

2020 AGM 14 December 2020, on-line via GoogleMeet

In (remote) attendance (33):

Dug Andrusiek (partial)	Carol Hinde	Roy Neifer
Deirdre Arscott	Stephen Hinde	Ross Nichol
Jacques Bilinski	Etienne Hossack	Russell Ogden
Anna Bonga	Mikael Jansson	Mark Payten
Rick den Braber	Luke Johnson	Christopher Perez
Zeljko Bratic	Dave King	Nigel Press
Chris Cullum	Wim Kok	Karen Smith
Colin Fingler	David Lach	Gary Sparks
Chad Grice	Cheryl Lynch	Michael Tilitzky
Meaghan Hackinen	Dave Macmurchie	Andrew Hartline
Mike Hagen	Jeff Mudrakoff	Barry Monaghan

1. **Review of meeting protocols**
 - Request to record, no objections.
2. **Call to Order** – Colin Fingler, President
7:22 pm.
3. **Confirm Quorum** (as have 158 members, require 10%, or 16 participants)
Confirmed – 7:15 pm, 32 participants.
4. **Approve Agenda**
Going over of agenda – approved. Agenda is attached at end of minutes.
5. **Approve Minutes of the 2019 AGM**
Approved – motion Stephen Hinde, second Mike Hagen.
6. **President’s Report** – Colin Fingler
 - Presidents report is as given by Colin in an email and appended to these minutes. It is primarily stories from the season. Thank-you to the story tellers.
 - Kudos to Cheryl Lynch and Stephen Hinde for work they did to support on-line registration.
 - Since July 1st, 33 events, 310 riders, 288 finishing. Solid and steady Permanent participation.
 - All ride activities suspended as of last week. Hope to be back to pre-Covid for 2022. A fall Populaire is a possibility.
7. **Treasurer’s Report** – Jacques Bilinski
 - Financial Statement has been available to look at for a month, they are presented below.
 - Presentation of financial statement. Ending Sept 30, 2020.
 - The pandemic has created a deficit not replenished by from the Populaires.
 - We are set up now for e-transfer, so we didn’t have the expenses from CNN as in the past.

- Money came from brevets.
- Pins is our biggest expense, our second biggest is insurance.
- Materials are now being stored in people's garages, so we're saving about \$2000 a year.
- This year we lost about \$14,300, which is not sustainable.
- We have about \$40,000 in general cash, plus \$5000 in the Harold Bridge fund (restricted use)
- Discussion about budget and prospects for future.

Approval of 2020 Financial Statements: motion to accept financial statements: Rick den Braber; Nigel Press second. Motion carried.

8. **Special Resolution** (> 2/3 approval of attending voting members required to pass)
 - **Motion:** "In consideration of the reduced Populaire revenue experienced in 2020 and expected again in 2021 due to the pandemic, the Club Directors are authorized to increase the standard brevet participation fee from \$15 to \$20, at their discretion in order to prudently manage the financial affairs of the Club.
 - Discussion about motion and fees. At discretion means that directors can choose to raise the fee or not.
 - **Vote** on motion: Motion to accept: Jacques Belinski; Second: Chad Grice; 30 yes, 2 no, motion approved.

9. **Members' Proposals** (as per Bylaw 13, must be received by 7 December 2020)
No proposals received, so removed from agenda

10. **Regional Route Co-ordinator Reports**

- a. **Vancouver Island** – Mark Payten – on behalf of Island Randos: Thanks to board of directors especially given the events of this year.
2020: there were three events before restrictions came into play. Report/stories of events from Island. Thanks to organizers of Island events.
Had over 100 people ride this summer. In spite of Covid we had a good year.
For 2021 requesting a series like this year.
- b. **Lower Mainland** – Nigel Press – One full Brevet series was offered (July-August) with a pretty good turnout, 97 Brevets were completed. A make-up series (200-300-400-600km) was offered in September but only had riders completing the 200km distance, 14 finishers in total. Wisely no one rode the 1000km that was offered in September. Several of our traditional 200km's were also offered (the Flatlander, AGM & Eleventh hour) seeing 53 finishers in total. 164 finished Brevets for the year with several new members, pretty darn impressive and something to be proud of for all.
- c. **South Interior** – Bob Goodison – (read by Stephen Hinde) A huge thank you to Colin and the team for all the extra work so that we were able to salvage the season. Also, thank you to all the riders from other regions who came out and did interior rides.
Participation by interior riders was sadly lacking this year. Hopefully next year will be closer to normal and see the return of more locals. Looking forward to 2021, for another season of long rides with short route sheets.
- d. **Peace** – Wim Kok – In the fall of 2019 I planned the 2020 schedule with 9 brevets, not knowing that (a) a pandemic called Covid would hit and (b) the 2020 plan would be seriously curtailed. That took care of the first five brevets in April, May and June. They did not happen. Luckily, I was able to complete the remaining four here solo: 3 x 200 and one 300. I did however travel elsewhere to visit family and complete three more brevets: Mabel in the Middle 200 (Salmon Arm), Camrose 200 (Edmonton), and Elk

Island 200 (Edmonton). The toughest one was the Peace 300 with lots of wind in the second half. The neatest ones were the out-of-town brevets where I had company. The saddest brevet was the one from Fort St John to the Peace Canyon dam and back, normally the most beautiful ride and highlight of the year, because of the route and the falls scene. The destruction of the Peace River valley caused by the construction of site C made this most depressing brevet I have completed to date. (and I have completed a few over the past 20+ years).

Being an eternal optimist I have planned a full series and then some for 2021. The hope is that the vaccine will get Covid under control and the Randos back on the road. I also hope to get a few riders out locally and invite Randos from elsewhere to join in.

To the people making the BC Randonneurs a success: thank you for all your dedication and hard work. It is much appreciated. See you on the road. (Remember: "if a 200km brevet is a lot of fun 😊; a 1200 is 6x as much fun!" 😊😊😊😊😊😊 Peter Noris, RM 1200, 2002)

11. Election of 2021 Club Directors:

2021 Director Nominees (min. 6 / max 10)

Mike Hagen President	Dave Macmurchie
Colin Fingler Treasurer	Dug Andrusiek
Anna Bonga Secretary	Mark Payten
Stephen Hinde	Douglas Bjorkman
Peter Stary	Jeff Mudrakoff

-Thanks to out-going directors: Jacques Bilinski, Cheryl Lynch, Nigel Press, Gary Sparks
Motion to accept all 10: Colin Fingler: motion carried.

12. Adjournment (End of Business Meeting)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26

13. Announcements

- Colin will register with societies as AGM having taken place.
- Need to confirm addresses of directors.
- Chris: club clothing: only a couple of old things left. Gaging interest in a new design. Webstore is easiest. Give Chris feedback. Need to commit to numbers. Wim has contact with someone who works with a cycling clothing company. Will send info to Chris.
- Pins: don't have an end of ride organizer so don't have pins. To send out as a package at end of year. Put together a mailing of people who get pins. Super rando pins not before March because of Covid delays.
- BCIT marketing project: Did an extensive report, but can use info from project for next year. If you are interested in looking at the report: Let Colin know.
- If you want to be on the 2022 Board, please let Colin know.

Thank-you to all our volunteers from this year!!

Alard Malek	Dave	Karen Smith	Paul van Wersch
Alison Voth	.Macmurchie	Kyle Oxborough	Peter Stary
Anna Bonga	David Lach	Laura Tarnava	Rob Scrimgeour
Anne White	David White	Lorraine Nygaard	Ron Stewart
Barry Chase	Deirdre Arscott	Luke Moloney	Roxanne
Barry Monaghan	Doug Latornell	Malou Ignacio	.Stedman
Bernard Barreyre	Eric Fergusson	Manfred	Roy Neifer
Bob Goodison	Etienne Hossack	Kuchenmuller	Russel Ogden
Bob Koen	Gary Baker	Mark Ford	Ryan Golbeck
Buddy Bhandar	Gary Sparks	Mark Payten	Sandy Szabo
Carol Hinde	Gord Litster	Mauve LeRoy	Sarah Gallazin
Cheryl Lynch	Graham Fishlock	Melissa Haynes	Shiro Ogawa
Chris Cullum	Holland Gibney	Michael Croy	Stephen Croy
Colin Fingler	Jacques Biliinski	Michael Tilitzky	Stephen Hinde
Craig Premack	Jeff Mudrakoff	Mike Hagen	Susan Goodison
Dave King	John Little	Nigel Press	Wim Kok
	John Oswald	Paul Hovey	

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2020 AGM President Report

My 2020 cycling season began as it usually does in January ... with some reading. Jacquetta Benard's most entertaining account of her recent PBP experience, Meaghan Hackinen's tale of her staggering NorthCape4000 ride from the previous summer. I remember updating that event's Spot Locator page twice daily, marvelling at her progress. There were also the Permanent Ride reports from the BC-12 gang – Karen Smith, Barry Monaghan, Gary Baker & the Sorcerer himself, Mike Hagen. I've never ridden a permanent myself, but I love the fact that we offer them and I find the reports to be somehow motivating to setting my own ride objectives for the year. Each is a small tale of adventure and an illustration of their passion for our sport. A contagious passion.

So, thank-you storytellers!

Late January brought a sobering reminder of the perils of the road, as many of us participated in the Mike McIntosh memorial ride; Mike was a BC Randonneur killed in North Van on a Sunday morning ride one year before. The white ghost bike that we placed on Esplanade in his memory is still in place.

In early March we held our Spring Social at the St. Regis in Vancouver. Remember that? Seems ages ago. We ate and drank together... less than 2 m apart. We heard from Bob Koen's organizing committee about the new Coast Mountain 1200 planned for July; we signed up route organizers and Populaire volunteers and answered questions from the BCIT marketing students for their analysis project on our Club. We announced Dave Macmurchie as the Roger Street Award recipient, Mike Hagen as the "Iron Butt", and handed out assorted pins and medals, being careful to fist bump instead of shaking hands due to this new virus that was 'making the rounds'.

And then, just as we were starting to ramp things up with the Early Bird 200's - Lorraine Nygaard's on the Island and Gary Baker's on the Mainland, the world changed. And fast. A pandemic was declared and the virus now had a name – COVID-19.

A declared State of Emergency, Public Health Orders, lock downs and a quick succession of Directors' meetings (Thank-you Directors) soon translated into a total shutdown of all Club activities. No Brevets, no Permanents, no Populaires, no Fleche, no Coast Mountain 1200. We shelved the BCIT Marketing recommendations. And we all got to know Dr. Bonnie Henry.

Back to short local rides, and more reading. Bob Koen treated us to his recent Patagonia Cycle Travelogue, and I browsed the Newsletter archives – rediscovering some old favourites – checkout Gary Sparks' "Barely Made It" from his 2010 solo 1000 to Bella Coola.

As the summer approached and the case count dropped, in early June, the BC Government released its Return to Sport Guidelines. Along with sport organizations all over the province, we began to consider how we might Return to our Sport, while keeping riders, volunteers and the public safe.

By July 1, we had a new set of Covid-19 Rules, a new Covid-19 waiver (thanks Gary Sparks), a new on-line Registration process, and a contact-tracing protocol. Permanents were back on and so were Brevets, now allowed within a multi-day 'ride window' (an idea we borrowed from the Alberta Randonneurs). All rides were now to be 'self-guided', with no provided organizer support.

On July 4, Bob Goodison, Barry Chase and Wim Kok rode (separately) the 'Mabel in the Middle' 200 following the new procedures and with that, our Club was back on the road. As I recall, the Hagen family rode the first permanents.

It didn't all go smoothly. In early August, we moved from a GoogleForms Registration to custom forms hosted by our own database; getting folks to login, enter forms and upload signed waivers and control cards had its challenges. This registration process meant considerable effort behind the scenes to collect & review your waivers, verify electronic payment, generate a route sheet (or a variation for an alternate start location), plus issue and review your control cards. I know first hand what a challenge that was, but big-time kudos are especially due to Cheryl Lynch and Stephen Hinde who did most of the heavy lifting on the required registration/validation, taking on much of the organizer's traditional duties for multiple events, each now over multiple days!

