

BC Randonneurs AGM 2024 – Draft minutes

Coast Tsawwassen Inn, 1665 56 Street, Delta, BC

Sunday 6 October 2024

Attendees:

Present in person (23 Voting Members, 1 non-voting member, 3 guests):

Dug Andrusiek	Carol Hinde	Jeff Mudrakoff
Deirdre Arscott	Ron Himschoot	Ross Nichol
Gary Baker	Étienne Hossack	Mireille Pare (guest)
Anna Bonga	Patrick Jackman	Nigel Press
Chris Cullum	Tim Li (guest)	Michel Richard (non-voting)
Vincent Deslauriers	Maurice Lui	Karen Smith
Colin Fingler	Catherine Lui (guest)	Peter Stary
Mike Hagen	Cheryl Lynch	Ron Stewart
Stephen Hinde	Barry Monaghan	Paul van Wersch

On-line (6 Voting Members):

Eric Fergusson	Bob Goodison	Markus Hirschbold
Fred Fowler	Andrew Hartline	Dave King

1. Call to Order:

- 12:07 – OK to record
- Acknowledgement to 45 years of BC Randonneurs.

2. Quorum:

- 23 in room, 6 on-line: 29 Voting Members. Per our by-laws: quorum is 10% of total Voting Members, but shall not be less than three. As 10% of 216 Voting Members is 22, we have quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda:

- Accepted: 1st: Karen Smith 2nd: Barry Monahan

4. Approval of 2023 minutes:

- Approval: 1st Stephen Hinde; 2nd Gary Baker

5. Presidents Report (Dug Andrusiek):

- In 2020 the world changed. We are 4 years on, and still dealing with some of those changes. Our sport changed, and we are still catching up on a number of fronts. We changed processes, we haven't caught up on our infrastructure. We have fewer numbers, more people are riding on their own. But Dug sees the next generation in Dara's NDTR ride report. As an expression of the journey, we are in a good position for the future. We are adapting to the reality of today's world.
- We have a thriving executive, but we could use new blood, and new ideas. We invite members to come on to the executive, or volunteer in some way.
- The Executive is working on a ride organization support package and revising the website.
- There are still more brevets to come this year.
- We had 3 years of pin designs, but have used them.
- We have changed the pin distribution fashion. We still give 200 km pins at the end of the ride, but order as needed the pins beyond 200 km.
- We want to be able to grow.

6. **Treasurer's Report** (Colin Fingler):

- Display of PDF of financial statement for 2023/2024 fiscal year. Posted on website, hard copies on the tables.
- Revenues are in line with previous non-covid years, and balanced with expenses.
- VanIsle 1200 still managed to turn a profit.
- Fleche was a net cost event, but that isn't unusual.
- Populaires: CanPop, CowPop, VicPop, and a few gravel populaires.
- We increased the brevet fee from \$15 to \$20; the volunteer mileage reimbursement rate is now \$0.50 per km.
- Annual membership fee held at \$10. Current membership 216.
- Refunded \$750 in \$10 for BCCC membership fees inadvertently collected prior to learning that BCCC declared free membership in Oct 2023.
- There is still gear for sale.
- We had big pin costs this year resulting from a 2 ½ year back-up.
- Financial fees: Stripe is about 5%. Race Roster is about 15%

- Storage fees removed as Anna B, Mike H, Dave K and Mark P are storing the Club gear at their homes.
- Insurance costs have increased. Includes the Populaire insurance.
- Current assets include: \$15K checking account, \$34K in term deposits, plus a \$5K Harold Bridge Endowment term deposit which accumulates interest, and is topped up as needed to award the \$1K PBP Bursary every 4 years.
- Approval of 2024 financial statement: 1st Ron Stewart; 2nd: Peter Stary. All approved.
- Registered the club as a non-profit entity with “Tech Soup” for IT-related purchase discounts.

7. **Special Resolutions:**

- None received.

8. **Members Proposal:**

- None Received

9. **Ride Reports:**

- **Peace:** Dug A reading of Wim Kok’s report
- There were 11 brevets on the schedule but none of them had local or out of town participation. So the brevet dates were used in the south.
- Some days there was too much smoke due to forest fires.
- On a personal note, Wim is well, on the road to recovery.
- Wim would like to organize a series for 2025, and bring in the Blizzard cycling club.

- **Island:** Stephen Hinde, for Mark Payten

2024 VI Season:

19 events:

2 Populaires—New Years, 26 finishers; Cowichan (3 distances) 54 finishers,

2 Grando—33 finishers (separate report from Markus)

14 brevets—48 finishers one still to run (next weekend) (includes 2 series, one series run as a makeup day (all rides on same day).)

1 ultra brevet—VI1200 (separate report from Murray) 14 finishers

175 successful rides

For 19 events: 11 Organizers: plus 35 volunteers (20 unique individuals). Many thanks as the events wouldn't happen without them.

Numbers were down from previous years, except Grando. We may have too many events in the schedule, as we ran 3 200's in 4 weeks, and had 1, 3, and 4 riders respectively. Perhaps a larger, more social group could be achieved if there had only been one 200?

Next year, we will run the 2 Populaires, the 2 Grando rides, 2 series, and 2 other 200s not counting the planned Remembrance Day ride next month.

- **Lower Mainland:** Mike Hagen
- Wants to thank those who stepped up to organize
- Numbers were down a bit
- Thanks to Cheryl and Ron for organizing the Flatlander and AGM 200's at the last minute.
- Had 4 x 1000's, which are always difficult, want to highlight: 1 person (from Japan) did the May 1000; Thai (from Seattle) did the June one; Etienne H, Dave K, and Douglas Q did one way to Portland in August; and Dara did one in September.
- Gary Baker organized the Fleche this year.
- We did a CanPop this year.
- In 2025 we are planning 3 series.
- **Interior:** Bob Goodison
- Had to reroute or postpone a lot due to fires.
- Had few riders.
- Focused on new or not used in a while routes.

10. **Election of board directors** (Dug):

- Retired: Rob Nygren, and Jacquetta Benard
- Intention to continue: Deirdre Arscott, Anna Bonga, Mike Hagen, Colin Fingler, Dug Andrusiek, Mark Payton, Murray Tough
- Intention to join: Gary Baker, and Jean-Marc Boudreau

- Call for additional names: Peter Stary would like to join the board as a marketing person. Peter would like us to market ourselves better, improve our profile, and develop a marketing plan, such as that which was started by BCIT students, but stopped by Covid. Peter: marketing director.
- Thanks to past treasurers Ross Nichol, Darren Maclachlan, Jacques Bilinski, and Colin Fingler (current) for setting us up well for treasurer position.
- Election positions: ten Directors approved by acclamation. Mike Hagen will be president of the new Board.

Adjournment of business meeting: 1:02.

Announcements and Discussion:

Gravel Rides on Island: Markus Hirschbold:

- Had a good turnout,
- Second ride: about 64% gravel. Good way to get out people who don't normally do randonneuring. Will try again next year.
- Distances are about 100 km. Discussion about future gravel rides. Still a work in progress.

Randonneur 5000 Awards:

- Deirdre Arscott (10th time), Anna Bonga, Jeff Mudrakoff, Dave King, Jacques Bilinski

Roger Street Award 2023:

- Mark Payten: Thank-you very much to Mark for all his years of dedication and effort.

Ultra 1000 km Rides:

- Dave King, Douglas Qi, Étienne Hossack, Bob Goodison, Paul van Wersch, and Dara Poon.

VanIsle 1200:

- Paul van Wersch, Étienne Hossack, and Bob Goodison.

Award Proposal: Michel and Karen

- BC12 Light Award: have a lighter version in the winter, during daylight hours, to make the series accessible to most people. In December and January: 125 km; November and February: 150 km; October and March: 175 km. Other months: 200 km.
- Discussion about the proposal. Michel to submit a proposal.
- Suggest: add gravel, or indoor. Or 100 minimum km per event.

VanIsle 1200 Recap:

- Stephen Hinde: Stepping in for Murray.
- Murray's story about the event.
- 17 riders, but had room for 40. Came out okay as hotel expenditure was under budget. 14 people finished. (2 from Japan, Quebec, US, 1 Australian, and Alberta)
- Successful event, good feedback from participants.

Club Colors:

- Let Étienne know if there is an award missing for someone.
- Current colors are blue and green: suggest to change to high vis colors.
- Vests for night riding.

ACP:

- A few new guidelines: control times; electronic proof of passage; schedules due in same financial year as ACP, but Super Rando award is now by calendar year. Have some flexibility for events.
- Working on draft 2025 schedule.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Ride organizers: always need people
- Ride organization handbook: an in-progress effort
- Populaires: going to be running on the Island. Lower Mainland being considered
- Fleche: lots of administrative work. Gary could use some help.
- Member Communication:
- Social Media oversight: Peter Stary

- Website/Database: Étienne
- Dave King's: potluck Oct 19th at his place in Burnaby.
- Dug would like to acknowledge the Coast Tsawwassen for their hospitality and Ron Stewart for the morning ride, and Anna Bonga for organizing the AGM.