

## AGM 2021 Minutes

3 October 2021

**Attendees:** 34

Andrew Hartline	Deirdre Arscott	Patrick Subarsky	Guy Quesnel
Anna Bonga	Dug Andrusiek	Michel Richard	Dave King
Barry Monaghan	E.W. (Wim) Kok	Rob Nygren	Nigel Press
Beth Tanton	Eric Fergusson	Ron Himschoot	Mike Hagen
Bob Goodison	Etienne Hossack	Karen Smith	Ronald Stewart
Buddy Bhandar	Fred Fowler	Mark Payten	Roy Neifer
Carol Hinde	Gary Baker	Russel D Ogden	Dave Macmurchie
Cheryl Lynch	Jacquetta Benard	Stephen Hinde	
Colin Fingler	Gord Litster	Vincent Deslauriers	

**Meeting called to order:** 7:04pm

We have 140 members, so 14 are required to attend, therefore we have quorum.

1. **Agenda:**

- Add to agenda: announcements, for if someone wants to bring something up.
- **Motion to Accept:** Dug A, second Stephen H. **Agenda accepted.**

2. **Acceptance of Minutes** from last year:

- One change: referred to end of fiscal, should be 30<sup>th</sup> Sept not 20<sup>th</sup> September
- **Minutes accepted:** subject to the change.

3. **President's Report:**

- Read out by Mike Hagen and copied below (after announcements)

4. **Treasurer Report:**

- Colin presenting: Fiscal year ending Sept 30, 2021.
- Presentation of financial statements. For 2021: ended up with a surplus.
- Thank-you to Jacques as he put together an easy to follow transaction tracking spreadsheet.
- Jacques encouraged us to move to a laddered higher interest term deposit, which has worked out well.
- Etienne's incorporation of Stripe to support on-line payment has worked out well for member/event registration and also for summary tracking.
- Buying our pins after the fact rather than ahead of time lowered the pin expenses for this year; also there were no pins purchased for the Populaires.
- Insurance went down as the Populaires were not being run.
- Had no brevet costs as no support. But support is nice
- On-line registration, introduced a \$5 donation option which brought in \$415.
- To encourage pre-registration, may charge more for day-of-ride registration.
- Discussion of financial statement, answering of questions

- **Motion to accept financial statements:** Andrew H, second Stephen H.
- **Financial statements accepted.**

#### 5. **Special Resolution:**

- By-law resolution change: Presented by Colin on items as sent out before meeting.
- keeping things in line with legal advice; eg: waiver is part of the Release.
- Renewing membership, looking for consistency around renewal; clarify the distinction between a Member and a Current Member
- Clarify the distinction of a voting member.
- Discussion: Everyone who rides in a club event other than a Populaire must be a current club member. Those riding in Populaires or social rides need not be club members but must sign a release.
- As the Societies Act requires 2 weeks notice to change the Bylaw language, the motion is to accept the language as written.
- **Motion:** Call for motion to **accept by-law changes as presented:** Stephen H., 2<sup>nd</sup> Wim K..
- **Motion accepted.** (1 opposed)

#### 6. **Other members proposals:**

- There were none.

#### 7. **Regional Co-ordinator Reports:**

- **Peace:** Wim was the only rider for 4 rides, had 3 riders for September ride. (Report attached at end)
- **Interior:** Bob: 2021 was a challenging year due to Covid or fires. Numbers were way down. But the new routes were popular. Will have more events next year. Planning on Mica Dam 300 in June. (Report attached at end)
- **Island:** Mark: Had a weird year because of Covid. Had 10 events. The ACP ride on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> had 12 riders, most rode without a GPS. Had 100 registrations over the season. Thanks to Stephen Hinde for all his hard work regarding new routes and the database. Many of the rides were very hot. Next years schedule looks like last year, plus a gravel 200, and a 1000 with support on Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone for their help. (Report attached at end)
- **Lower Mainland:** All 12 events were run despite Covid restrictions and smoke. There were many new faces this year, which is good. Organizers are always needed. Please get in touch for volunteering. There were 2 mass start rides. (Report attached at end)
- Thank-you to regional co-ordinators.

#### 8. **Election of 2021 directors:**

- Had 9 directors last year.
- Mike appreciates Colins help during the year.
- Stephen Hinde and Jeff Mudrakoff are stepping down. Stephen will continue with the database
- Ron Stewart and Jacquetta Bernard are to be added as directors for next year.
- Have 9 directors for next year: Mike, Dug, Dave, Colin, Ron, Mark, Jacquetta, Peter, and Anna

- **Motion to accept directors:** Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick S. **Motion accepted**, all in favor.

9. **Resolution discussion:**

- Addressing the dissention on the motion vote: because of the waiver release, the waiver may change from year to year, and purchasing a membership means agreement to the rules. Therefore, the membership expires at the end of the year and has to be renewed to become a member for the following year.