Of course, our resident rando programmer, Etienne Hossack, was very much involved on quickly developing & implementing these changes, with help from Ryan Golbeck on the database side of things. Thanks guys!

The Regional Route Coordinators, Nigel Press, Mark Payten, Bob Goodison & Wim Kok were in the thick of things as well, scrambling to confirm organizers, routes sheets, pre-rides and adjust & explain the new processes to their somewhat bewildered ride organizers. And through it all, webmaster Eric Fergusson kept us all plugged into the latest procedure, the upcoming (& overlapping) ride windows as well as the results.

Fortunately, we did not need to execute the contact-tracing protocol we developed, but I believe that we were ready and able to do so if needed.

So, what did we deliver?

By my count, since July 1, our 158 current members (including at least 10? new ones), have organized 33 events, attracting 310 riders, of whom 288 finished. 26 riders managed to complete a full Super Randonneur series (including Peter Stary with his 34 th) and we even had one ultra completed by Bob Goodison on his own "Go for the Goat! 1000" in September. And a few dozen permanents to boot.

Consider that many Randonneur clubs around the world have been unable to run any events at all since March.

So all in all, a pretty big effort by a sizeable group of volunteers for an appreciative group of riders.

Thanks everyone! You may give yourselves a virtual pat on the back. ☐☐

But we are not yet 'out of the woods'! As you know, last week, the Directors suspended all ride activities in support of arresting the rising case count and the latest Public Health Directives. With distribution of the vaccine just underway, and careful attention to the Health orders, I am optimistic that we may be back to pre-Covid style rides by 2022, but I suspect this upcoming summer may look a lot like this last summer. Perhaps we will be able to stage a fall Populaire. And unshelve those BCIT Marketing recommendations! We shall see!

On a final note, I must, unfortunately, report that our Club has not escaped unscathed from this Health crisis. Many of you will have heard that Dan McGuire died on Saturday of Covid-19. He was 88 and living

in the Lakeshore Care Home. Dan was club member #2, and one of our founding members. He was an adventurous person and as you might imagine, passionate about randonneuring.

From Deirdre, I learned that Dan was the driving force behind the Fleche Pacifique, the first Fleche event allowed to be held outside of France. He was a regular attendee at the post-Fleche Sunday morning buffet – I shared a table with him many times. I understand now the pleasure he must have gained from seeing and hearing the riders recount their team's (mis)adventures from the previous 24 hours, on a unique event that he pioneered. Merci et Bonne Route Dan!

And that is it for my report and also for my stint as Club President. Thank-you for the challenge and the privilege. Keep safe. And please, keep those stories coming.

Colin Fingler

**BC Randonneurs Cycling Club
Statement of Operations
for the year ended September 30 2020**

	2020	2019	2018
	\$	\$	\$
Revenues			
Populaires Net Income	(692)	16,007	17,043
1200 Net Income (360)			
Fleche/Trace net income	0	(329)	(837)
Brevets	3,987	4,753	2,100
Memberships	1,510	2,230	1,590
Club Branded Gear Sales	911	555	1,012
Interest Income and foreign exchange gains	105	657	617
Total Revenues	5,461	23,874	21,524
Expenses			
Pins and trophies	8,023	7,603	8,545
Socials	1,047	290	403
BC Cycling Coalition	150	150	150
ACP Dues	451	598	0
Government fees	40	40	40
Financial fees	270	387	1,876
Insurance	5,728	4,725	2,958
Legal Fees	0	2,800	0
AGM	965	1,037	0
Postage	385	342	171
Executive meeting expenses	138	531	595
Website and Computer	1,301	909	810
Promotion	0	0	0
Storage	0	2,195	0
Supplies & Miscellaneous	1,268	59	37
Club Branded Gear	0	1,690	0
Harold Bridge award	0	1,000	0
Total Expenses	19,765	24,354	15,585
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	(14,304)	(480)	5,939
Accumulated surplus beginning of year	59,939	60,419	54,480
Accumulated surplus end of year	45,635	59,939	60,419