

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2014 B.C. RANDONNEURS CYCLE CLUB

**Held:** Sunday, October 5, 2014 at the Delta Town & Country Inn

**Committee Members Attending:** Gary Baker, Mike Croy, Colin Fingler, Ryan Golbeck, Bob Goodison, Darren Maclachlan, Jeff Mudrakoff, Stephen Hinde, Sylvia Lee, Andy Reimer

**Regrets:** Deirdre Arscott, Chris Cullum, Eric Fergusson, Étienne Hossack, David King, Keith Nichol, Ed Person, Jim Runkel

**Called to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:24 pm.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the minutes of the October 6, 2013 meeting as prepared.

**Quorum:** It was determined by head count that a quorum for meeting existed.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as prepared.

### **Business Agenda**

#### **President's Report** – Andy Reimer

It was a good year for the club. There was the usual upswing as per usual the year before PBP. In total, we hosted 55 rides, which is a great number. Andy explained that when he travels, he makes note of how many rides other randonneur clubs put on and many only put on 1 series. There were 53 Super Randonneurs this year, 9 of which were first timers. There were several highlights of note. The VI1200, for example, was well run by Steve Mahovic. There were lots of positive comments made from the riders for this ride. One of the most significant highlights was Craig Premack completing a 600km a mere 3 months after the incident on the Cache Creek 600. This is the randonneuring spirit. In total, we had 551 riders (not all unique) for all the rides combined.

#### **Treasurer's Report** – Darren Maclachlan

We are \$296 up from last year's balance. For a non-profit, that is expected. As per tradition, the populaires boosted our revenues, the VI 1200 broke even, and the account balances are healthy. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the financial summary as prepared.

### **Regional Route Coordinator Reports**

#### **Lower Mainland** – Gary Baker & Chris Cullum

There were a few challenges and some lessons were learned in relation to route organization challenges. These lessons will be incorporated into next year's planning. We did experiment with some later start times. We may continue to experiment with this some more next year. Particularly for Spring rides, it would make it easier for people outside of the lower mainland to get to rides in the lower mainland in daylight and in time. Some of the lessons we learned were that we cannot rely on GPS to create a route. It has been a good year. Chris will continue on as Lower Mainland Route Coordinator next year. Gary will continue to recruit ride organizers.

#### **Vancouver Island – Mike Croy**

2014 was another very successful year. An ambitious schedule was run with 3 populaires, a spring series, a summer series and the VI 1200. Participation has been almost exactly the same as last year with only 1 less rider. There is one more brevet at the end of this month, so final numbers are not in yet. There were 3 new Super Randonneurs this year. Riders who tried 200 rides last year came back this year to try longer distances. Female participation was up this year, including 2 female Super Randonneurs. Mike thanked the volunteers that stepped up this year to organize the rides – they would not have happened without them. Four people stepped up to organize rides for the first time this year. The highlight of the year was the successful VI1200, which had 47 starters, 35 finishers, 3 female participants, which is drastically up from previous years where there was 1 female participant, and 10 CAN AM finishers. Work is almost complete for next year's schedule. It will be front-loaded,

including Hell Week in the original April time slot so people can prepare for PBP and still taper in time. There will be new routes as well for next year to keep people interested and for some variety.

### **Southern Interior** – Bob Goodison

Bob thanked all the riders from the lower mainland and Vancouver Island for coming out and supporting some of the Southern Interior rides as the participation has been down. At the Mica Dam 300, there were more volunteers than riders. The Nimpo Maniac 600 had relatively good turn out and Christine and Richard did a good job organizing. For the make up series, some riders used the series to complete their series, including Paul Whaley who used it to complete his Rambling Randonneur. Next year, make up week will be run 2 weeks after the spring series, which will allow for cooler weather, lower traffic, and enough time to qualify for PBP.

There were 4 Super Randonneurs and 2 new randonneurs on the 200, whom are expected to be back next year. Randy Benz has still not found a ride he has not finished. The rides next year will start nearer to Kamloops in a hope to bring participation back up.

### **Peace Region** – Wim Kok

N/A.

### **Motion to adopt the revised Constitution and Bylaws**

Gary noted that this isn't the first time he has had a go at revising the Constitution and Bylaws. His first attempt was in 2005 where a few revisions were made. Between then and now, there were some issues that arose – the predominant issue being having to flip through 30 to 40 pages to find the information you are looking for, and so the document needed to be restructured and in some places reworded. One suggestion that was received between 2005 and now is that the BC Randonneurs Cycling Club should be more involved in Marathon Cycling. As such, the purpose needed to be well defined for the club. Two sections were also added to the Constitution. The first was to define the roles of the executive committee members. Traditionally, route coordinators were de facto directors from that region. We now have regional directors for this position. Regional directors do not need to be on the executive committee, but may be. The other addition dealt with conduct. There have been some problems in the past few years relating to conduct in communication amongst members.

It was moved and seconded for this motion to proceed and the floor was opened for questions.

