

## Minutes of Victoria Branch Board Meeting, CCCTS – July 3, 2025

### Discussion Items:

- Consider options for including Lower Mainland CCCTS members on a ride. - *The board decided on a separate ride for this event which will be **on August 20, 2025**. There will be 2 rides, a shorter and a longer ride, with both going to the Beaver Lake Picnic Shelter for a picnic lunch. This is also the turn around point for the cyclists. Mary will confirm with Fraser Valley/ lower mainland that this date will work for them. Stops, and lunch details to be worked out.***Action: Upon confirmation from Mary, we will get the shelter site booked for that day.**

- Victoria Art Tour based on Oak Bay art and other notable pieces around Victoria. – *This is slated to take place for a Wednesday ride, **August 6, 2025**. Meet at James Bay Library, Ride will go to Oak Bay various art installations, then along the breakwater, the E & N Railway route with a pub stop in Esquimalt.* **Action: Mary or Donna to create a route for this ride and provide to Dianne for posting.**

- Fast Friday Ride. – *Meet at Switch Bridge fountain at 9:30 AM for the summer. The route remains the same. There are 2 speeds, 20-25 km and 25-30 km average. This is a leaderless ride, with the first cyclists stopping along the way at certain locations, to wait for others to catch up, then they go again until next “rest” stop. The route ends at the Fresh Cup Roastery Café in Saanichton, and riders make their own way back home.* **Action: Brian will create a copy of the route to include with the first posting.**

- Wednesday rides. - *Weather permitting, weekly Wednesday rides will continue to depart from Marigold Café throughout late spring and summer. A designated ride leader will be present. Routes may vary in length, but all riders are encouraged to gather at the back of the café by 10:50 a.m. to be ready to roll. A planned route will be decided at the café, on the day.***Action: Provide this information to Alex to put in the calendar.**

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- AGM/Christmas Party at Camosun Interurban site. A short meeting, good food, and a fun used-gift exchange? – *The board decided on the combined AGM/Xmas party at this site early December, on a Wednesday. The members can line up and purchase their choice of food at their*

*expense. CCCTS will ask Camosun to make a 10 x 18 or so cake, decorated for Xmas. We are hoping they will let us have a room for this event, as we have in the past for similar events. A good suggestion is for each member to buy for another member's name drawn out of a hat and pick up an unwrapped gift for when they were aged 10 or 12 or so. Gifts to be given out at the lunch. Then after the event, the gifts to be donated to a Xmas charity. **Action: Dianne will contact Camosun to work out the details.***

### **Confirmed and Proposed Rides:**

- **Gerry Porter Ride – Wednesday, July 30**

This year's ride heads to the Cowichan Valley, with two route options (~40 km, 60 km) Departure from Brentwood Bay Ferry. Free lunch with a donation box—proceeds go to Grandmothers for Africa, so please donate generously. **Leaders:** Don Mais and Carol Crane

**Action: Obtain from Don Mais and post the route(s) for this event.**

- **Saturna Getaway – August 12–14**

Three nights' hotel accommodation. Cycling and hiking on beautiful Saturna Island.

**Leader:** Jean MacDonald. *Ride full.*

- **Munn Road 5 km Time Trial – A Wednesday in August – Now set for August 27, 2025**

Five-kilometre time trial from the junction of Munn Road and Bukin Drive to the top of Munn Road.

Average gradient of 4.5%, with a maximum of 15% near the top.

● **Categories:** Men's Road Bike, Men's E-bike, Women's Road Bike, Women's E-bike, and Tandem. **Prizes:** Winner in each category receives a Red Barn sandwich (five or 6 total). Bob Louie was given a cheque (\$60.) to cover the Red Barn sandwich prize.

● **Route:** Start: 9:30 a.m. at the Switch Bridge → Burnside Road → Prospect Lake Road → Munn Road (washroom at Francis King) → Bukin Drive.

Assemble for a mass start. Dianne Collier will be at the top to record finishing times. After the time trial, continue along Millstream Road → turn right on Willis Point Road → lunch at Red Barn. Return via Interurban Trail and Road to Switch Bridge.

**Organizers:** Brian Collier, Dianne Collier, Bob Louie

● **Lake Cowichan Getaway – Mid-September – Postponed until 2026 as more research is required to address accommodation challenges.**

Departure from Brentwood Bay Ferry. Two nights' accommodation in Lake Cowichan.

**Details to be finalized.**

**Leader:** Brian Collier. **Action:** *to be brought forward to first meeting of 2026.*

- **Mad Max's Gillespie Road Ride – Late October (Wednesday)**

Start at Switch Bridge, ride to Esquimalt Lagoon, then Rocky Point Road to Gillespie Road. Return via Lindholm Road.

**Leader:** Alex Laird. **Details to be provided by Alex.**