

2025 AGM 5 October 2025, on-line via GoogleMeet

In (remote) attendance (33):

Dug Andrusiek	Bruce Grant (on-line)	Roy Neifer
Anna Bonga	Mike Hagen	Russell Ogden
Gary Baker	Andrew Hartline (on-line)	Mark Payten
Chris Cullum	Etienne Hossack	Dara Poon
Vincent Deslauriers	Dave King (on-line)	Nigel Press (on-line)
Eric Fergusson	Wim Kok (on-line)	Douglas Qi (on-line)
Colin Fingler	Cheryl Lynch (on-line)	Murray Tough
Fred Fowler	Kim Malley	Peter Stary (on-line)
Bob Goodison (on-line)	Barry Monaghan	Ron Stewart
Mike Gottlieb (on-line)	Jeff Mudrakoff	Barry Monaghan

1. **Call to Order** – Mike Hagen, President
 - 12:06 PM
2. **Confirm Quorum:**
 - 21 in the room, 7 on-line, quorum is 24, so have quorum.
3. **Approve Agenda:**
 - **Motion** to accept – Ron Stewart; Barry Monaghan. **Approved.** (Agenda at end of minutes)
4. **Approve Minutes of the 2024 AGM**
 - **Motion:** Murray Tough, second: Gary Baker. **Approved.**
5. **Approval of admission of non-voting attendees:**
 - approved (2 non-members in attendance)
6. **President's Report** – Mike Hagen
 - We are getting older as a club. Getting young people to join has been a challenge.
 - Climate change has been a challenge: smoke, wildfires, or heat causing ride cancellations.
 - Populaires were not a go this year due to the workload. We did members only Populaires instead. We have introduced some gravel rides.
 - We are refreshing the website with the hope that we can promote the club.
 - We would like to see more social media involvement.
7. **Treasurer's Report** – Colin Fingler
 - On screen presentation of fiscal statement.
 - Populaire income wasn't there, so revenues are down considerably. Expenses were high. We made a conscious decision to upgrade the computer system/ website.
 - Computer expenses put us in the red for about \$12,000. Used term deposits to pay for this.
 - Pin expenses were lower as pin enthusiasm seems to be dwindling.
 - Insurance has gone up. We also have a new broker.
 - We use stripe to collect funds.
 - We are operating at a deficit of about \$12,000.

- Discussion about future funds, and whether should we change our fee structure. Increasing ridership will help.
 - **Approval of 2025 Financial Statements: motion** to accept financial statements: Ron Stewart; Dug Andrusiek second. **Motion carried.**
8. **Special Resolution** (> 2/3 approval of attending voting members required to pass)
- None presented
9. **Members' Proposals** (as per Bylaw 13, must be received by 20 September 2025)
- No proposals received, so removed from agenda
10. **Regional Route Co-ordinator Reports**
- a. **Vancouver Island** – Mark Payten – Thank-you to club and volunteers. Secretary note: See bottom of page for report.
 - b. **Lower Mainland** – Mike Hagen – The Lower Mainland route co-ordinator position is open for next year. Thanks to event organizers. Craig is organizing the Nov 11 ride. There were some cancellations due to wildfires. We want to get event organizers and registration open earlier than last year. Andrew Hartline wants to create a ride through Cowichan Bay, mostly rail trail.
 - c. **South Interior** – Bob Goodison – report submitted by email: We had another year of low turnout in the Interior, with the exception of Bob K's Kootenay Lake 200 and the fall Trinity Valley 200. Last year the most attended ride was the September Douglas Lake 200, so it seems people like these mixed surface rides.
Things seem to be improving, with a couple of brand new riders, and the return of a few who have not ridden a brevet in several years. One of the new riders has expressed interest in possibly organising a brevet.
Looking forward to next year, I would like to hear from anyone with route suggestions or requests. At this point, the Early Bird 200 will most likely be the Shuswap Shorelines route. The Valemount 600 has not been done for a few years, so I may use that. For the fall, I am thinking of rerunning the Alberta Bound 1000, and giving those who missed it another shot at the Trinity Valley route (it's a keeper!).
 - d. **Peace** – Wim Kok – The 2025 Randonneur season is just about over, at least in the BC Peace Region. We had scheduled twelve brevets. There were no participants in any one of them. Regional forest fires and those beyond contributed to air quality conditions rated from moderate to high risk for human health. While cycling is a sedentary activity, brevets over long distances are considered strenuous outdoor events.
Looking forward to 2026 and beyond I am still interested in organizing brevets in the Peace Region for a number of reasons. (1) The local cycling club established in 1984 is still very active and a source of potential randonneurs. (2) Paris-Brest- Paris is again on the schedule in 2027, so that the 2026 season can be used to prepare and qualify. (3) Use the 2027 brevets to further refine the preparation for a successful PBP. (4) Philosophically speaking, randoneuring provides opportunities to explore inner and outer worlds (5) quieter roads in BCs North East, and (6) to ride brevets with others which may turn into lifelong friendships and memories. Thanks and good luck.