Q: Can you clarify the distinction between a Regional Director and a Route Coordinator.

A: The Route Coordinator does not need to be an executive committee member. The Regional Director will communicate with the Route Coordinator and if there are any issues, it will be brought to the Executive.

Q: Why is the purpose of the club changing? Doesn't it narrow the scope of what the club can do?

A: One of the discussion points when the constitution was first put together was how to explain to non-randonneurs what 'randonneuring' means. At the time, the explanation that randonneuring is marathon cycling was decided to be used. The problem with this is that the term marathon cycling may incite other expectations from people – for example, why do we not run Gran Fondos or why do we not run RAAM qualifiers? As a result of this, the purpose of the club had to be re-defined to clarify it. The constitution does not limit other types of events. The club also has an agreement with ACP to run events as per the ACP rules. The purpose defines what the club does but it does not restrict the types of other events the club can put on. We are not a RAAM qualifier club, for example.

Q: The point that bylaws should not be created to deal with issues that pester the current board was made. It should be clean and serve generations of boards. There should be a bylaw that would suggest what the conduct of members should be, but no bylaws should be so prescriptive as to ban things like emoticons.

A: Gary explained that in the previous version of the constitution there was a bylaw for expulsion of members, but there were no guidelines or terms upon which a member could be expelled. Several existing constitutions and bylaws from businesses were used in guiding the wording of the new bylaw for inappropriate electronic communication. Several members pointed out that the new bylaw did not make it clear that excessive use of motocomms is an example of inappropriate style for electronic communication. The wording of this bylaw will be modified to remove the terms 'use of' so the preceding 'excessive use of' clause will apply in regards to motocomms.

Q: What if there isn't a regional director for a region? Can the regional director and the route coordinator be the same person?

A: Yes, the regional director and the route coordinator can be the same person.

It was moved, seconded and carried to vote on each amended section separately.

The Purpose: Peter Stary opposed, all other members present voted in favour.

Conduct: It was moved, seconded and carried to amend the proposed Section 6a to: "All behaviours, correspondence between club members, event participants, event officials, event volunteers and event spectators must be in a respectful and civil manner." By vote, it was accepted to accept this amendment.

One suggestion that came up was that we should consider putting in some wording regarding a suspension instead of an expulsion. During the next AGM, some wording will be put forward and the discussion was tabled until then.

Section F – Borrowing – the wording was changed such that the executive cannot borrow money unless it is brought to the general membership.

It was moved, second and carried to adopt the amendments made to sections C through F.

### **Committee Election Results**

As the election officer, Gary explained that because there are no other candidates for any of the other positions, voting is by acclamation. Gary went through each position and asked for any more nominations during the meeting three separate times. No other nominations were made for any of the positions

President: Andy Reimer

Vice President: Stephen Hinde

Treasurer: Darren Maclachlan

Secretary: Sylvia Lee

Member at Large:

- Mike Croy
- Chris Cullum
- Colin Fingler
- Bob Goodison
- Étienne Hossack
- David King
- Jeff Mudrakoff
- Ed Person
- Jim Runkel

Andy thanked outgoing committee members: Gary Baker, Keith Nichol, Eric Fergusson and Deirdre Arscott. Eric is stepping down as webmaster.

The AGM was officially closed at 2:45 pm.

### **Awards and Presentations**

#### **Volunteer pins**

Pins were awarded to the 130 volunteers this year.

#### **1000 km**

1000 km pins were presented to:

- Barry Chase
- Gary Sparks
- Deirdre Arscott
- Jacques Bilinski
- Will Danicek
- Rick den Braber

- Eric Fergusson
- Bob Koen
- Manfred Kuchenmuller
- Bob LePage
- Peter Stary
- Ron Himschoot
- Bill Mauer
- John Perch
- Nigel Press
- Bob Goodison

**Close of Meeting:** The AGM adjourned at 3:06 pm.

**2013-2014 Committee**

Andy Reimer	President
Stephen Hinde	Vice President
Darren Maclachlan	Treasurer
Sylvia Lee	Secretary
Ryan Golbeck	Past President, Database
Deirdre Arscott	Member at Large
Gary Baker	Member at Large: Lower Mainland Brevets Co-Coordinator
Mike Croy	Member at Large: Vancouver Island Brevets Coordinator
Chris Cullum	Member at Large: Lower Mainland Brevets Co-Coordinator
Bob Goodison	Member at Large: Southern Interior Brevets Coordinator
Keith Nichol	Member at Large
Ed Person	Member at Large
Eric Fergusson	Member at Large
Jim Runkel	Member at Large

**2014-2015 Committee**

Andy Reimer	President
Stephen Hinde	Vice President
Darren Maclachlan	Treasurer
Sylvia Lee	Secretary
Mike Croy	Member at Large: Vancouver Island Brevets Coordinator
Chris Cullum	Member at Large: Lower Mainland Brevets Coordinator
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