

Shuswap Cycling Society

2017 November General Meeting - Minutes

7:00 PM

At Shuswap Trail Alliance Office

Attendees: President: Andreas Meerza, Vice President/Secretary/Director of BMX: Shelley Desautels, Treasurer: Alan Journeau, Director of MTB: Dan Capek, Director of Cyclocross: Doris Mills, Webmaster: David Major

Voting Members: Ed Rodgers, Warren Staff, Will Wong, Sean Hardy, Stan Thiessen, Pat Hutchins, George Zorn, Chris Stromgren, Zach Jewell, Max Scharf, Greg Scharf, Tom Peasgood, Linda Peasgood, Erasmus Bonthuys, Jeff Navratil, Sharon Fabro, Tanja Hamilton

Non Members: Adrian Bostok

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous, March 16, 2017 meeting was made by Dan Capek and seconded by Alan Journeau.

Reports from Executive

- a) Vice President Report - Shelley had nothing new to report
- b) Treasurer's Report was presented by Alan Journeau
 - i) Monies that have come into the club include: \$500 from BC Government grants, \$4,800 in Salmon Arm business donations, \$782 from the Bike Swap, and \$2,600 in membership revenue
 - ii) Outgoing money included \$2,750 in awards and grants to various Salmon Arm schools, and \$350 to Jessica Brown for a scholarship
 - iii) Current bank balance is \$10,600
- c) Road Report - Roger Parenteau was not in attendance, however George Zorn spoke on behalf of road riders and mentioned various road races that occur throughout the year that get attention such as the Bike for Life which is in its 20th year, and the Armstrong Century Ride. There are also many local friends that get out and ride on a regular basis
- d) Mountain Bike Report was presented by Dan Capek
 - i) This year a ton of tread has been built at Rubberhead.
 - ii) Tool station has been constructed at the South Canoe trails with a ton of great reviews. SCC Branding decals to be applied once temperature permits
 - iii) After spring there will be a lot of trail work to be done as poor weather in 2017 impacted trail conditions. Trees have been blown down by the wind but dry conditions prevented removal of said trees.
 - iv) May 26th 2018 will be the BC High School Championships in Salmon Arm and volunteers will be required to get the trails in race condition.
- e) Cyclocross Report was presented by Doris Mills
 - i) Sunday November 4th the SCC will host the yearly Cyclocross race at Klahani park

Committee Reports

- a) Bike swap - There was a great turn out for the bike swap and \$782 was raised through the event.
- b) Bike to work week - Lots of folks got out and got on their bikes during this event. There were some hiccups during bike to work week, one of the bigger challenges was the poor turn out at the refreshment stations.

Special Orders

High School Mountain Bike Championships

- Chris Stromgren presented on the Mountain Bike Championships
- Salmon arm will be hosting the provincial Mountain Bike Championships on May 26th, 2018. The event draws in 200 - 250 competitors, grades 8 to 12. It is a one day event including the "All Mountain" and "Enduro" events.
- Races will be taking place at South Canoe trails; it is the second time Salmon Arm will be hosting the event.
- Riders from the Salmon Arm team are 4 time champions
- To run a successful event there is a need for volunteers. Let Chris Stromgren know if you are interested in volunteering for the event.
- SCC in the past has provided t-shirts and jersey's to the team
- This year, the jersey's that the team is looking to purchase are 3 pocket racing jerseys which run at \$60/jersey, approximately \$1,800 for the team.

Motion: Chris Stromgren motioned that the Shuswap Cycling Club provide \$1,000 for the Salmon Arm Secondary Mountain Bike team jerseys by mid-January. Seconded by Sean Hardy.

