

## MINUTES OF MEETING B.C. RANDONNEURS CYCLE CLUB

Held: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at MEC head office.

Committee Members Attending: Deirdre Arscott, Chris Cullum, Ryan Golbeck, Jeff Mudrakoff, Keith Nichol, Ross Nichol, Andy Reimer

Attending by WebEx: Gary Baker, Mike Croy, Stephen Hinde, Sylvia Lee, Jim Runkel

Regrets: Dug Andrusiek (resigned), Ed Person, Bob Goodison, Stephen Hinde

Guests Attending: Steve Mahovic (WebEx), Eric Fergusson, Ali Holt, Roger Holt,

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 7:09 pm

Approval of Agenda:  
Approved as prepared.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:  
It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the minutes of the January 8 meeting as prepared.

### Agenda Items:

#### President's Report – Ryan Golbeck

- Everything is running smoothly
- Discussion of the constitution and administrative roles has started

#### Treasurer's Report – Ross Nichol

All bills have been paid. Audax has been paid fees of 800 euros. The insurance has been paid. Everything is under control. Ross will ensure that CCN is making the monthly deposits for new memberships.

#### Web Infrastructure / Database – Ryan Golbeck

Nothing to report

### Social

- Michel Richard is the MC for the social
- Ryan will contact Karen Smith about the 40,000K pins
- The menu will be the same as last year. Ross will confirm that there are veggie dishes.
- Gary Baker will bring membership forms and waivers. We will accept cash only for membership at the social.
- Keith Nichol will ask Danelle about borrowing the credit card machine and any clothing for sale
- Ryan and Keith will be at the door.
- There is no organizer for the social ride yet

#### Rocky Mountain 1200 Financial Report

The committee officially thanked Ali and Roger Holt for their incredible effort and extraordinary organization on the RM1200. They have received complementary emails from a large number of the participants and have received no direct complaints.

Ali Holt read the [organizer's report](#) which has been included in the appendix to these minutes. The committee unanimously approved the report.

### Fleche

No report from Colin, the fleche organizer. He will be invited to the next meeting. Roger Holt agreed to help verify the routes.

### Club Branding and Clothing

Chris Cullum has ordered 120 pairs of wool socks from the SockGuy and mud flaps, both with the new logo. Chris will send Eric some images of the logo and the new jersey for display on the web site. There was no volunteer to work on the brochure. Bob Goodison will be asked if he is willing to insert the logo and do some minor updates to the wording.

### Pins

Nothing new to report

### VanIsle 1200

Steve Mahovlic asked for a motion stating that the BC Randonneur committee supports the running of the VanIsle 1200 on July 14 - 18 2014. This was approved. Ross is investigating insurance. The level of support on this ride will be minimal with a primary control, including drop bags, at Campbell River. There are plenty of services south of Campbell River. Steve is planning on opening registration in December 2013. The maximum number of participants has not yet been determined.

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

Organizers are sending in their proposed routes. Everything is going well. The 400 km event will start in Guildford, go down Whidbey Island, ferry to Everett and back to Vancouver. The start will be later than normal so that riders can travel by Sky Train to the start. An afternoon start may even be considered.

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

The spring 300 route is ready to send to Eric for posting (subject to minor adjustments after the pre-ride). Bob Boonstra will work on the 200 route- a variation of "A river runs through it" when he returns from Australia. The new 200 make up route, and the North Shuswap route for the Kamloops six pack are roughed out and will be finished when the roads are dry enough to ride. Some of the side roads are now ride-able if you don't mind lots of gravel and the odd patch of ice.

### Regional Route Coordinator's Report – Vancouver Island – Mike Croy

The routes are being fine-tuned. The Chili 200 will be pre-ridden on the February 23/24 weekend.

Eric Fergusson advised that he no longer wants to post preliminary routes on the web. General descriptions will be posted ahead of time but not the preliminary route details. Last year many final route descriptions came in late and riders printed the preliminary route and went off course.

### Constitution and Administration Roles

A review of the constitution and administration roles has begun. The review will consider the following five items as requested by one of our members

1. Mail-in ballots
2. Formal distribution of power by region
3. Code of conduct for conduct for committee members
4. Maximum tenure for committee members
5. A sub-committee to encourage people to join.

The same member also asked that the volunteer reimbursements for 2012 be reviewed. This has never been a problem and our volunteers do not take liberties. If anything they are out of pocket. The committee reviewed the per km reimbursement costs in the fall already.

The same member also asked for a strategic plan for the club. If there is a volunteer for this item then the committee will work with him/her.

### Feedback – Jeff Mudrakoff

There was positive feedback on Doug Latornell's updates to the Rando Pony. It is now mobile friendly and looks great.

### Review Action Items

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

### Other business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Next meeting will be at 7 pm on March 12 at the MEC head office, 149 West 4th Avenue, Vancouver.

Upcoming meetings:

April 9, 2013

May 14, 2013

June 11, 2013

July 9, 2013

August 13, 2013

September 10, 2013

### **Action Items:**

#### **New Items:**

1. Ryan will contact Karen Smith about the 40,000K pins.
2. Andy will pass on the information on the agenda for the social.
3. Gary Baker will bring membership forms and waivers.
4. Keith Nichol will ask Danelle about borrowing the credit card machine and any clothing for sale
5. Deirdre will ask Colin Fingler to attend the next committee meeting.
6. Chris will send Eric some images of the logo and the new jersey for display on the web site.
7. Bob Goodison to update the BCR brochure.
8. Ross will ensure that CCN is making the monthly deposits for new memberships

#### **On-going Items:**

1. Andy and Colin to add information on the Fleche to the Wiki.
2. Jim will approach a member about setting up a survey for non-renewing members.
3. Jeff to investigate flexible signs and jugs

#### **Completed Items:**

1. Andy will post on the forum asking if anyone is interested in organizing a short ride on the day of the social.  
Outcome: Done
2. Ryan to investigate automated loading of the membership data from CCN into the Randonneur database.  
Outcome: This has begun.
3. Deirdre to send Colin Fingler information on the fleche trophy presenters.  
Outcome: Email sent
4. Ryan will post on the forum asking for an organizer for the R12 (12 100+ km events, one per month). Outcome: Done

### **Appendix**

#### **1. 2013 Rocky Mountain 1200 km – Organizer's Report**

The 2012 Rocky Mountain 1200 event, despite appalling weather conditions for the first 500km concluded successfully. There were no accidents or ride related injuries and although the attrition rate was very high due to hypothermia, those riders who did finish found it to be an "epic journey" in the words of Bob Brudvik.

Richard & Fearon Blair graciously hosted an "Abandonnée Party" for many of the riders on the night of the 24th. The Wrap Party for all riders and volunteers on the 26th was well attended with John Lee Ellis making presentations of Can-Am pins to 23 riders including 7 BC Randonneurs.

In all, 112 intrepid souls set out in the cold and rain to start the event. 61 of those riders completed the distance. The riders came from all over the randonneuring world, representing 10 countries and 4 continents.

A team of 89 volunteers supported the event, staffing controls and preparing food for each rider as they passed through. 44 of these volunteers were BC Randonneur club members, the other 45 were family and friends of riders and members. Each of the volunteers brought their special skills and enthusiasm to the event and it was their dedicated support that helped the riders complete the challenging route made even more difficult by driving rain, wind and cold for the

first 24 hours. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of the control captains and volunteers who through their hard work and selfless donation of personal time, made this event possible.

Working behind the scenes, there were several other volunteers who coordinated with our online registration provider CCN to refine the entry form. Thanks go to Deirdre Arcscott and Keith Nichol for their assistance. Thank you also to Ross Nichol for his work on the financial side, it was much appreciated.

In addition to the event volunteers, approximately 2140 hours were spent by the two organizers preparing for the ride. Beginning in 2010 with preliminary route surveys and sourcing of control locations, the bulk of the organizing time was spent from November 2011 through to the start on July 22nd, 2012. As well as the major tasks of finalizing a route, finding volunteers and coordinating controls, the organizers created and maintained the 2012 RM website, corresponded with all riders and volunteers regarding event details and designed the commemorative jersey, tee shirt and finisher's medal.

The 2012 event was budgeted to break even and came in very close to that goal. The final cost per rider once all the invoices were in was \$601.00. The event did make a slight profit due to several late withdrawals after the final refund date had passed. Here is how the costs came in:

Volunteer travel & accommodation reimbursement 42.7%  
Controls including food, facilities, vehicles & supplies 39.9%  
Pins and medals 10.1%  
General expense including insurance, printing, postage, park passes 7.3%

As has been noted in the past, the Rocky Mountain 1200 is one of the more expensive 1200km events in the world. This is due largely to the isolation and total lack of services on large parts of the scenic loop route making it necessary to rent and staff 12 full controls, all offering meals and many with sleeping provisions as well. While many 1200km events have the opportunity to use local stores or businesses for interim controls thus reducing costs and volunteer requirements, the lack of facilities along much of the traditional Rocky Mountain route makes this impossible. While the few riders who had personal support vehicles may not have needed the staffed food and sleeping controls, for the bulk of the riders participating in the event, these were absolutely necessary. Providing drop bag services was also critical due to the wide spectrum of conditions encountered on the ride. Given the appalling conditions encountered by the 2012 riders during the first 24 hours of the event, supported controls and drop bags were not a luxury but an absolute necessity.

