

Fraser Valley Chapter Steering Committee Meeting

Monday July 17, 2023 via Zoom - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Edward Dillon, John Evanochko, Maggie McNeill, Neil McNeill, Tom Siems, Ralph White, Clark Woodland

Regrets: David Liggat, Ann Marie Liggat, Jenni Lynnea

1. Approve Minutes – June 5th Meeting

Maggie moved that the Minutes of the June 5th Steering Committee meeting be approved; Seconded by Tom. Approved.

2. Old Business

a) Vancity Signing Authority

The signing authorities have been updated with Edward and Tom being added and Neil and Janet being removed.

b) CCCTS 2025 Cross Canada tour – Plan B

Edward outlined the current proposed tour. Agreed to include information in the next Chapter Newsletter.

3. New Business

a) Finance Report

Current Vancity account balance = \$ \$622 – no change from previous report.

b) Membership Report

Three new members have joined – Joan LeDrew, Linda Hensman and Pierre McConnell.

c) Ride Statistics

Ride statistics are not being reported consistently. Rides Subcommittee will follow up.

d) Code of Conduct

Agreed to include some words on the CCCTS Code of Conduct in the next Newsletter.

e) Support/publicize fund raising rides policy

The Chapter received a request from the BC Lung Association to publicize their fundraising ride event in August to our FV members.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Chapter did not wish to publicize such events to our members via email or the Newsletter. Clark to draft a policy for review at the next SC meeting.

f) Hub & Spoke National

Linda Graupner, the CCCTS Director responsible for coordinating the Club's H & S program contacted Edward seeking information on the FV Chapter's plans (if any) for organizing a Hub & Spoke in 2024.

In early 2022, the Chapter had done preliminary planning for a H & S open to all CCCTS members but it was cancelled primarily due to lack of interest from non-Fraser Valley CCCTS members (possibly because we were late in posting our event on the website and members had already committed to tours and H & S's).

Note – in 2020, the Chapter was well along in planning a FV Chapter member only H & S based in Mt. Vernon which had to be cancelled because of Covid.

There was some discussion on possible future options.

- Another open H & S (i.e., another attempt at another "open to all" H & S based in South Surrey, a repeat of the Chilliwack H & S which has been well attended in the past or Mt. Vernon)
- A H & S for FV members only (possibly Mt. Vernon)
- Inviting CCCTS members from other chapters to attend our Week of Rides (but they would be responsible for making their own hotel bookings, etc.) "A poor man's H & S."
- Survey CCCTS member in other BC Chapters (Victoria, Comox, Metro Vancouver) as to their interest in a FV Chapter H & S.

Further discussion at the next SC meeting.

g) Advocacy Subcommittee

Neil reported on the 3 areas of involvement.

- The planned bridge on 20th Ave. over Hwy. 99. A letter outlining cyclists' concerns has been sent to Surrey. They responded that they received the letter and will reply following their review. This will take time as the letter contained many comments and suggestions.
- The ongoing work on the bridge over the Nicomekl River and the related improvements to King George Hwy. Work is well underway and it appears some of cyclist concerns have been incorporated. It appears the route will be cyclist friendly and safe.

- Cycling infrastructure considerations in the development of the new Nicomekl River Park (a cycle route from the Nico-Wynd golf course to 40th Ave.). This is a three-stage project over six years. HUB is preparing a letter with our comments on the proposed design.

h. Communications

Clark outlined the content of the next Newsletter (to be published in early August) and sought input from the SC on several items.

i. Rides Subcommittee

Ralph and Tom reported on the Week of Rides which went very well and was well received by the participants.

Four members rode all 4 days and will be eligible for the draw for a “special prize” Neil is planning to be awarded at the Christmas luncheon.

Edward and Clark reported there have been 6 relaxed rides so far with 3 more scheduled to the end of August (July 21, August 4 and August 18). A list of participants will be circulated prior to the next SC meeting.

Clark commented that the turnout of “relaxed riders” was less than he had expected and, most of the riders that participated were capable of riding at a faster than relaxed ride pace.

There was some discussion on ways to better serve the needs of slower riders, for example the red/blue/green system used by 0-5-0. More discussion at the next meeting.

The Victoria Chapter has invited FV members to join them on a ride and BBQ on August 16th. The Rides Committee will follow up.

j. Social Subcommittee

Successful post ride socials were held after 2 Week of Rides rides (Delta Golf Course and Milltown Pub).

Lorna and Dan Ramsden have offered to host a backyard party for FV members and provided several dates that would work for them. The SC selected Saturday August 12th and Edward will communicate that date and the SC’s appreciation of their offer to the Ramsdens.

k. December AGM

It was suggested that we have a combined Christmas lunch/AGM. Ralph, David and Edward to present their suggestions at the next SC meeting.

4. Next Meeting - August 14, 2023 at 7:00pm - via Zoom.

5. Adjournment – 8:20 pm on a motion by Edward.