11. **Election of 2021 Club Directors:**

2025/2026 Director Nominees (min. 6/ max 10)

Murray Tough President
Mike Hagen Vice President
Colin Fingler Treasurer
Anna Bonga Secretary
Deirdre Arscott
Peter Stary
Dara Poon
Vincent Deslauriers

- Thanks to out-going directors: Gary Baker, Dug Andrusiek

Motion to accept all 8: motion to accept: Ron Stewart; second: Gary Baker

12. **Adjournment (End of Business Meeting)**

- Meeting Adjourned at 1:08 motion: Barry Monaghan, second Jeff Mudrakoff

13. **Announcements**

- **Website** preview: (preride.randonneurs.ca): a look at the new website by Dara. It is still in progress. Etienne: more ideas for the website. Looking for volunteers to transfer the database information to the new database. Need to have a database co-ordinator.
- **Fleche**: Gary: The Fleche has been in Chilliwack the last 2 years: But the restaurant is under construction. There has been a request to move the Fleche to a later weekend in May: May 23rd. Discussion about when the Fleche should be. Our insurance does not cover us for rides to the US.
- If you have a suggestion for the board, send a message, putting an email on the website.

BC Randonneurs Vancouver Island Ride Coordinator's Annual Report

October 5, 2025

Mark Payten

Acknowledgements

The Club

☑ With the help and support of the Board and the volunteers who look after the database, newsletters, and website we could plan and execute a successful year. Thank you, Board members, Etienne and Eric and all others that have contributed to the club.

On the Island

o Stephen Hinde is the driving force that keeps the club alive on the island. This year, he was in Europe for many brevets in the late spring and early summer. He assisted and problem solved from afar!

o Markus Hirschbold has successfully hosted the two Grando rides on our schedule for two years now. It has been appreciated by both the riders and me!

o Rob Nygren and Alard Malek have been keeping club active around Courtney by hosting his Criss Cross 200 for multiple years. Rob's video documentation of these rides has been a delight. Find his You Tube channel and watch the one of this year's Criss Cross to find your motivation to attend.

o Gord Litster and Fred Fowler are always willing to step in to be ride organizers when approached. Thank you.

2025

☑ There were 73 participants in all the VI brevets, Grandos and club populaires so far this year. We have a club social ride coming up on October 19 th . The Remembrance Ride this year will included in the next fiscal years statistics. The Social Populaire on October 19 th can not yet be included.

☑ We ran no populaires open to the public this year.

The Future

☑ Stephen Hinde is proposing that we host the Annual General Meeting in Nanaimo in 2026 or 2027. For that to work efficiently with the Tsawwassen-Duke Point ferries, the meeting would have to be moved to the Saturday so that people could do the trip from the mainland easily.

☑ Rob Nygren is suggesting he host a Grando 100 and the September 200 in Courtney on the September 12,13th weekend. The 200 is already tentatively on the calendar

☑ Gord Litster is planning a well supported hub and spoke 1000 km brevet for August 20-23 rd out of Courtney. The pre-ride is currently scheduled for August 6-9.