

Rando minutes 12 January 2023

In Attendance (via Google Meet):

Mike Hagen
Anna Bonga
Dug Andrusiek
Murray Tough
Ron Stewart
Jacquetta Benard
Mark Payten
Rob Nygren

Regrets:

Colin Fingler

- Meeting start 7:07

1. Minutes approval:

- **Approval of agenda: Approved.**
- **Acceptance of minutes** from December: **Accepted.**

2. Presidents Report:

- Ryan, Etienne and Cheryl have access to the database in addition to Stephen and Colin. Social and Fleche need to be added to the calendar. **Action:** Dug to follow up with Etienne about this. Fleche was taken out because of something Etienne wanted to do.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- In email circulated from Colin, attached to meeting agenda.

Treasurer Report Jan 2023

- Issued a targeted 2021/2022 Member Newsletter via MailChimp just before Christmas
- Current Operating Account balance is about \$15k, about the same as this time last year.
- We have about \$12k of term deposits maturing at the end of January. My plan is to continue to follow our 'laddering' approach, reinvesting them in another 3 year escalating term deposit. Please advise if anyone has concerns
- 2023 on-line membership renewal automatically kicked in on 2 January. Most of our 2022 members had their membership expire on 2 January 2023 and need to renew them. Any 2022 members who joined since 1 Sept 2022 already had their membership extend to 2 January 2024. As of today, we now have 39 active members, all but one registering on-line.
- Updated the manual entry 'paper' form documents on the Registration page of the website, with 2023 references
- Note that Etienne will be making two minor changes to the on-line registration in his next DB release:
 - o Removing the \$5 Club donation option
 - o Adding language to the BCCC Membership option clarifying that we will (securely) pass on our members' name & email address to BCCC

- Paid the BC portion of the annual ACP dues (\$305) & medals (\$881) to Ontario Randonneurs (who forward to ACP)
- Unable to post non-brevets (eg. Social Rides, Fleche & Pops) to our Calendar. Next DB release?
- BCIT Marketing Student report from 2020 is in the Directors Wiki. (Action Item from last mtg)
- Hope to be able to work with JB & MP on updating the Organizer checklists later this month.
- A couple of bills and Ryan were paid, and transfer to BCCC.
- Reminder about the pins: still looking for nominations for design. So far nothing has come in.
- Pins will be retroactive as then can get the right number of pins.
- Suggestion for pins: incorporate being able to indicate whether you want pins or not when you sign up. For discussion next month.

4. Regional Co-ordinator reports:

- **Island:** Per presentation from Mark: There is little to report for January 2023. Stephen Hinde and I have been chatting about the 2023 schedule. Our first brevet will be the Chili 200 on March 25 th, which is usually a stand-alone brevet. It is part of the spring series this year in order that the Paris-Brest-Brest rides can be completed earlier.
- On the ride organization front, I will be running the Chili. I will be asking Gord Litster to do his Veloce route for the 300. No one has stepped up to choose/design a route for the Spring 400 yet. Super Randonneur Week is in Stephen's hands with help from me. It will be out of Nanaimo and use last year's routes after checking them out for the usual construction projects and store opening availabilities during the evening and night hours. The only other rides that have the organizers filled are the Fall Islander (Rob Nygren) and the Remembrance Day ride. I will be recruiting to the other slots filled shortly.
- I have started to put a handbook together for organizing the Cowichan Populaire which will be taking place on June 5th. I am making it generic so that it can easily be used by others. It is really a modification of Cycling BC's Race organization material adapted to our Populaire model.
- On the Gravel front, the Gravel Initiative has decided that some regions can run a trial gravel event that contains 25% or greater gravel and be any distance over 100km as a trial. With that in mind, I rode an approximately 114 km route that was about 50% gravel with a hilly portion of pavement into East Sooke Park before heading down a path to a beautiful sea view.
- <https://www.strava.com/activities/8323257868>.
- I will now finalize a start and finish point, choose a date later in February. There will be two versions of the control card that riders can choose to use that will match either Australian and RUSA standards. I plan to present this to the Gravel Initiative Committee at our meeting on January 20 th .
- **Lower Mainland:** Behind on getting people lined up for early bird, will get on that. Have put together a classification scheme for brevets and schedule. Doing it with Gary. Then can flag a route as challenging, with a number of reasons why. Hard to quantify. Would be for each route.
- Spring series will not have challenging rides, summer series will. One standard ride in each distance. Dave King will do 300, Rick the Fleche, Chris C the summer 200. Concern about where Fleche will be.
- Spring social needs a place still. (St Regius?) **Action:** Dug to ask Eric about booking it.
- **PacPop:** Application process has started. **Action:** Mike to ask Peter Cross if he would help out. Discussion about Populaire. Need to formalize (through discussion for future directors) why we

