

## Rando minutes 12 Sept 2023

In Attendance (via Google Meet):

Mike Hagen  
Anna Bonga  
Colin Fingler  
Ron Stewart  
Murray Tough  
Rob Nygren

Regrets:

Dug Andrusiek  
Mark Payten  
Jacquetta Benard

Meeting start 7:15

### 1. Minutes approval:

- Agenda: approved
- Minutes from August: accepted

### 2. Vice Presidents Report:

- Message from mailchimp: was it a scam? Went to Etienne, nobody did anything with it.
- Have an invitation to BCCC Active Transportation meeting on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. **Action:** Mike to check with Peter to see if he will be our representative.
- Fall get together at Dave Kings. Invite to be sent to members. Etienne working on how to get in touch with multiple people.
- 5000 and 10,000 pins have arrived. Cheryl has taken them to be engraved. On-line discussion chose name and year to be engraved on them. Mike has given the okay to engrave.
- We do not have a formal financial limit for giving the okay for something, but can go with something that makes sense after an email discussion. Can bring up at the AGM.
- Discussion about honoring Deirdre's achievements at the AGM.

### 3. Treasurer's report:

- Reconciled to the end of August. Current balance \$24,000. Sent a check to Matthew Lee for the Harold Bridge bursary. Will make another solicitation for organizer expenses.
- Have 195 members now.
- Fiscal year ends Sept 30, will prepare a preliminary report to send out for the AGM.
- Haven't approached Vancity about a club credit card in 5 years, can do this again. Discussion about possibilities. Could make it a debit card for a certain amount.

### 4. Regional Co-ordinator reports:

- **Lower Mainland:** Etienne is doing the Super 6 at end September. Craig is doing the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.
- **Peace:** Wim is very grateful he has recovered as well as he has.
- **Interior:** A lot of fires, remaining rides cancelled. Bob wants to reduce the season next year to avoid fire season.

5. **AGM:**

- Stephen, Colin and Mike to discuss
- Schedule discussion about Populaire at AGM
- Need to promote the AGM: **Action:** Mike to put out a message. Will be a 200 with the AGM.
- **Propose:** anyone who comes to an AGM from another region gets their lunch paid for.
- Will need to put out a request for people to volunteer for the board for next year.
- Dug is back next month. He doesn't want to be president next year. Mike has volunteered to be president if he cannot find someone else. Colin will stay on as treasurer, Anna as secretary, Murray will do member at large, Rob will stay on. Rob suggests sending messages to new people, to get new ideas. Could task someone to do direct contact, such as Gary Baker did this a few years ago. Mike will ask Chris Cullum if he will be Lower Mainland co-ordinator
- **Action:** Mike to approach a few people to see if they will be on the board.
- **Action:** Colin, Mike, and Mark to have a discussion about AGM.
- AGM is Sunday Oct 15<sup>th</sup>
- Make AGM attenable virtually

6. **2024 Schedule:**

- Cheryl would like to step back from this. Do we want the same kind of schedule?
- Murray is thinking status quo for the Island
- Schedule has to be submitted to France by the end of October
- **Action:** Mike to ask Stephen about a Hell Week
- Bob to set up a day for possibility of multiple distances to make up rides
- **Island 1200:** unofficially June 20<sup>th</sup>, don't yet have hotel conformation
- May drop the May 1000

7. **Extreme weather:**

- Formalize a policy for extreme weather event over the winter

8. **Pre-ride Policy:**

- Need a pre-ride policy

9. **Other**

- Discussion about how to get things moving: **Propose:** go through our list of action items.
- Shall we get someone to clean up our computer issues: **Action:** Mike to ask Stephen
- Stephen had a proposal to re-vamp the control card: bigger, easier to read, eliminated unnecessary things. **Propose:** Accept Stephens card: Accepted.

10. **Next meeting:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023. 7:00 pm

11. **Meeting adjourned:**

- 8:24 pm

**12. Post meeting report from Mark Payten re Island rides:**

The Comox Valley Crisscross 200 was held for the 2nd time, with 8 riders (1dnf). We also held the Coombs Cumberland 200 in August, 12 riders all finished. Between these 2 rides, we gained 3 new members who joined the rides because they were close to home. Next year we may look at more rides in the mid-Island area.

Of particular note was Erin Biddlecombe. On her first 200 ever, she crashed 15km into the ride, and pancaked her front wheel. Despite valient attempts by other riders (thanks Colin) the wheel was not usable. The organizer drove Erin back to her car, she then went to a bike shop, obtained a new wheel, and drove back to the crash site. Despite losing 2hrs, Erin still finished the ride in 10h35. Erin was impressed with the club, and said "I guess this is what the randonneurs are all about—keep going no matter what."

The AGM is fast approaching and as you know, will be held in Sidney. Final route sheets for the AGM 200 and the social ride will be posted next week and registration opened. The venue is ready, as is the caterer. All we need now are members to join.