

Rando minutes 9 Feb 2024

In Attendance (via Google Meet):

Mike Hagen
Anna Bonga
Colin Fingler
Rob Nygren
Dug Andrusiek
Deirdre Arscott
Jacquetta Benard
Mark Payten
Murray Tough

Meeting start 7:00

1. Minutes approval:

- **Agenda:** approved, Jacquetta 1st, Mike 2nd.
- Minutes from December: **Accepted.**
- Minutes from January: **Accepted.**

2. Presidents Report:

- Other than insurance, haven't been doing much this month
- There was a 1200 km meeting recently

3. Financial report:

- Current balance is \$23,400
- People are renewing their memberships, have 99 so far.
- Paid some money owing: Rido Recreation Solutions for the pins for pins from 2021; An ad in American Randonneurs for the 1200.
- Murray is using Race Roster for collecting VanIsle 1200 payments.
- Colin is holding off putting a mature term deposit back into a term deposit till pins are paid.

4. Pins:

- Colin worked with Karen for the pin count: Karen is working with Lisa to get the artwork approved. Colin will get more info on this. Colin is coming up with pin cost estimates. Last time it was about \$3.50 each for more than 100, as much as \$12.50 each for a few. Die casts are expensive: Colin will come up with a price point.
- Populaire: Colin will do a count and see how many we need.
- We pay after we get the pins.

5. Cost of Rides, Especially 600's:

- Discussion about price of rides: business model has been that shorter rides generate revenue and longer reduce revenue so it all balances out. Running a 600 is expensive
- Big net loss after pins and insurance are considered, as they are not included in the brevet costs.

- **Propose:** raise price to \$20 for this year, and discuss at AGM to raise to \$30 for next year after presentation of reason for expenses. **Motion:** Increase cost of a standard brevet fee to \$20: Jacquetta 1st, Mike 2nd; can increase more if warranted (eg: renting a hotel); **Accepted.**
- **Action:** Will send a message out to the club and put it on the website to let people know: Mark will change the Island fee schedule and Colin will do the rest of the province.

6. **BRM Rules:**

- Intermediate control times will be for guidance purposes and only no longer officially observed. Volunteers will be at controls only during open times, and leave the control by 'closing' time. If volunteers aren't there, a rider needs to be able to prove you were there. Eg: Information control; picture; GPS file.
- Discussion about use of GPS tracks to verify so a rider can choose to not carry a control card.
Action: Murray will contact a California ride organizer to see how they monitor GPS tracks.

7. **Regional Report:**

- **Island:** As per report sent by Mark Payten: Vancouver Island Route Coordinator Report
- February 9th, 2024
- Mark Payten
- Markus Hirschbold has organized the first event of the season, a gravel 100 club populaire that he has entitled Beaches and Streams Grando. We will be charging \$5.00 fee for the ride in order to cover costs of providing a warm soup of some sort at the finish. The pre-ride goes tomorrow. Willi Fast and Fred Fowler will be accompanying Markus to ensure the route is viable the way it is. On March 2nd.
- The next ride up will be the Chili. We will be doing a variation of the "All but Three" route which is basically a low traffic road ride through 10 of the 13 communities that comprise the GVRD. It will start at my house. There will be great vegan and meat lover's chili served. On March 9th
- Fred Fowler is looking after the first ride of the spring series. He has created a variation of the Red Gate 200 which goes on the Goose to the Red Gate at the western end of the watershed on the trail. He has put on some hillier bits as it takes you off the trail onto Gillespie and onto the new section of Sooke Road by the 17 Mile Pub. That is on March 23rd.
- We are in the process of booking the Glenora Community Centre for the Cowichan Populaire. Stephen has designed routes that emanate from there. We will be engaging the Glenora Store to provide some food services for the riders. The location is ideal for creating a 50km and a 100km gravel option to the day. Those routes have been designed and need to be pre-ridden.
- Gord Litster will be organizing the spring 300 on April 13th. He has not got back to me on which route he plans to do yet.
- It looks like a good start to the year!
- **Lower Mainland:** We are in pretty good shape: Shiro is taking care of the Social at the beginning of March. It's at "93 Coffee", in Denman Place Mall, at Denman and Comox Streets. Cost will be \$1800 for facility rental. Date is Saturday March 9th from 6 till 9.
- Mike sent out a Google Group message about needing route co-ordinators and got a few people to respond. Colin has a working list of people to send out messages using Mail Chimp. **Action:** Mike to talk to Colin about getting social info out. Mike to ask Shiro about menu and bike parking. Mike will organize a social ride for the day.

- Nigel is doing the Early Brd; spring series is set; Fleche: Gary is going to call a hotel in Chilliwack to see if he can get a spot; May 1000 may not happen. June 1000 is going to do the Full Circle route. It is a week before the Island 1000. Summer Series is shaping up okay. Mike Martin has come up with a 'Georgia Strait' 600 for the summer series. July 27th, starting in Tsawwassen. It could be logistically challenging because of the ferries. Discussion about rides.
- Canada Day Populaire: Russel is getting the permits; we are adding a 50 km route.
- **Interior:** Nothing from Bob. Only doing one Interior series. **Action:** Jacquetta will contact him.
- Discussion about Super 600's. We do have the ability to change the date if needed for extenuating circumstances such as smoke. **Action:** Deirdre to talk to Bob to propose he make a Super 600 available on the same day as the 600.

8. **First Aid:**

- Insurer wants us to have First Aid people for the Populaires. Mark is going to get his First Aid for the purposes of the ride.
- Discussion about First Aid for the Populaire: want to have our own riders have First Aid.
- Discussion about whether we should have someone take a First Aid course then re-imburse for the course after they volunteer to be the First Aid person at an event.

9. **VanIsle 1200:**

- 13 people have put down a deposit. They come from various places.
- There was a fire at the hotel in Port McNeil, so re-located to Port Hardy. Steven re-routed the course so the mileage still works. Murray will put together a budget with the new hotel.

10. **Minors:**

- Minors and their parent must join the club, in order for a minor to do a brevet. Discussion about how to get parent signing for the child with the on-line registration. **Propose:** parent lets the brevet organizer know a child is coming and sign up the child at the event start, as it will be a lot of work to re-do the waivers for on-line registration for minors and a manual process is just as effective.
- For the Populaires Race Roster will accommodate minors.
- **Action:** Mark to work with Eric to get the policy into the rules. Need to know where in the rules there are references to minors; then take the approved wording and, if need be, replace the wording. Then we need to circulate this to the ride organizers so they know what to do in the event of minors in the brevet. Event registration, waivers and payment will be at the time of the event. Deirdre will update the webpage with a change to the wording of the registration page.

11. **Iron Butt Award:**

- Results are being finalized.

12. **Insurance:**

- Volunteers and directors are covered under the general policy to \$5 million.

13. **Website:**

- A lot of people use WordPress. Deirdre contacted someone who sets this up. Discussion about WordPress: someone builds the website and anyone can go in to update the website. **Action:** Deirdre to see if the person she talked to is available. We will pay to have the framework done, but not the content. Move the content from our current website.

14. **Roundtable:**

- Mike is doing the brevet categorization scheme. It is in progress. Need a guide for how to run an event. **Action:** Mark, Murray and Mike to work with this.

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15. **Next meeting:**

- Monday Mar 4th, 2024

16. **Meeting adjourned:**

- 9:35 pm