

Fraser Valley Chapter Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2021 via Zoom

MINUTES

Members present: Ann Marie Liggat, David Liggat, Neil McNeill, Mieke Quinn, Dan Ramsden, Larry Weldon, Ralph White, Janet Whitehead, Clark Woodland

Regrets: Leslie Beleski

1. Meeting called to order at 9:05
2. Minutes from December 7th meeting – accepted as published.
3. Membership update

Renewing Member Status (including Metro Vancouver members that ride with the FV Chapter)

	<u>Fraser Valley</u>	<u>Metro Vancouver</u>
Members in 2020	121	9
Renewed for 2021	95	4
Have Not Renewed for 2021	26	4

The non renewed members will be removed from the chapter mailing list but it was agreed that those members still living in the area be sent a follow up email when FV chapter rides resume.

New Members

Howard Quinn, Margrit Elmiger-Isert

4. Financial update

CCCTS FRASER VALLEY CHAPTER FINANCIAL REPORT							
As of January 31, 2021							
				<u>Chapter Operations</u>	<u>Legacy Funds</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Balance - January 30-21				461.79		40.06	501.85
Accounts Payable							
Clark Woodland (Survey Monkey fee)				103.95			
Survey draw prize winner (membership refund)				35.00			
				138.95			
Projected Balance				322.84		40.06	362.90

5. 2021 operating grant from CCCTS

Neil will contact Jennie Lynnea (CCCTS Membership person) and the other chapters to put forward our rationale for continuing the operating grant program.

6. Member Survey

Draw prize winner is Joe Cavasin. Agreed that his prize would be an MEC gift card for \$35 (in effect, a refund of his 2021 CCCTS membership). Janet to follow up with Joe.

Agreed to include a high-level summary of the survey findings in the next FV Newsletter (Janet to write) with a link to the PowerPoint survey which will be posted in the FV section of the CCCTS website.

Consider doing another survey in 2 years' time.

7. Rides Subcommittee

Wednesday Rides

Ralph and David have given some thought to how the Wednesday rides would first resume (e.g., shorter distances, slower pace).

Further discussion on possible ride Covid-related protocols in addition to small groups and distancing. For example, would rides be restricted to those members who have been vaccinated?

Agreed to defer proposal to streamline the current ride notification/communication process until weekly rides have resumed.

Week of Rides

Agreed we should begin preliminary planning for a Week of Rides in May or June which wouldn't conflict with other CCCTS tours/hub & spokes (several Club tours are already planned for June, Covid restrictions permitting). Ralph and David will work on this.

Janet indicated that the Board is not aware of anyone expressing interest in resurrecting the Club (not FV Chapter) Chilliwack hub & spoke that was proposed for 2020.

Century Ride

Agreed we should have one this year using the 3 Langley Loop routes used previously. Tentative date - Sunday, August 15th. Further planning deferred until Covid restrictions are lessened.

8. Advocacy

Intersection of Hwy. 15 and 40th

Janet & Neil met with MOTI staff regarding the detail design. Cyclists are not able to cross the highway

with the current design. Work to commence by March 31, 2021.

Improvements to 32nd Ave

Janet & Neil met with HUB volunteer Surrey/White Rock, Tim Yzerman, in regard to both projects and the loss of an east/west route north of 24th Ave for the duration of 32nd Ave project (2+ years). Will continue to work with Tim. He has sent a critique of the design to the project manager.

Delta Cycling Masterplan Survey

Information was sent out to 0-5-0, Team Coastal and FV members to complete the survey and particularly the map. Hopefully they will get a good response by road riders and will be reflected in the Master Plan.

Bikes and Safety Gear for Delta Greenhouse Workers

There is an opportunity for CCCTS Fraser Valley Chapter members to support migrant workers with used bikes, helmets, safety gear and perhaps safety education/bike repair. Members can practise their Spanish. More information to come at the next meeting.

Nicomekl Bridge Replacement

A joint BC/Surrey project to improve the bridge over the Nicomekl River on King George Blvd. was recently announced with design to be completed by August 2021 and construction to be completed by the fall of 2022.

9. Communications

Agreed to send a February Newsletter with the following content

- Summary of survey results +link to PowerPoint file on the website + draw winner
- New members
- Advocacy issues
- Links to Ride with GPS webinars

Defer until future Newsletters

- Proposed ride protocols (in response to the survey findings)
- Week of Rides and Century Ride
- Proposal to streamline the current ride notification/communication process

10. Social

Dormant until Covid restrictions are eased but agreed that social events need to be included/promoted when rides start up again.

11. New business

a) Electric bikes

Ralph had previously sent an email to SC members with a link to a Florida cycling club that had developed an e-bike policy which had a number of good points including the banning of “throttle” bikes which don’t require the rider to peddle (so they are more like a motor scooter).

It was agreed that, given that more members will be purchasing and riding e-bikes in the future, the FV chapter (and/or CCCTS) should develop an e-bike policy.

Janet suggested that Ralph discuss this issue with Maureen Weston, the CCCTS Director responsible for Safety policy and will initiate the contact.

12. Next meeting – Monday, March 1; 7:00 pm (note change in time)