Rando Minutes 8 May 2025

In Attendance (via Google Meet):
Mike Hagen
Colin Fingler
Dug Andrusiek
Murray Tough
Anna Bonga
Deirdre Arscott
Peter Stary
Gary Baker

1. **Agenda**:
   - Called to order: 7:06 pm
   - Acceptance of agenda: Accepted

2. **Minutes**:
   - Acceptance of April minutes: 1st Murray; 2nd Mike: Accepted.

3. **Presidents Report**:
   - Randonneurs Japan contacted us, it was nice to hear from them. We were instrumental in getting them going 25 years ago.
   - A pin collector from out of country came to us wanting a pin. Discussion about if we should give out our pins without doing the ride. Say: Our pins are earned.

4. **Financial**:
   - 158 members
   - Paid insurance and directors and officers
   - Had the Fleche last weekend, 21 participants.
   - Erica is billing monthly, have spent the money for the website
   - Bank balance is around $10,000.

5. **Ride Reports**:
   - **Vancouver Island**: Didn't hear from Mark.
   - **Lower Mainland**: On track for spring events. Have some new event organizers. Still need organizers for some of the summer series.
   - Discussion about travel to the US: rides are not allowed to go to the US. Clarification of prohibition of travel to the US for the 2025 season. (per March minutes)
   - **Southern Interior**: Didn't hear from Bob

6. **Insurance**:
    - Thanks to Colin for finding a new broker. This company is a little more expensive, but Dug feels we will get better service. It is a company that does a lot of sports. Dug to ask if we can go to the US. Riders no longer need to carry first aid kits.

7. **March minutes:**
    - **Proposal:** to revise the March minutes for an item which did not get added. **Motion:** In favor: passed. Item which was not added regarding travel to the US.

8. **BCR Objectives:**
    - Discussion of objectives.
    - **Priority**: to put on the rides; to attract new riders.
    - Discussion about what riders want and how to attract new riders.
    - Be mindful of getting routes onto quiet roads.
    - How can we effectively maximize our efforts? Get ride organizer checklist going.
    - Should we have a volunteer coordinator? Possibility: have an incentive for people to volunteer. Such as a draw for a prize for anyone who volunteers.
    - Discussion about how to get people into the club: Possibility of formation of a committee to come up with ideas.
    - ***Action***: Colin, Mike and Murray to come up with a framework document of the ideas. Invite Etienne to participate as well if he would like.
    - Recommend: Make it so people can register early for rides.

9. **Posters*:***
    - Posters are being distributed. ***Action***: Peter to look into making business card size posters for passing out for next year.

10. **Website**:
    - Spend limit is reached. Milestones 1 to 3 are completed. It is progressing. The big job will be moving the old website to the new.

11. **Brevet organizing Aids**:
    - To table till winter. It will be the place to send new brevet organizers.

12. **Fleche**:
    - Fleche and Trace, got a lot of positive feedback. Especially regarding the hotel. The hotel is undergoing food changes. Despite this, people were happy with the food.

- Gary is going to write a letter to the newsletter about the event. Gary has tentatively booked the hotel for next year.

13. **Roundtable**:
    - Mike has talked with Eric about changing the criteria for the BCP12 pin. Eric would like to make it 12 rides a year instead of one a month. Discussion of what the rules should be, giving flexibility to allow for adverse conditions. ***Action***: Mike to talk to Eric again for new details. Suggestion: can move a winter ride to another month. Gary to participate in the conversation after Mike talks to Eric.

14. **Next Meeting**:
    - Thursday June 5th, 7:00 pm. Murray to chair the meeting as Mike and Anna away. Peter to take minutes.

15. **Adjournment**:
    - 9:00 pm. Adjournment.