

CCCTS Fraser Valley Chapter Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2024 via Zoom - 7:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Annemieke Quinn, David Liggat, Edward Dillon, Jenni Lynnea, Maggie McNeill, Ralph White

Absent: Ann Marie Liggat, Clark Woodland, Tom Siems

1. Approve Minutes of March 4, 2024 meeting

- **Action:** David motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Ralph; Approved.

2. Old Business

a) FV Chapter Survey

Edward presented the next five survey questions in priority for discussion:

- Q4: What percentage of Wednesday rides from March to November 2023 have you attended? 63/63 responders; 51% of responders – attended 0-20%; 22% of responders – attended $\geq 60\%$; **Outcome:** Not sure what this meant in view of the ratio of active vs auditing members on the survey. Potentially 30% of responders are just auditing the chapter.
- Q12: Do you read the FV Chapter Newsletter? 63/63 responders; 89% of responders read $\geq 60\%$; **Outcome:** The newsletter is a popular avenue of communication & should be maintained.
- Q14: What do you enjoy most about being a FV Chapter member? 61/63 responders; 85% of responders like weekly rides; 57% of responders like the CCCTS RWGPS bike routes; 46% of responders like the CCCTS Canadian/local H&S; **Outcome:** Validates the primary objective of the club & the quality of the ride routes.
- Q17: If the FV Chapter was to offer a Basic First Aid/CPR course to the membership at a cost of \$15/member would you attend? 62/63 responders; 77% of responders would or maybe attend. **Outcome:** There is definite interest.
- Q21: Which special ride events did you attend during the year? 51/63 responders; 51% of responders liked the pop-up rides; 29% of responders liked none of the above; 27% of responders liked the week of rides; 26% of responders liked the Century ride. **Outcome:** The active riders vs auditing members may cause some confusion here. Most activities are appreciated.

b) CCCTS \$400 grant

- Edward mentioned that he had resubmitted a request to Jurgen Harding (Treasurer-CCCTS National) for the \$400 grant that is available for all Chapters. **Action:** Jurgen will discuss the matter at the next Directors meeting on April 8 & let Edward know the outcome.

c) **Billet plan for H&S in July**

- Clark submitted that 6 people had responded positively: Mieke, Jenni, Janet, Lorna/Dan, Jill/Larry, & Clark.
- Reflecting on the low response, two reasons could be:
 - People have or may have other plans for that week.
 - Having strangers stay in one's home for 4 or 5 nights is a major commitment.
- Clark does not think we can offer billeting with only 6 spots available (or even 10) as he thinks that the opportunity to billet would attract considerable interest from people in other chapters and "demand would exceed supply".
- And "6" is not necessarily a "hard number" as several responders said that while, at the moment, they could billet, their plans for that week might change.
- So, Clark recommends that we cancel the idea entirely and thank the people who did volunteer. **Action:** SC agreed to cancel the initiative; but still allow individual members to offer billeting opportunities to friends/acquaintances that they may know for any period of time.

d) **Video on accessing the ride library**

- Clark submitted that he had contacted Alex Liard and that Alex Laird would give it a try. **Action:** Clark to follow up with Alex Liard as to the outcome.

e) **Bike repair workshop**

- **Action:** Tabled by Ralph to May meeting.

3. New Business

a) **Advocacy Subcommittee Report**

- Edward reported on the following HUB Surrey/White Rock Projects:
 - 64 Ave Improvements from 177B St. to 184 St.; 148 Street Improvements between 58 & 64 Avenues; 72 Ave. extension between 152 & 176 Streets;
- HUB Surrey/White Rock is encouraging the community to walk and cycle. Hub committee Ride – April 1. Attendance for this ride was good. Two more rides are planned for this year.
- HUB Surrey/White Rock is planning a Bike Day with the Rotary Club June 1, 2024: A 7 km family friendly ride or a longer 16 km ride are the options. 150 people have signed up to date.
- HUB cycling provided a ride leader teaching session on April 6 on how to lead a group ride.
- HUB Surrey/White Rock is also involved in the SkyTrain Extension Project going east along Fraser Hwy.
- **Action:** Edward encouraged the SC to support HUB Surrey/White Rock on the 72 Ave Extension project by endorsing the letter to the City of Surrey that was sent via a link in the latest FV Chapter eblast re same.

b) **Communications Subcommittee Report**

- Clark submitted that:

- **Action:** Edward to send eblasts re. coffee/cookie socials:
 - April 3 rd - done.
 - April 12 th - done
- **Action:** Next Newsletter planned for late April – early May with info on:
 - new members
 - hub and spoke
 - Steering Committee responses to the results from the member survey.

c) Finance Report

- Clark submitted that:
 - Vancity bank balance as of March 31 st - \$621.88 (unchanged from February)

d) Membership Report

- Clark submitted that:
 - Current membership = 115, an increase of 5 from the March meeting (2023 membership was 114).
 - YTD, 15 new members and 5 returning members.
 - New members:
 - Susan Moroney (Neil’s wife, Vancouver)
 - Willie Woo (Surrey)
 - Brian Murchison (Dianne’s husband, Chilliwack)
 - Kim Middlestadt (Aldergrove)
 - Cathy Cotter (South Surrey)
 - **Action:** Clark will contact the new members when he returns from his travels.

e) Rides Subcommittee Report

- David thanked Jenni & Ralph for populating the calendar with ride leaders.
- Much discussion ensued regarding the need to plan for the upcoming H&S.
- There was some concern voiced about the numbers that may come from the other invited Chapters.
- **Action:** The rides subcommittee will meet at Ralph’s house on Saturday April 13, 7 PM to discuss the details regarding the H&S & bring those plans to the next SC meeting.

f) Social Subcommittee Report

- Annemieke stated that the Social SC was planning to build on their successes from last year:
 - April - Season opener rides - April 3 & 12
 - May - Delta Golf Course
 - June – Invite Victoria Chapter to a FV Chapter ride or/& Emma Lea Farms again?
 - July - H&S
 - August - Potluck dinner (hopefully at the Ramsdens again?) & possibly do something at the Century ride?

- **Action:** The Social SC will await the plans of the Rides SC in order to finalize its plans.

g) Changes in the CCCTS-RWGPS website management list for the FV Chapter

- Clark submitted the following:
 - The member manager list for the FV Chapter is outdated. **Action:** Clark will contact Richard Tobin (NRC Chapter; administrator for the CCCTS RWGPS database) & delete Neil Moroney from this list; maintain David Liggat, Ralph White & Clark Woodland; & add Edward Dillon, Jenni Lynnea, Maggie McNeill & Tom Siems.

h) FV Chapter ride invitation to the Victoria Chapter in perhaps August?

- **Action:** As per the Social SC Report, it was suggested that we consider June for this event. But it will partially depend on the plans from the Rides SC.

i) Proposed FV Chapter website wording on FV Chapter rides (update)

- Clark submitted the following:
 - Weather permitting, we offer group rides each Wednesday and every second Friday. The number of cyclists varies seasonally and from week to week; and at the height of the riding season, we may have 30+ cyclists come out to ride. Regardless of the number of cyclists, we ride in groups of no more than ten with a sub leader for each group. We have many routes in the Fraser Valley and across the border in Washington State (Passport, Nexus or Enhanced Driver's License required); and it is recommended that you have health insurance coverage for the Washington rides. We primarily look for routes on quiet country roads or on roads with bike lanes or wide shoulders. We occasionally offer urban rides.
 - Our Wednesday rides range from 50 to 75 km in length with the occasional longer ride. Usually, there are enough cyclists to require that we form two or more groups with the first group having an average speed of 22-24 km/h with the following groups riding at a slower pace of 20-22 km/hr.
 - Our "relaxed" Friday rides are shorter (40 to 50 km in length) and go at a slower pace of up to 20 km/h.
 - **Action:** Jenni motioned to accept the edited proposal; seconded by Ralph; Approved.

4. Next meeting

- Monday, May 6th @ 7 pm via Zoom

5. Adjournment

- **Action:** David motioned to adjourn the meeting @ 8:05 PM; seconded by Ralph; Meeting adjourned.