For the 2012 event, the organizers contacted many local service clubs & organizations in hopes that they would be willing to assist with some of the control locations particularly in providing food. Unfortunately, other than the local hotel in Clearwater, which provided hot soup and sandwiches for a reasonable fee, no other local resources contacted were willing to assist with the event either as volunteers or as paid support. It was advised that the summer months are "time off" for most volunteer and service organizations in the area.

The first start date for the 2012 Rocky Mountain was changed from the traditional Wednesday evening to a Sunday evening as studies of traffic patterns had shown that riders travelling from Lake Louise through to Revelstoke would face the least amount of traffic on a Tuesday & Wednesday. This proved to be the case with reduced traffic on both the Kicking Horse descent and the ensuing climb up Rogers Pass. Unfortunately there was a noticeable increase in truck traffic on the section from Kamloops to Jasper, largely due to construction in northern Alberta. The section from Revelstoke to Armstrong also seemed busier than in the past due in part to the road repair along Mara Lake resulting from flooding in the area just prior to the event, an unforeseen complication. There were numerous positive comments on the changes made to the final section between Armstrong and Kamloops for the 2012 route, which was largely along quiet back roads and well signed by conscientious control staff.

Registration for the 2012 event was moved forward from spring of the event year to December of 2011 at the request of many riders who needed to pre-book holiday time or arrange air travel. There was general appreciation for the early registration dates, which allowed fair access to the limited number of rider's spaces.

In the weeks and months ahead, the organizers will be updating the website to include feedback from the many riders who have sent in comments as well as posting a final ride report. The organizers would like to thank all the riders who travelled to Kamloops to participate in the 2012 Rocky Mountain 1200. We enjoyed sharing the beautiful scenery and challenging ride with cyclists from so many countries from around the world. Congratulations to all who finished and all who had the courage to start. We hope that next time the event is offered, the weather will be more welcoming to all.

In closing, the organizers would once again like to thank all the volunteers that worked so hard during the event to make it successful for the riders. Many of them gave up holiday time or took unpaid leave to participate in the 2012 Rocky Mountain 1200 and it was their hard work, initiative and encouragement that made it possible for so many to complete the route under such difficult circumstances. Thank you to all

Ali & Roger Holt  
2012 Rocky Mountain 1200 Organizers

## 2. 2012 – 2013 Committee

	Position:
Ryan Golbeck	President, Database Projects
Andy Reimer	Vice-President
Jeff Mudrakoff	Past President, Supplies Manager
Ross Nichol	Treasurer
Deirdre Arscott	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

## 3. Some of our many volunteers

	Position:
Tracy Barill	Permanents Co-Coordinator, Ride Organizer
Luis Berhardt	Ride Organizer
Richard Blair	Ride Organizer
Bob Boonstra	Ride Organizer
Kevin Bruce	Ride Organizer
Barry Chase	Ride Organizer
Brynne Croy	Ride Organizer
Will Danicek	Ride Organizer
Rick Den Braber	Ride Organizer
Eric Fergusson	Web Site Manager
Colin Fingler	Fleche Coordinator
Graham Fishlock	Ride Organizer
Keith Fletcher	Ride Organizer
Keith Fraser	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, Ride Organizer
Wim Kok	Peace District, Route Coordinator, Ride Org
Manfred Kuchenmuller	Ride Organizer
Danelle Laidlaw	Pacific Populaire Organizer, Clothing
Doug Latornell	Rando Pony

Phillip Lennox  
Cheryl Lynch  
Dave MacMurchie  
Alard Malek  
Steve Mahovic  
John Mcgillivray  
Kristy Lee Mighton  
Lorraine Nygaard  
Keith Patterson  
Karen Smith  
Guido Van Duyn

Ride Organizer  
Data Manager, ACP Rep, Ride Organizer  
Ride Organizer  
Ride Organizer  
Ride Organizer  
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Ride Organizer  
Ride Organizer  
Pins & Medal Coordinator  
Ride Organizer