10. **Adjournment:**

- **Motion to adjourn** the formal part of meeting: Karen S., Guy Q. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Meeting Adjourned** 8:05 pm

11. **Announcements:**

- **Pin update:** Colin presenting: picture of pin design. Much of the design credit goes to Ali Holt, with a tribute to Dan McGuire. Will be ordering pins after the Nov 11<sup>th</sup> ride.
- So far people have earned 104 x 200's, (not including yesterday) 39 x 300, 35 X 400, 29 x 600, 2 x 1000, 50 x volunteers, 29 super randonneurs. See Reporting tab in on-line BC Randonneurs database.
- We hope to hand out the pins at the Spring Social, but will mail them if we have to.
- Big thanks to Karen who has done the pins for many years.
- **Awards:** Acknowledge that Barry Chase has the Golden Saddle award. Hopefully have a spring social next year.
- **ACP:** Cheryl: 2022 calendar is almost finalized with 51 events.
- Another ACP centenary brevet on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the 300 km distance. (the 200 km brevet centenary ride was on Sept 11, 2021)
- PBP in 2023, so think about getting your rides in for pre-registration. First in line if you do 1000. A series is also a good idea.
- **5000 and 10,000 ACP Awards:** for those who rode PBP in 2019, 7 people met the requirements for R5000 award in 2019: Mike, Etienne, Deirdre, Colin, Bob G., Jeff, and Paul. A 10,000 must include two rides at each of the basic distances (200, 300, 400, 600 & 1000 km), a Flèche Pacifique (or equivalent, 360 km+), a Paris - Brest - Paris (1200 km), another 1200+ recognized by RM (Randonneur Mondeaux) and a Super Randonnee 600 (a 600 km permanent which includes 10,000 metres of climbing completed in less than 60 hours). Four riders: Bob G, Bob K, Etienne, and Gary qualified for this award. These applications were submitted in 2019 (and shipping was paid in 2020) but the applications were lost and a note (as of September 17, 2021) on the ACP website is requesting resubmission of any 5000 or 10000 award applications. Cheryl has re-submitted the information to ACP. Due to Covid, ACP has extended the time to meet these award requirements to a 6-year window. So have until 2025 to complete the requirements.
- **300 Centenary on June 11<sup>th</sup>**, one event in each region. Canada will be ordering medals. 200 medals will also be given out at the social. Post Meeting Correction: 50 of the 60 earned 200 km medals have been distributed. The remainder should be mailed out soon.
- **1000's:** Loopy Lower Mainland next summer.

- **Island 1000:** Mark Payten: Gord L is going to run a 1000 starting Sat Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. It will have full support, 2 overnight controls in Nanaimo, start in Saanichton. Then a scenic tour (as flat as possible) as far as Ripple Rock north of Campbell River. The philosophy is a designated overnight stop, 370 day one, 350 day 2, balance day 3. Have to time for ferry back to Victoria.
- **BC Cycling Coalition:** Colin: passed on \$490 as 49 members also picked becoming a BCCC member. Union of BC municipalities voted to endorse the 1.5 m passing distance. Still has to be enacted into law.
- **Volunteer opportunities:** Nigel is asking people to step forward for all regions. Especially the Populaires. Nigel would like to step back as regional co-ordinator.
- Mark and Stephen have been working together. Difficult to do some positions in isolation.

Thanks to all for participating in the 2021 AGM.

### **2021 Presidents Report:**

In 2020, we struggled to react to COVID and to all the changes and upheaval and accommodations that went along with it. This year, 2021, was a hopeful, if somewhat erratic, return towards normal. Some of the changes we made last year: the multi-day ride windows for brevets, individual start times, on-line registration, printing of one's own route sheet and control card, to name a few; were normal this year. We were able to transition back to before-times normal for our ACP 200 Centenary rides, and the AGM 200 yesterday. I have to say that riding up to the start of the AGM ride yesterday and seeing a couple of dozen people milling about in semi-darkness, then riding in a group of half-a-dozen or so for the first couple of hours, was at the same time both befuddling and exhilarating. Later on, it was great to ride up to Pitt Lake, see the Randonneur Control sign, Russel there with water and refreshments: an actual staffed control. I hope we can return to this more completely next year. I hope we won't take it for granted.

Some of the changes we made this year, and last year, are here to stay. On-line registration and payment is a success, we will continue to do that. We owe many people a huge thank-you for their tireless work to create, implement, maintain, and administer the new system: Colin and Stephen especially and Cheryl last year, but others as well. Etienne's work on the database was absolutely crucial to support this. So thank you to everyone involved with that.

