



Vélo Canada Bikes 2018 Annual General Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Sunday, September 9, 2018, 14:00 - 16:00 EST

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In attendance: Wayne Arrowsmith (NB), Yvonne Bambrick (ON), Richard Campbell (BC), Arne Elias (BC), Darnel Harris (ON) joined at 15:40 ET, Sara Kirk (NS) - minute taker, Michael McGoldrick (ON), Tegan Moss (ON) - treasurer appointee, Kimberley Nelson (AB), Karl Saidla (ON) - interim ED, Anders Swanson (MB) - VCB chair, Dea van Lierop (NL, previously QC), Kate Walker (ON), Fiona Walsh (BC).

Absent: Arno Schortinghuis

Guest members: Mark Cohoe (Bike Winnipeg), Keane Gruending (Board Candidate from BC), Leon Lebrun (Trails BC), Stuart Smith (HUB Cycling, BC), Sam K Vekemans (Bike Across Canada Route Network, Victoria BC)

1.0 Call Meeting to Order: 14.05pm ET

1.1 Quorum check (2 min)

1.2 Introductions (15 min)

Attendees provide an introduction via the chat box

2. Approval of the Agenda (2 Min) Kimberley Nelson/Tegan Moss - Approved

3. Adoption of the [Vélo Canada Bikes 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes](#) (3 min)

Yvonne Bambrick/Kimberley Nelson - Carried (1 abstention - Dea van Lierop)

4. Welcome and Report from the Chair - Anders Swanson (15 min)

Our biggest strength is our volunteer board members so on behalf of all members of VCB, thank you to the board. Also, welcome to Karl Saidla, interim ED.

Activities over the last year:

Policy - Developed a position paper on the Federal Role in creating a Bike Friendly Canada. Position paper was launched at the second National Bike Summit, held in Ottawa, May-28-29, 2018. We had a diverse audience attending the summit and speakers from Canada and internationally. Part of the summit included a lobby session, allowing participants to meet with their MPs to discuss the issues being raised at the summit. Some MPs also attended the Bike Day on the Hill ride and BBQ at the end of the summit. The summit impact report provides an evaluation of the event. Huge kudos to Kate Walker for taking the lead in organizing the summit, and Dea van Lierop and Kate for organizing the very successful lobby day. We were able to meet with around 22 MPs over the day.

Collaboration - we had greater engagement with Parliamentary All Party Cycling Caucus. Two key events took place, a breakfast event and an evening reception on May 28th as part of the summit.

Fundraising - we were able to engage a number of organizations in the 2nd summit, and we are now working on sponsorship for a 3rd summit in 2019. We have also developed Pedalling to Success, which outlines strategic partnership opportunities for 2018-2019.

New partners and supporters - we made a number of connections over the last year, several of which were able to attend the summit. Thanks, in particular, to The Cooperators for their support of the summit, SRAM, People for Bikes, Outdoor Gear Canada, Bosch, Heart and Stroke, CAA. We have more organizational memberships, which helps to support the work of VCB. We are always looking for supporters. Thanks to all who contributed in-kind support, like Nelson House, Manitoba, who supported Faith MacDonald to attend the summit.

New programs and cross country reach - EcoAction project provided funding for provincial/local initiatives across Canada (five member organizations participated). Cargo Bike championships (currently taking place in Toronto).

Media - Judi and Anders were on Cross Country Check-up and The Current, demonstrates our growing reputation as the voice of everyday cycling in Canada. Shout-out to Kimberley Nelson for her immense efforts in communications and marketing over the last year.

It's been a great year, these are only a few of the things that have happened. We also were involved in the Vulnerable Road User task force, which is moving into phase 2. Kimberley was

also involved in a provincial level debate on cycling. Judi, Dea, Kate and Anders drafted a budget submission which is on our [website](#)

5. Report/Comments from the Executive Director - Karl Saidla (10 min)

As many of you know, our ED, Judi Varga Toth, has been granted a leave of absence to run for office as a municipal councillor. We are delighted to have Karl Saidla as interim ED.