Discussion:

- It is to be determined who will be making the jersey's, they have used Attack, and Brush Strokes in the past.
- The jersey's will be 3-pocket short sleeved racing jersey's
- Regulations for sponsor logos require them to be credit card sized
- Dan Capek suggested that the SCC logo be placed on the center rear pocket and on the shoulder
- There were questions on what would happen if they don't get enough sponsors, or if more kids join the team than expected. The fees that are paid to join the team and for race fees could help subsidize a portion of the jersey costs.
- Race fees are \$25/person and team fees are \$50/person
- It was asked if the event could be promoted on our website by David Major

Motion defeated

Motion: Greg Scharfe motions that the SCC donate \$1,000 for the Mountain Bike Team for jersey's with two prominently placed credit-card sized logos with money available by mid-January

Unanimously accepted

Salmon Arm Community Bike Ride: Bike for Your Life Century Ride

- George Zorn and Pat Hutchins presented on the Bike for Your Life Century Ride
- The event has been going on for 20 years; there is typically a return to the community from the event of approximately \$30,000 through Second Harvest and to the Shuswap Trail Alliance.
- Ages that attend the event range from 3 to 83 with the median age being 50 - 55years. There are various categories of races ranging from a 10K childrens ride, to the 100k Century ride.
- At the event the Shuswap Lady Striders provide lunch and organize the entertainment
- Participants come from all over, there are about 100 Salmon Arm riders as well as others from Kelowna, Revelstoke, and other areas around.
- Online registration for the event begins in June
- There is a huge need for new coordinators to join the Bike for Your Life team. Coordinators are required to attend 3 meetings in May, August and a wrap up meeting in October. Without coordinators, the event may not be able to continue in subsequent years.
- Coordinators are welcome to ride in the event
- An option can be placed on the registration for the event for people to purchase a membership to the SCC
- There are vacancies in the following coordinator positions:
 - Publicity
 - Website
 - Setup/Cleanup/Entertainment
 - Sweep (following the riders)
 - Committee chair
- It is asked that the SCC put a call out to their membership base to promote the event and to ask members if they would be interested in volunteering for the event. George and Pat will send out information to David Major who can send out a mailout to members.

SCC Involvement

- a) Secretary: Tanja Hamilton has stepped down from her position as Treasurer, and Shelley Desautels has stepped forward to fill the role. It was asked if anyone would like to put their name forward as Secretary. Shelley will remain Secretary.
- b) Newsletters: Alan Journeau will be putting together a newsletter. It is asked that members send in write-ups, articles and photos of events to shuswapbike@gmail.com - he would like to get the newsletter out by January.

New Business

Volunteer Hours

Motion: Alan Journeau motioned that all members volunteer a minimum of 5 hours/fiscal year. Seconded by Chris Stromgren

Discussion:

- There needs to be documentation of volunteer hours and a process setup for tracking hours
- A write up needs to be completed which outlines approved activities, how the volunteer hours will work, and the mechanisms for volunteering.
- Adrian brought up the need to show an incentive to members in order for them to participate in the volunteer work

Motion defeated

- The issue on volunteer hours was tabled until next meeting.
- Shelley Desautels, David Major, and Adrian Bostok have volunteer to devise a plan for tracking member volunteer hours. This plan will be presented to the members at the January AGM.

Membership

- George Zorn made some suggestions on membership and advertising:
 - Send out an acknowledgement to those who purchase memberships with the club
 - Place ads in the newspaper to advertise various rides that occur in the Shuswap to promote the club to a wider audience
 - Place check boxes on SCC membership registration for people to show where they want to volunteer with the club (this already happens, but perhaps check to make sure all events are listed)

Insurance

- Chris Stromgren asked what are the requirements for members to be insured
- It is expensive
 - \$86/member - All members must be in
 - \$150/club
- Adrian Bostok had previously set up insurance for a previous bike club and said that it was \$3,000/year. This provides insurance and liability for all events, as well as covers director's insurance.
- Adrian Bostok will put together more details to present at the next meeting

Track Setter - Fat Bikes

- Jeff Navratil will look into new and used prices for track setters and make sure that they will work on our terrain. Will present at next meeting.

Date of AGM:

The next AGM is scheduled for 7:00pm on January 18th. 2018

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm