

Fraser Valley Chapter Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 via Zoom – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Edward Dillon, John Evanochko, Ann Marie Liggat, David Liggat, Maggie McNeill, Tom Siems, Clark Woodland

Regrets -Jenni Lynnea, Neil McNeill, Annemieke Quinn, Ralph White

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. by Edward.

1. Approve Minutes – March 13th meeting

Tom moved that the Minutes of the March 13th Steering Committee meeting be approved. Seconded by David. Approved.

2. Opening remarks

Edward thanked the Social SubC for their great work in organizing the first social event on April 5; & Tom for leading the ride out of Redwood Park. The weather was good & it was well attended.

3. Old Business

a. Frequency of SC meetings

Edward reintroduced the idea of altering the frequency of SC meetings. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to continue with having monthly meetings.

b. Buddy System (proposed last year by Janet Whitehead)

After considerable discussion, this topic was tabled to the next meeting.

c. Bank signing authority

Clark stated that change forms have been sent to Vancity who were supposed to contact Edward and Tom to come to the branch and sign the forms - but haven't yet. Clark to follow up with Vancity.

4. New Business

a. Membership Report

Clark reported that three new members joined the Chapter since the last meeting bringing the number of new members this year to 17 and the current membership to 100 (an increase of 3 from 2022)

b. Finance Report

Clark reported that the Social SubC spend \$61.88 on coffee and cookies for the April 5 pre ride social. After paying this expense, the Vancity bank balance is \$623.

c. Rides Subcommittee Report

In Jenni's absence, Clark reported that 4 relaxed rides have been scheduled – the dates and leaders are:

April 14 th – Janet Whitehead – ride details have been posted on the calendar; April 28 th – Larry Weldon; May 12 th – Edward Dillon; May 26 th – Jenni Lynnea

After these 4 rides, the success of the Relaxed Ride program will be evaluated.

David proposed and the Steering Committee agreed that: the week of rides will take place on July 10-14 with tentative ride plans as follows – 2 departing from Bakerview, 2 in the US and 1 from Bridgeport to Ambleside; the Century Ride will take place on Sunday, August 13 th . Details to follow at the next SC meeting.

d. Social Subcommittee Report

Ann Marie and Maggie reported that the April 5 th pre ride social went very well with 25 riders in attendance. There was a surplus of coffee and cookies; so next year's budget could be reduced.

e. Advocacy Subcommittee Report

Neil was unable to attend the meeting but a memo prepared by Andy Bacon of 050 on the status of the various advocacy initiatives being coordinated by HUB was forwarded to SC members.

John reported on advocacy initiatives in Langley and Langley Township: That additional more secure bike racks are being installed in Fort Langley of the inverted "U" shaped variety as opposed to the "coat hanger" style. The Township is updating their Master Transportation Plan. John suggested that we should be providing cycling-related input to this Plan; such as improving 40 th Avenue through the ravine west of 216 th. He will provide the Fraser Valley chapter with a heads up as to when the public input process is in place.

He will also be approaching the Dept. of Transportation Engineering to suggest that Bike Route signs be added on 232nd as a detour during the time that the Glover Road crossing of Hwy 1 is closed.

John also reported that after years of lobbying by various cycling advocacy groups, the Provincial gov't has amended the Motor Vehicle Act such that motorists are now required to give vulnerable users of the road, such as cyclists, a 1 meter space on passing and a minimum of 3 meters when following the cyclist.

The December 2022 report from the HUB Langley Committee will be circulated to the SC members.

f. Communications Subcommittee Report

Clark stated that an email re. relaxed rides was sent out to members in early April. The next Newsletter is scheduled for May and will include information on the Week of Rides and the Century Ride.

g. Myeloma Canada

Clark received information from Myeloma Canada re. a fundraising "team" ride planned for May 28 th in Richmond. It was agreed not to pursue this as a Chapter initiative.

5. Next Meeting – May 8 th , 7 pm via Zoom

6. Adjournment – 7:44 pm on a motion by John; Seconded by David. Approved.