Things are not back to normal, of course. We haven't had Populaires for a couple of years now. We cancelled our Northern Coastal 1200 last year and have no firm plans to resurrect it yet. But the main thing I regret is that our communications have suffered. It's been difficult to keep people informed. We've noticed fewer stories in the Newsletter, for instance, but of course there are fewer rides to report on. There've been fewer messages going out on Google Groups, perhaps. I think this is mostly just from the lack of opportunity to gather before and after events, interact during events, share news, and just, in general, catch up on things. Certainly, if anyone has ideas about how to address this, please let me know. I hope that next year we can host our usual social events: primarily the spring social, the Fleche social, and the fall AGM social. Also, remember we are a volunteer-run club. I was looking at our list of members recently, and realizing how many not just ride but volunteer in support of

riding. That is rewarding too: Please consider volunteering in some capacity if you haven't already. We will have a list of this year's volunteers appended to the minutes; that volunteer pin is a nice one to get.

In terms of numbers, let me say that the various database reports are endlessly fascinating. I encourage everyone to browse the website and the database that Eric and Etienne and others work so hard on. A brief summary is that our 140 current members collectively did 315 rides (and 10 permanents) across 32 BC events, and some out-of-province. I know I'll look forward to Eric's year-end summary in a couple of months.

### **Interior Report:**

As you know, it's been a tough year in the Interior, first with Covid, then with fires. Numbers are WAY down. The good news is that we have some excellent new routes. The Shuswap Shoreline 200 was great! Two Hundred Km, without a traffic light! Unfortunately, it should only be used in early spring or late fall, due to narrow roads and summer traffic. Next year looks really promising, with more rides on the calendar, and more volunteers to organize them. Look for more rides starting in the Okanagan, and in the Kootenays. Continuing on the no traffic light theme, I think the June 17 Centennial 300 will be the Dam to Dam to Dam route. It should be the perfect time of year for it. Bring on 2022!!

### **2021 Peace Region Randonneur Annual Report (Sep 14, 2021)**

*E. W. (Wim) Kok, Brevet Organizer BC Peace.*

Due to ongoing Covid-19 issues, the plan for the 2021 had to be amended from what was submitted in the fall of 2020. The new plan included four 200km and one 300 km brevets, with the idea to ride the 400 and 600 km events elsewhere. Of course, as the saying goes *the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley*, so did of some of them here. The four 200s came off without a hitch, the 300 was a no go, due illness in the family. I did get a 200km in, in Edmonton. No 400 or 600 as the forest fire season created less than ideal and unpredictable conditions elsewhere.

On a positive note, the registration process for Club and brevets, and reporting of results has been made so easy. Thank you to Colin, Stephen and whole else was involved. Well-done. I will miss getting back the brevet cards with the homologation sticker on it.

The Centennial Peace 200km was a great success. With a bit more advertising in the local cycling club, the Rando membership triple to 3. Wow! *Ancien* Erik Snucins came back to the fold, while Kevin Shaw added his name. They both enjoyed the brevet under windy conditions. And for a change - we did not have the lowest number of participants in a brevet. Thank you to Colin for arranging the special medals.

The plan for next year will include 200s, the Centennial 300 and possibly 400 and 600. After all, next year is the pre-PBP year whereby the longest distance completed will most likely again open early pre-registration in 2023.

Thanks for all the support. Happy AGM and see you on the road in 2022.

Sincerely, Wim



PS. A public thank you to Cheryl for all her work on the BCR database and liaison with ACP over decades !! Much appreciated and of course a happy (cycling) retirement to her. W.

### **Lower Mainland:**

Luckily we were able to run all 12 events on the calendar even though the LM was under the threat from forest fire smoke creeping in from all directions this summer and the influx of covid restrictions throughout the year. Incredibly a 1000 brevet entirely within the Lower Mainland was run which to my knowledge has never been done before, necessity is the mother of invention as they say:)

Quite a few new faces this year and familiar ones that had been away which is always lovely to see. As always organizers are needed for the 2022 season, the spring 400 has already been claimed other than that they are all up for grabs so please get in touch ASAP.

Of course special thanks to all the ride organizers and the registration team for making the year run smoothly

Oh! and the LM had its first manned control in two years!!! For me that will be the most memorable part of the year, damn those cheezies were good:)

### **BC Randonneurs VI Brevet Co-ordinator's Annual Report**

Mark Payten: October 3, 2021

This year we continued to run our events in a modified manner because of the Coronavirus pandemic. We held only one event, the ACP Centenary 200 km Brevet as a mass start event with manned controls

We held ten events starting with the 2020 Remembrance Day 200 last November and finishing with the ACP Centenary 200 km Brevet on September 11 of this year. There were exactly 100 registrants for our events.

This year, unlike the preceding year, the forest fire smoke did not play a part in any of our rides. Instead, we had a weather event that brought temperatures above 40 degrees Celsius over the whole ride window of June's Sidney Veloce 300. Five of the twelve registrants chose not to complete the ride because of the extreme heat. One rider chose to ride through the night to escape most of the heat.

Our schedule next year will look very similar to this year's with two additions. We will be including an extra 200 km ride during the summer. One of our riders would like to organize a "gravel" 200 km brevet at that time. The other addition is a 1000 km brevet with 'good support' that Gord Litster has volunteered to organize. (Gord would like to say a few words now about this event.)