do Populaires. Would we get more people if we send out info about our rides to Populaire participants? Reasons: generate revenue, encourage more people to join, introduce marathon cycling to the public. Discussion about reasons. What is our mandate? **Action:** Dug to add to agenda for a future meeting. Action: Anna to complete application process for PacPop.

- **CanPop:** Russel will be doing the application forms. Do we want to have it again? Discussion about CanPop.
- Mike is thinking about going out to recruit for other things for the club. Will address later.

Interior: From Bob G: I'm playing with ideas for what routes to run in 2023.

We have so far:

Early Bird- Shuswap Shorelines- Bob G

Spring 200- OK Lakes & Trails- Jacquetta

Spring 300- Kaslo Bob K.

Spring 600- Kelowna (Princeton Loop?)- Barry

Summer 200/300- Dam to Dam to Dam and Dam Light- Revelstoke- Bob G.

Summer 200- Ranchland Randonnee (gravel, Kamloops-Douglas Lake) Bob G.

Fall 200-. Kaslo Silver Triangle- Bob K.

Still undecided about both 400s, summer 600, and 1000.

Thinking maybe for the spring 400, which needs to be a bit easier for PBP qualification, rework the Mabel Lake route a bit. I found a great new bit that I want to add. Deep Creek has new pavement. Obviously I will eliminate Dodds Rd. and find a better control in the Deep Creek area. Questions: Should I keep Duck Range, or just go up 97 after the start, and is getting off Hwy 6 on Buchanan Rd. worth the bit of extra climbing? Also very open to other route suggestions.

Summer 400- Highway to Helmcken? A night start was talked about, but would require a route change as the Mclure Ferry would be closed. Hwy 5 is quiet at night, and timing the start to arrive at the falls early in the morning might be fun. There are a few 24 hour services on the way. I'll let the majority decide if we want to start in the morning or at night, and also open to any suggestions for an alternate route.

Summer 600- Thinking possibly Monashee 600. The worst part of the highway would be done in the night or early morning when the roads are relatively quiet. I had also considered the Cent Cinquante (extended Cariboo Loop), but it repeats the last 100 or so km of the Highway to Helmcken route, so that could be a bit boring. Any other suggestions?

1000- Having a hard time coming up with something interesting, and came up with this. It is definitely not a good route for a first time ultra ride, but it could be fun. Four ferry rides, and no extra time allowed for that. Also about 75 km of gravel. The name says it all. Extra 34 km to allow for ferries. Works out well for two overnights in Creston. If there are objections, I will go with something else. Suggestions welcome.

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41428778>

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5. PBP workshop:

- Murray felt presenters did a great job, it was informative. Discussion about how it went. Eric's stories on the website.
- 25 people who have indicated interest in PBP
- Waiting to hear back from Etienne for a communication tool.
- For next PBP (2027) try to get things organized 2 years before.

6. **1200 2024:**

- Discussion about doing a 1200 again in 2024. **Motion:** do a 1200 in 2024: Approved. **Action:** Dug to reach out to Bob Koen to ask if he will run the 1200 again.
- Ron could do Peace to Parliament again.

7. **Gravel:**

- Meeting Jan 20th, rides to start in February

8. **Website:**

- No update.
- Eric has done a fabulous job with the website. Is keen to continue with content, but not coding or maintenance

9. **Rider recruitment:**

- Mike went through volunteer list to see what people have done. Several people who have done a lot of riding but not much volunteering: Mike will pursue board participation for people who have done 5000 km riding but little volunteering. **Action:** Mike will send the list to the board.
- Resources for first time route organizers: something put together so brevets run smoothly.
- Mark has put together a list for route organizers to go through. **Action:** Mark will get back to working on this, and a time-line. To make a poster.
- **Action:** Mike to make a guidelines document, with progress to indicate in February

10. **Jerseys:**

- **Action:** Etienne will submit for obtaining Chemakopa clothing using submitted designs.

11. **Next meeting:**

- Feb 9th 7:00 pm

12. **Meeting adjourned:**

- 8:35 pm