

Fraser Valley Chapter Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022 via Zoom – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Leslie Beleski, Edward Dillon, Ann Marie Liggat, David Liggat, Neil McNeill, Annemieke Quinn, Tom Siems, Ralph White, Janet Whitehead, Clark Woodland

Regrets: Larry Weldon

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. By Tom (Edward joined the meeting a few minutes later).

1. Adoption of Minutes from the April 4th meeting as amended. Moved by Ralph; seconded by Clark. Approved.

2. Membership

1 renewal (Iain Jardine Macintyre) and 2 new members (Kevin Gallagher, Rebecca Judd) bringing the total number of members to 93.

3. Finance

Vancity bank balance = \$689; unchanged from previous report.

4. Rides Subcommittee

- Ralph and David reported that the ride calendar is working well.
- Ride leaders who have to cancel a Wed. ride due to weather should be encouraged to reschedule the ride for another day (but not a Wednesday). Notice of the rescheduled ride would be posted in the calendar on the website.
- Janet's ride on May 25th (to Point Roberts) will be the first Wed. ride across the US border.
- The Week of Rides will be the week of July 11th with at least one ride starting across the border (e.g., Blaine. Birch Bay Square).
- Century Ride will be on Sunday, August 7th.
- Janet and Larry are planning a ride (not on a Wednesday) to which members of the Victoria Chapter will be invited. Details to follow.

5. Advocacy

Neil reported that:

- the changes to 32nd Ave. cycling improvements are nearing completion,
- After intervention by HUB and local cycling clubs, the new Skytrain route from Surrey to Langley will now include an "active transportation path" for cyclists and pedestrians.

Janet suggested that FV members should be encouraged to purchase a membership in HUB (only \$10 for a lifetime membership) so that they can be better informed about HUB's cycling advocacy initiatives.

6. Social

Two ideas were suggested:

- A post ride social at the Delta Golf Club (like we had last year).
- A post ride social at the Farm House Brewery (after a Chilliwack ride).

8. Communications

A Newsletter is planned for May with contents to include:

- welcome to new members,
- a heads up on Week of Rides (week of July 11th) and the Century Ride (August 7th),
- suggestion that FV members purchase a lifetime HUB membership for \$10,
- cyclist liability insurance, and
- links to useful Ebike information on the HUB website.

9. New Business

AGM

There was a preliminary discussion about the timing/venue of the AGM (October or November) and possible guest speaker.

Liability Insurance

There was some discussion on the need for cyclists to have their own liability insurance given that ICBC's new No Fault insurance program may increase liability risk for cyclists involved in accidents even if they are not at fault.

Ebike Education

The Victoria Chapter's effort to have an Ebike riding/maintenance skills course received little member interest. It was agreed not to pursue this idea for the FV Chapter.

Janet suggested that, instead, we provide members with links to useful information on Ebikes on the HUB website.

Vetting New Members

There was some discussion on the pros and cons of vetting new members. Janet will contact the other chapters to determine if they vet new members.

11. Next Meeting

- 7:00 pm, June 6, 2022

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm on a motion by Edward.