

Rando Minutes 8 Jan 2026

In Attendance (via Google Meet):

Mike Hagen
Colin Fingler
Anna Bonga
Murray Tough
Deirdre Arscott
Dara Poon
Vincent Deslauriers
Peter Stary
Wim Kok

1. Agenda:

- Acceptance of agenda: 1st: Peter, 2nd: Vincent: accepted

2. Minutes:

- Approval of Dec minutes: accepted: 1st: Vincent; 2nd: Mike

3. Presidents Report:

- We received a member complaint about another member; we investigated and found the complaint to be unfounded. But it told us we need a process for how to resolve disputes. We have since put together a complaint process and sent out for everyone to see. **Acceptance** of process: 1st: Mike; 2nd: Deirdre, **Carried**.
- Mike: Dug's advice was valuable in the creation of the process. Murray would like to put it onto the website.

4. Financial Report:

- Checking account is about \$6800, with 30K in term deposits.
- We have had a check for \$1000 cashed a second time (first was in 2023), that VanCity processed. Colin contacted them and it has since been returned.
- We are trying to remove Nigel and Jacques as check signatories, and add Mike, Deirdre and Murray as cheque signatories.
- Colin will follow up about electronic signatures.
- Colin has been attempting to close the PayPal account. It was opened about 10 years ago, and as we do about one transaction every 5 years, we want to close it.
- Populaire fees: \$20 per event. Membership: \$20
- Need Etienne to help with membership renewal, he's away till next week. Website is charging \$10 at the moment. \$20 per event at the moment.

- Asking for suggestions about fees. Keep a running tab of what riders say about the fees. Vincent will investigate fees in other areas. Will re-visit in September.

5. **Regional Reports:**

- **Bob Goodison: Interior:** Organizers and routes have been set. He asks about the modified Ride With GPS worksheets: Mike is going to do a workshop about Ride With GPS when people are available. Mike tried it with the pre-season Populaire. Format is still a work in progress. Mike will answer Bob's questions.
- **Note from Chris: Lower Mainland:** All brevets have organizers. Barry will organize one 1000. Bella Coola 1000 (June) is an interior ride. Mike will let Chris know. \$20 for pre-season Populaires on Jan 24th and Feb 28th.
- **Wim: Peace:** Wim is using the trainer at the moment.
- **Island: Mark:** See report below. 12 riders on Jan 1st ride. Next is Grando ride on Mar 7th. Mark is doing the chili ride. Still need an organizer for the summer series.

6. **Socials:**

- Vincent: Would like to suggest more social activities.
- Spring Social: **Action:** Vincent will organize and put together some ideas.
- Discussion about socials. Suggest finishing rides at places that are good to socialize.
- Suggest don't let new riders ride alone, for social reasons. **Action:** Vincent and Mike to create an ambassador program. **Action:** Dara to add to ride organizer checklist: Create a 'checklist' for new riders. For follow up next meeting.

7. **Virtual Pins:**

- Discussion about having a virtual pin instead of a physical pin. Would be added to database if we do it.

8. **Website Refresh:**

- Deirdre: We need Etienne to go live. Dara needs access for it to go live. **Action:** Mike to talk to Etienne.
- Vanessa will do the newsletter post for the website, posting provided content.

9. **Marketing:**

- Peter would like to identify members who are on Social Media Sites to publicize events. **Action:** Peter will create content to post, and create a mailing list of people that might be receptive to receiving links to post.
- Discussion about posting on social media and targeted advertising in magazines.
- Discussion about re-joining CyclingBC, for later discussion.

10. BRM Rules:

- Dara would like to abolish or reformulate the BMR rules. Discussion about what rules and policies would benefit us. Need to indicate to members of how we would differ from France and why. **Action:** Dara will co-ordinate with Mike and go over the rules and put forth a proposal for further discussion.

11. Roundtable:

- Deirdre: We need to look through what we're doing, and who is doing it.
- Vincent: Chris has finalized the next jersey. Vincent would like to do a survey to see if people would buy it.
- Deirdre: Wants a jersey that is visible. **Action:** Vincent will circulate the design.
- Colin: How to access the community data storage site: **Action:** Murray to send out the instructions.
- Deirdre: Melissa has passed away. Something for the newsletter?

12. Next Meeting: 5th Feb 2026; 7:00 pm. Murray is not available, so Mike will run the meeting.

13. Adjournment: 8:20 pm.

BC Randonneurs Vancouver Island
Regional Co-ordinator's Report
January 8, 2026

We started the year off right with a 50 km ride on New Year's Day. Twelve riders rode on trails, bike lanes and quiet roads around the Saanich Peninsula, Galloping Goose and Lochside Trails. They started and finished together in a great social ride! Thanks go to Stephen and Carol Hinde for staffing the start and finish control.

Next up will be the Grando Ride. Markus Hirschbold is organizing that one on March 7 th . He is thinking of a new route. The database will be updated when we know.

Mark the Chili on your calendars as there will be incredible vegan and meat chilis for those who ride or staff controls!

No one has stepped up yet to organize the summer series. But there is potential! Gord Litster has just today informed me that he and Rob Nygren have completed the route for the August 1000 based in Courtney. He will be contacting Eric Fergusson for a web page on our site to get the information out. He also will be contacting Etienne Hossack to discuss registration and payment options.

Organizers have been found for the fall rides. We will again be doing a social ride in

October rather than a 200 km. It was well received this year. It was great to see people like Dave MacMurchie, Lorraine Nygard, Steve Mahovlic and Melissa Haynes.

On a sad note, Melissa passed away yesterday of Ovarian Cancer.