

**Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition
Minutes of Board Meeting
Monday March 7, 2011
Approved April 11, 2011**

Present: Blair Irwin, Sam Macey, Darren Marr, Patrick O'Connor, Ed Pullman, Anne Sheridan, Jason Weedmark
Regrets: Dan Pollock, Adele Woodyard
Absent: Tim Hewett
Guests: Andrew Patrick, Simon Wigzell, Simon Sobolewski

1. Called to order at 7:15pm

2. Agenda

M/S Irwin Boyd to approve Agenda as amended **CARRIED**

3. Previous Minutes

M/S Macey Boyd to approve February 7 minutes **CARRIED**

4. Proposed Tweed Ride

- Simon Sobolewski asked the GVCC to help organize and marshal the May 7 Tweed Ride, which may attract several hundred cyclists.
- GVCC agreed to help promote it by advertising it on the GVCC website and in Cycle Therapy.
- GVCC does not have sufficient resources to marshal the ride, but GVCC members may consider volunteering to help out.

5. Correspondence

Proposal from Juan de Fuca Cycling Coalition on GVCC affiliation:

→ **The Board will consider this at the March 19 Strategic Planning Workshop.**

Rob Thomson resignation as F&I Committee Chair and from GVCC:

→ **Darren Marr to email Rob and thank him for his service.**

Draft letter re: HST on bicycles:

→ **Darren Marr to circulate draft letter to Board for comments; Patrick O'Connor to sign and send final version to government.**

Letter from UVIC student re: Bikeshare proposal:

→ **Forward to CRD's Sue Hallatt for their consideration**

Letter from Earth Walk committee asking GVCC to participate in April 16 event:

→ **GVCC will not be participating this year, as past participation has not proven beneficial.**

Letter from Camosun College re: bicycle film night:

→ **Communication Committee to consider holding a Film Night there on May 27.**

6. Treasurer's Report

Review of annual budget – income and expenses to date:

- Revenues from 2 successful film nights have made up for shortfalls in bike locker rentals and map sales.

M/S Irwin Boyd to receive Treasurer's Report **CARRIED**

February 18 Bike Shorts Film Night:

- Net profit was over \$1100; kudos to all who helped, including Dean Rebneris who donated his popcorn machine, and Kirk Schwartz who obtained the films.

M/S Irwin Pullman to give \$25 gifts to Dean and Kirk for their help at Film Night **CARRIED**

Bike Locker Report:

- Only 6 of 22 lockers are currently rented.

→ **Advertising and an article to be placed in Cycle Therapy. The Communications Committee will contact the News Group re: running a story in their newspapers on the locker program.**

M/S O'Connor Boyd to receive Bike Locker Report **CARRIED**

GVCC Insurance renewal under BCCC umbrella:

- The Treasurer has been in contact with the BCCC, and renewal of the insurance is underway – cost is \$939.40.

7. Committee Reports

- Reports received from Membership, Weekly Rides, Cycle Therapy, Communications, Governance and Merchandising.

- The Themed Rides report included the draft 2011 Themed Rides Calendar.
- The Themed Rides Committee held a Rides Marshalling Workshop on March 6 – 13 GVCC members attended.
- Several GVCC members have signed up to volunteer with Ryder Hesjedal's Tour de Victoria Community Ride taking place June 28 – an organizational meeting is being held this Thursday.
- Next Cycle Therapy issue will be published mid-April.
- The Strategic Planning Workshop date has been confirmed as Saturday March 19, 9am – 2pm

→ **Anne Sheridan to book a room at James Bay New Horizons for the Workshop; if not available, Sam Macey to arrange for alternate location.**

M/S Macey O'Connor to receive Committee Reports

CARRIED

8. Old Business

20th Anniversary Activities (Darren):

- Possible activities include:
 - participating in the June 5 Bike Fair being organized by the City of Victoria – unfortunately, it conflicts with GVCC's Historical Ride being held that day.
 - Inviting MP (and founding GVCC member) Denise Savoie to speak in June or later
 - Publishing a 20th anniversary book to sell at our October 19, 2011 AGM
 - Having a photo op at City Hall on April 26 (20 years to the day of GVCC incorporation)

→ **Darren Marr to contact Councilor John Luton and Mayor Dean Fortin to arrange for this.**

Board Vacancies, Liaison and Volunteer Opportunities (All):

- Tim Hewett has now been absent for 4 consecutive meetings without explanation or notice; Darren Marr contacted him in this regard.
- Tim Hewett is therefore considered to have left the Board per GVCC Bylaws Part 5 Article 26.
- There are now 2 Board vacancies and 2 Board members on Leave of Absence.
- As well, several Committees could use more members.
- A call for expressions of interest for interim Board appointees and Committee members has been drafted for the March GVCC Newsletter.

→ **Darren Marr to provide final edits on the draft EOI by March 9; Jason to then arrange for its inclusion in the Newsletter. Responses to be sent to the President and due March 26, then to the Governance Committee for review. Selection of interim Board appointees to be considered at April Board meeting.**

- The Board agreed that there should be at least 2 members appointed as liaisons with other groups to ensure continuity and to ensure attendance.

→ **Ed Pullman to be co-liaison with Dan Pollock to DVBA.**

9. New Business

GVCC telephone line (Darren):

→ **Brenda Boyd to take over GVCC phone line from Darren Marr.**

Lochside Drive truck route to Stanhope Farm composting site (Darren):

- The Board agreed that this road needs to remain open for cyclists to ensure continuity of the Lochside Trail.
- The road needs to be shared – safely – by all road users including trucks using the road to access Stanhope Farm. To that end, Central Saanich is considering lowering the speed limit to 30km/h along that section.

→ **Darren to contact Stanhope Farm to arrange for Board and F&I Committee members and other interested GVCC members to view farm.**

Bike to Work Week 2011 (Anne):

- BTWW organizing has begun.

→ **Brenda Boyd to liaise with BTWW.**

→ **Membership Committee to draft a letter to all local bike shops indicating GVCC's willingness to work with all shops, including offering to attend events at bike shops if sufficient volunteers available to do so.**

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Your neighbor

Sam Macey, Assistant Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 7pm at James Bay New Horizons