Karl's background is as a policy analyst with Heart and Stroke, and he also has a PhD that was focused on active transportation. Sees the need to continue to build on what has been happening, specifically to continue to grow the reputation of VCB and secure funding.

6.0 Financial Report - Tegan Moss (10 min)

Financial statement for fiscal year **2017.04-01 - 2018-03-31**

Tegan Moss extended a big thank you to Arno Schortinghuis who has retired and is currently enjoying a cycling trip. Tegan Moss is presenting the [Annual Financial Report](#) on behalf of Arno Schortinghuis. Motion to approve the 2017/2018 financial statements with the date of the Balance Sheet amended to March 31, 2018. Ingrid Larson/Yvonne Bambrick - Carried

As we have a projected income over the CRA threshold, we have appointed a bookkeeper, Ellen Ramsey, for the 2018-2019 financial year. Motion to approve the 2017/2018 finances without external audit or review engagement. (It was clarified that "unanimous" means those at the AGM) Fiona Walsh/Ingrid Larson - Carried.

7. Election of Directors - Fiona Walsh (20 min)

For a list of candidates and short bio's, please see:

[CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION](#)

Candidates' speeches/introductions (1-2 min each)

Election by vote or acclamation

Two board directors are stepping down - Arno Schortinghuis and Arne Elias. Fiona outlined the election process. There are five incumbent board members seeking re-election and three new candidates. There are eight board openings. Keane Gruending, as a new candidate, gave a brief overview of his candidacy. Fiona provided an overview of the two other new candidates, Michael Cranwell and Bill Franz. Fiona called three times for any other candidates from the floor. Hearing none, the eight nominations were presented for acclamation. Given that there were fewer candidates (8) than positions open (9), a motion was tabled to approve the five incumbent members by acclamation - Anders Swanson, Yvonne Bambrick, Ingrid Larson, Kate Walker, Sara Kirk. Moved - Tegan Moss, seconded - Kimberley Nelson. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made to approve new members Michael Cranwell, Bill Franz, Keane Gruending. Yvonne Bambrick/Richard Campbell - Carried. (1 abstention - Tegan Moss).

8. Thanks to outgoing board members - Anders [5 minutes]

Anders thanked outgoing members: Arno Schortinghuis and Arne Elias.

9. AGM Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. EST. Tegan Moss/Yvonne Bambrick - Carried

10. Cross-Country Check-in and Discussion (20-30 min)

- Anders facilitated discussion.
- Darnel first to speak. Spoke to the success of Cargo Bike Championships in Toronto with over 100 participants. EPIC member OGC was a sponsor of the event.
- Arne sent a proposal for a VCB advisory board and volunteered to support it in any way possible.
- Karl spoke about the EPIC club launch (Enterprises Promoting Interest in Cycling). Planning of the first meeting is underway, goal is to make partnerships with industry and demonstrate political ability. Milton Velodrome and Ottawa being discussed as meeting location options.
- Anders discussed general areas of VCB discussion. First, conversations about a 2019 National Bike Summit are underway. Second, cross country polling is something we are seeking funding for.
- Richard discussed motion before BC municipalities that will create pressure for Active Transportation Policy. Also working on a walk/bike conference in June 2019 (dates TBD, June 17-19 likely).
- Anders discussed FCM initiatives to support cycling
- Anders discussed new bike lanes in Manitoba. It's important to thank local MP's or tag them on Facebook or Instagram.
- Fiona mentioned that 2 HUB Cycling members, who were chairs of their Local Committee (HUB-North Shore & HUB-Surrey/White Rock) are running for their City Council (City of North Vancouver & White Rock). Mark Cohoe mentioned another in Winnipeg.
- VCB has supported the Icefield Parkway (Rocky Mountains)
- TCT is not officially part of the cycling routes, but we support trails
- Outdoor Research Council has been supportive
- "Shift" a film presented at the 2018 Summit, about work happening in First Nations communities, to encourage cycling. VCB wants to help FN communities, as we did for Nelson House, MB, after the 2018 Summit.