fee is now \$10. Eric will update the web site and Jeff will update the hardcopies in the orgnaizers' boxes for the Lower Mainland. Mike will update the Island boxes. Deirdre will remind Bob Goodison and Wim Kok. There was a discussion on whether or not to set up online payment for memberships. First Deirdre will look up the cost of online transactions and bring the information to the next meeting.

Regional Route Coordinator's Report – Southern Interior – Reported by Bob Goodison via email

Nothing new to report

Regional Route Coordinator's Report – Vancouver Island – Reported by Mike Croy

Next year's schedule is complete and all rides except one have organizers. Preparation for hell week is underway.

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

There are organizers for about two thirds of rides and organizers for the others are being recruited. This year the aim is to have varying levels of intensity and less gravel. Many organizers are returning. There was a question about who determines when a ride should be hard or easy? Gary and Keith are planning on trying to spread intensity across the season. The aim is to have easier routes for events that attract new riders.

It was noted that we have never been so far ahead with the organization of events. Organizers are being encouraged to choose routes early. Getting them to web site early would also be appreciated. Ride organizers will be encouraged to submit routes in Excel which is great for the archives and it is easy for riders to adjust the font and format to their personal needs.

Volunteer Reimbursements

There was discussion on how much to compensate drivers for the user of their personal vehicles. It was decided to leave reimbursement at 30 cents per km. Car coop users can submit receipts to cover their costs as can those who rent cars. Ride organizers should encourage all drivers to be reimbursed (at 30 cents per kilometer). This will make the actual costs of running an event clearer.

Organizers should be reminded that volunteers should also be reimbursed for meals.

Exit Interview

A member requested that former members be given an exit interview to determine why they left the club and if there is anything the club could have done to retain them. A volunteer will be recruited to create a survey. Ryan will approach the member to see if he is interested in writing a survey which will be brought back to committee for further discussion. When the survey is ready, the link can be send via email to non-renewing members.

Review Action Items

The action items were reviewed. See Action Items section below.

Other business

Pins

Deirdre will phone Karen about next year's pins, a gift Flag, and follow up on the rambling randonneur pin. Note that 2012 SR pins from ACP say 2011 on back. Keith will take them to Flag to see if Flag can fix them.

Cycling Coalition Meeting

The cycling coalition has requested that a representative from the BC Randonneurs attend the meeting. Where possible, Stephen Hinde will attend the planning sessions and the AGM.

New Members

There was a question from a member about whether the BC Randonneurs are in favour of attracting new members. The committee is in favour of attracting new members. We prepare infrastructure to make it happen. Populaires are the main source of new riders. Looking at other areas, we have done a good job of attracting members. The committee will also be glad to offer support where appropriate to Regional initiatives that encourage new members to join the club.

Clothing

Clothing will be discussed at next meeting.

WebEx

A better microphone is needed and there is more latency than Skype.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting will be at 7 pm on November 13, at the MEC head office, 149 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver.

Action Items:

New Items:

1. Ryan will set up a forum
2. Ryan will create a wiki for ride organizers.
3. Deirdre to look up the cost of online transactions.
4. Deirdre to remind Bob Goodison and Wim Kok to update the membership fees on any materials for their regions.
5. Ryan will approach a member about setting up a survey for non-renewing members.
6. Keith will take the 2012 SR pins to Flag to see if Flag can fix the date engraved on the back.

On-going Items:

Fees

1. Ross Nichol will determine the cost of the annual ACP charges.

Equipment

1. Gary Baker will organize (or find someone to organize) the purchase of additional equipment and an organizers kit for the Chilliwack area.
2. Jeff to investigate flexible signs and jug

Completed Items:

1. Stephen Hinde will organize (or find someone to organize) the purchase of additional equipment and organizers kits for the Island. Outcome: completed
2. Malcolm will create an "informative" htm route sheet for a few 200's this season. Outcome: This has been outstanding for a while. It is being removed from the action items but Malcolm is welcome to continue with this initiative.
3. Malcolm will investigate where identifying plaques (name plates) can be made and the associated costs. Outcome: This has been outstanding for a while. It is being removed from the action items but Malcolm is welcome to continue with this initiative.
4. Jeff to have a sign sent to Bob Goodison. Outcome: completed.

5. Jeff to talk to Karen about a gift for Flag. Outcome: This item has been replaced with another action item. See above.

2012 – 2013 Committee

	Position:
Ryan Golbeck	President, Database Projects
Andy Reimer	Vice-President
Jeff Mudrakoff	Past President, Supplies Manager
Ross Nichol	Treasurer
Deirdre Arcscott	Secretary
Bob Goodison	Southern Interior Route Coordinator
Keith Nichol	LM Route Co-Coordinator
Gary Baker	LM Route Co-Coordinator
Mike Croy	VI Route Coordinator
Dug Andrusiek	Member at Large
Chris Cullum	Member at Large
Stephen Hinde	Member at Large
Sylvia Lee	Member at Large
Ed Person	Member at Large
Jim Runkel	Member at Large

Some of our many volunteers

	Position:
Tracy Barill	Permanents Co-Coordinator, Ride Organizer
Richard Blair	Ride Organizer
Bob Boonstra	Ride Organizer
Barry Chase	Ride Organizer
Brynne Croy	Ride Organizer
Eric Fergusson	Web Site Manager
Graham Fishlock	Ride Organizer
Keith Fletcher	Ride Organizer
Mark Ford	Ride Organizer
Doug Fox	Ride Organizer
Carol Hinde	Ride Organizer
Ali Holt	Canada Day Populaire, Co-Coordinator
Roger Holt	Canada Day Populaire, Co-Coordinator
Mikael Jansson	Ride Organizer
Bob Koen	Permanents Co-Coordinator
Danelle Laidlaw	Pacific Populaire Organizer, Clothing
Doug Latornell	Rando Pony
Kristy Lee Mighton	Ride Organizer
Cheryl Lynch	Data Manager, ACP Rep, Ride Organizer
Wim Kok	Peace District, Route Coordinator
Steve Mahovlic	Ride Organizer
John Mcgillivray	Ride Organizer
Lorraine Nygaard	Ride Organizer
Keith Patterson	Ride Organizer
Karen Smith	Pins & Medal Coordinator
Patrick Wright	Fleche Coordinator