

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION

Monthly Cycling Coalition Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Quality Foods – community meeting room – Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay

- **Present:** Marg Harris, Terry Bourque, Julia Painchaud, Sue Vince, Lawrence Vea, Angela Dawson, Gladys Schmidt, Iris Reamsbottom, Ed Schum, Wilf Dreher
- **Social Catch Up & Introductions**
- **Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved as amended
- **Acceptance of Minutes** – The minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting were accepted as read.
- **Announcement** - that the Marinoni movie will be on Thursday November 12, 2015 at the Sid Williams Theatre

- **Financial Report** – Julia Jan 1 – October 25, 2015

Account Balance as of January 1, 2015: \$6,641.61

General Income:

Membership fees: (\$600.00 from PayPal deposits total since Jan 1/15)	\$ 1060.00
Sale of safety vests / bike pins:	\$ 160.00
Honorarium (S to S) / Donations (FF: 645.00 / Air Show for bike pins: 209.00):	\$ 1719.00
Donation from Dora Ellis:	\$ 663.00
Interest:	\$ 0.06
	\$ 0.56

Total Income: \$ 20.06 **\$ 3,602.56**

General Expenses:

Society Fees / BCCC Membership fees / BCCC Insurance fees:	\$ 650.00
Food and beverages for AGM / rodeos / BTWW; Guest speaker expenses:	\$ 270.48
Group spaces account fee:	\$ 134.99
Cost associated with video presentation development (To City council)	\$ 91.02
Mapping Project expenses:	\$ 827.50
Gift certificate for Airport Service and Mini Storage for trailer storage:	\$ 100.00
Trailer maintenance / insurance; Bike purchase / maintenance expenses:	\$ 654.13
Miscellaneous expenses:	
\$ 20.16 \$ 761.20	

Total Expenses: **\$ 3489.32**

Balance as of October 25, 2015 \$6,724.00

- **Membership Report** – Sue F reported that we currently have 69 members

- **Education Report** – Angela advised that a bike safety course was completed today at Arden Elementary School. The response for volunteers was adequate for her needs. Angela noted that there was a marked improvement in students' bicycle skill now that they have completed the IRide Bicycle skills course prior to the Safety course. She expressed her thanks to Marg Harris for bringing the bicycle trailer to the school in Chris' absence. A course is booked for April at Queenesh Elementary School

- **Safety Village** - Ed Schum explained the concept of the Children's Safety Village and spoke about several (16) existing ones in Ontario. These have various uses depending on the individual

communities but can be used for training sessions on Fire Safety, ice safety, bicycle skills, road safety, anti bullying, internet safety to name a few of the applications. For our purposes, it is more effective and efficient to do bicycle safety training in this type of a set up than to have volunteers travelling from school to school. The committee working on this concept in the Comox Valley currently has the approval of the local RCMP detachment, all local fire chiefs and our MLA. There is interest in making these safety courses part of the school curriculum. Although there is a significant cost that can range from \$100,000 to \$5 million, Ontario districts found raising the money was relatively easy because it is associated with child safety and there was significant savings in health care costs. There are currently centres in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Penticton and Kelowna BC. The committee is currently working on the creation of a more precise plan so that by early next year they will be prepared to approach other organizations to create partnerships in this venture including ICBC and the VI Health Authority. The school board has the necessary 1.5 acres of land required and is willing to donate it. Ed noted that the current committee could use additional volunteers.

- **Task Force/ ITAC Report** - Marg outlined the historic development of ITAC then reported on the Accessibility Committee, a group of folks who use mobility devices and are currently working to provide input in the valley for increasing accessibility for those with mobility issues. John Higginbotham, one of the members, who has significant mobility issues, has already taken the Courtenay City mayor and councillors on a “mobility trip” with him. Marg reported that this is a shocking eye opener for folks who have no mobility impairment. Nancy Hofer is currently coordinating this effort.
- **Special Events** – The upcoming Membership meeting will be held on November 9, 2015 at the Florence Filberg Centre in Courtenay. Presentations will be made by Island Joy Rides, a company that operates bicycle tours out of Campbell River, Angela Holmes, SD# 71 Sustainability coordinator who will speak about the challenges of commuting by bicycle as a woman and another speaker will address the different perspective of male bicyclists. The final presentation will be by Sue Vince regarding the bicycle routes mapping initiative.
- **Mapping** - Sue V updated the meeting on the mapping initiative. Phase 1, which was the creation of a digital map, has been completed and she will present a 5-minute video about how the digital map is used. Sue thanked Angela for all the help that she has given Sue in this endeavour. She has also spoke to Lara from tourism Comox Valley, who are keen to promote cycling in the valley. Eventually Sue will get a quote for Z cards, which are easy to carry, fold out maps. She is asking for feedback from board members, such as errors or missing bicycle trail links and will send out the link via drop box for the digital maps
- **Announcement** – that a “Visioning our Downtown” event will take place tomorrow, Tuesday October 27, 2015. From 1130 am. to 2 pm. there will be an opportunity to provide feedback to City hall and later there will be a presentation and workshop intended to generate a vision of Courtenay’s downtown area.
- **Discussion item: The price of Membership** was initiated. Marg Tabled it for further discussion at the November meeting
- **Strategic Plan** (groups to focus on action plans) Marg suggested closing meeting and addressing this at a later time.
- **Discussion** re topics for the special meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 30th 2015 at 7:30 p.m