

CCCTS Vic Steering Committee Meeting – September 18, 2025

Present: Donna Kerkhoven, Mary Freeman, John Pritchard, Dianne Collier, Guest Brian Collier

Regrets: Don Mais, Rolf Petersen

Budget:

John P. reviewed our finances. Current balance: \$4,027.01.

Year-to-date expenditures:

- \$67.88 – Beaver Lake venue rental for the Island Hospitality Ride
- \$31.50 – Bright Angel Park venue rental for the Gerry Porter Memorial Ride
- \$64.05 – Beaver Lake venue rental for the Howl at the Moon BBQ event
- \$60 – cheque issued to Bob L. for the Munn Road Cycling event, returned as funds were not needed

Victoria Hub & Spoke:

Rolf P. suggested a Hub & Spoke for 2026. Brief discussion focused on the need for leadership, ride leaders, and sweepers. Decision deferred to the next meeting.

Process for Welcoming New Members:

Donna K. discussed a more formal process and shared a sample created by Margaret P. in 2022.

Mary F. suggested making new members feel welcome by having an experienced member join them on their first ride, where possible.

Donna K. also provided a copy of the 2018 bylaws for board members to review. The bylaws outline board member roles and will be posted on the Victoria Chapter website in the near future.

Publishing Local Articles on the CCCTS Victoria Website:

Mary F. presented the following process for members to submit cycling articles for publication. The goal is to encourage member awareness and engagement in weekly rides.

CCCTS Article Guidelines

- **Topic:** Share a memorable CCCTS ride or event that captures the fun and camaraderie of cycling.
- **Length:** Up to 600 words (shorter pieces are welcome).
- **Review:** All submissions will be reviewed by the Steering Committee prior to publication.
- **Editing:** Minor grammar and formatting corrections may be made. Any substantial changes will be discussed with author first.

- **Format:** Please email the article in Word or plain text format. Photos are welcome if you hold the rights to them.

Working with Alex and Donna, the board will look at ways to make the website more informative.

Joint AGM and Christmas Party:

After reviewing both the Camosun Interurban and Oak Bay Recreation Centre facilities, it was decided to hold a joint AGM & Christmas Party at Oak Bay Recreation Centre (Lounge) on December 3, 2025, at 11:30 AM.

- Venue and parking are free.
- Members can order lunch from the menu.

Options discussed (to be decided at the next meeting):

- Gift cards for door prizes
- “Best Dressed” or “Ugly Sweater” contest
- Charity gifts for children

Club Insurance:

Brief discussion on whether national club insurance could be used for local events. Follow-up required; deferred to the next meeting.

Access for Posting to Website:

Agreed that Donna K. will get website access to post meeting minutes and articles; Alex is arranging this. If possible, Dianne C. should also get access to reduce Alex's workload.

Events:

- Annual New Year's Welcome at Jim and Ute's

Potential 2026 Rides:

- East Sooke Point: Waterfront cottages, some facing the open sea, others Sooke Harbour. Prices vary from \$250 to \$500 for two nights, with possible group discount of 10–15%. No nearby food, but cottages have full kitchens and a small group BBQ. Two rides could start from Roche Cove, so participants would need a vehicle. Third morning could include a hike before heading home. Timeline: May. Idea to be presented at Christmas Party to gauge interest.

- North Duncan / Chemainus / Nanaimo: 1–2 night stay, cycling locally; activities may include Crow & Gate, Chemainus Theatre show, Raptor Centre, wineries, Newcastle Island, and walks.
- Steveston: Trip in April/May. Includes Reifel Bird Sanctuary (reservation required), Finn Slough Village, and lunch in Steveston.
- Tofino: Similar to 2025 trip, or consider for 2027.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: November 6, 2025

Adjournment: 3:57 PM