

**Minutes**  
**Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2007**

**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS**

**Present:** Jim Chapryk, Gord McGonigal, Rob Cosco, Tim Hunt, David Hubbard, Bev Peters, James Elmore, Anders Swanson, Ken Gerrard, Tim Brandt (and Daniel), Mark Cohoe, Kate Dykman, Gareth Simons, Don English, Molly McCracken, Ben Goldstein, Kevin Miller, Jeremy Hull, Curt Hull, Liisa Halstead, Jackie Avent

**Regrets:** Dave Elmore

\*\* Jim Chapryk ([jchapryk@mts.net](mailto:jchapryk@mts.net)), and Kate Dykman ([kitti\\_kate@yahoo.com](mailto:kitti_kate@yahoo.com)) would like to be added to the list serve; Tim Brandt (and Daniel) do not have internet access and would like to be telephoned at 452-0594.

**ACTION (Jackie):** put Jim and Kate on list serve and make a note to telephone Tim Brandt about upcoming meetings.

**2. SUNSET/Student Research**

Kate Dykman presented on the SUNSET student research group. SUNSET collects research topics in a centralized database, which students and professors looking for ideas can access. They are not a granting agency, and the research is done based on the interest of students and Profs, so may not be addressed for sometime (if ever). Work is generally done in terms – Spring, Fall and Winter. There is a benefit for both parties – we can have research done and it is quality controlled by SUNSET and the professors at the U of W. **See attached documents** for the list of subjects recommended by Bike to the Future, as well as some ideas from Jeremy Hull.

**3. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE –  
what happened today at City Hall?!**

Bike to the Future spoke at the meeting – to ask to be on the advisory committee  
Message came across very well – should get some media coverage from it – Bartley

Kives interviewed several cyclists

The implementation plan was passed – changed from “taken as information” to “positive recommendation”, which Anders says is positive

All councillors spoke positively about it

It goes back to EPC now, and then they make it action.

There’s no word as to whether we have a seat or not.

**ACTION:**

Rob will draft a letter together to go the EPC about being on the AT Advisory Committee

Kevin will talk to Phil Roadley about the MCA seat

**4. BTTF COMMITTEES**

**a) Governance** – see Governance Report attached

Bike to the Future is officially incorporated

We have a bank account

We have the first set of bylaws we hope to have approved at the first AGM next month

Have been doing a lot of work on the Wiki and face-to-face

Have taken RCM bylaws as a starting template, and then changed them to meet our needs.

There are 3 points that are worth mentioning:

- A) We are going to have 2 co-chairs instead of a president and vice president – they will have to put themselves up as a team
- B) Decision making process – we will work on consensus based approach (wording still has to be worked out), but if we can't work on consensus we will require a 75% approval in a vote
- C) There will not be an executive committee of the board. The whole board will be involved in all the decision making process

The bylaws are on the Wiki – [www.biketothefuture.org/wiki](http://www.biketothefuture.org/wiki)

The bylaws are open for comments for the next week or so, and after that the bylaws / governance committee will be meeting to finalize the draft that will be presented at the AGM – Please make your comments by April 15<sup>th</sup> so they can be circulated by April 17<sup>th</sup>. At the AGM we can make a motion to amend the bylaws if need be.

We may want to consider a mechanism for making decisions between monthly meetings. Kevin has been pushing for a decision making scheme via e-mail. This will get worked out as the organization continues to develop.

The Monthly Meetings will become Board meetings to facilitate the sharing of information and the consensus based, collaborative and inclusive model we've been using over the last while. Although we are incorporated with a Board we will continue to operate as we have been operating.

Standing committee representation will be essential on the board.

The board will be comprised of 12 members:

**2 co-chairs**

**treasurer**

**secretary**

**6 standing committee members –**

city

provice

communications/

membership

safety and education

fundraising and events

**2 members at large**

Subcommittees need to meet and elect a chair, who will then be approved at the AGM – it can be “chair” “liaison” “rep” “overlord of the city committee” - choose your own title! Date for the AGM has been set for **Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm – 7 pm with a bike ride to follow.**

Governance committee should come to the AGM with a nomination slate which the nominations committee brings forward at the AGM.

**ACTION:** Governance committee will develop a nomination slate to bring forward at the AGM. If you would like to run for a position on the Board, please contact Gord.

**b) Logo** – this is it – is everyone okay with that?

We need the logo – we’re using this...

Molly likes it, but wishes it was more stylized – lines smoothed out, her friend hasn’t done this.

Ben can try and smooth it up and will try and do some different versions of it, but even if it can’t be stylized at all, we will use the one that we have.

**c) Membership**

Form is still in rough state, but the idea is to have a card that can be used as a form with information on one side and a spot to fill in on the other side.

We need to form a Membership Standing Committee – anyone who is interested in membership should contact Molly or Jackie if they are interested in being on the membership committee – **the membership committee is meeting Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at 141 Home Street**

We need the form ASAP as we need to start recruiting memberships – our goal is to have it ready by Earth Day

First directors adopted the fee structure that had previously been established

\$5 low income

\$10 regular

\$20 family/household

\$40 organizational

**d) City** –

The highlight of our last month’s activities was our presentation to the Infrastructure & Public Works Committee regarding the Active Transportation Implementation Plan. (**See above item #2**) We basically gave it our full support & encouraged the committee to act on it as soon as possible. We raised a number of issues that we felt needed to be addressed; 1) that our expertise & experience would be very beneficial to the proposed Advisory Committee 2) that the Active Transportation Co ordinator needs to be a permanent staff position rather than a short term creation for a limited time 3) there is a need for far more public consultation than has been provided in the past information gathering process & 4) we need to develop a detailed action plan with funding included as part of the plan. We encouraged the Committee to act on the report rather than accept it as information only. Thanks to everyone who provided us with constructive criticism on such short notice.

We also have scheduled an upcoming meeting with the Public Works department (April 20 @ 1:00 p.m. 1155 Pacific Ave) in order to begin what we hope will be an ongoing positive dialog regarding future cycling infrastructure improvements. We will be meeting with Brad Sacher ( Manager of Transportation Engineering) & Roman Manastersky. We hope to gain some insight as to how public works is responding to cycling issues & to make them aware that we are interested in working with them whenever possible.

**e) Province**

Have a meeting scheduled with Ron Lemieux - Minister of Transportation for May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

If there is a provincial election we will call a special meeting to expand the provincial committee temporarily to re-do our questionnaire which made us famous in the civic election.

**The Provincial committee is meeting Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Wannabee's (West Broadway @ Langside) at 8 am to talk about strategizing for the coming while including naming a chair and making an action plan for when a Provincial Election will be called. Everyone and anyone is welcome!**

**f) Website/communications**

Interested in website or on website committee? Need to have a meeting. Ben will e-mail to get a meeting going.

**ACTION:** Ben will call a meeting

**5. AGM – proposed date May 10<sup>th</sup>**

An AGM committee needs to be formed to plan the AGM

**ACTION:** Anyone interested in being on the AGM committee, please let Jackie or Molly know.

**6. SAFETY AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE, LETTER TO MPI**

Jeremy, Don, Kevin and Curt have been meeting with MPIC and anticipate that we will someday contribute to safety courses and handbooks for cyclists and motorists. To prepare for this, we should start with a brainstorming evening where we discuss various real-world scenarios in the context of what the Highway Traffic Act says we are supposed to do, what we usually do in practice and what we feel the safest way should be. To prepare for this evening, we would ask people (maybe on the WIKI) to contribute scenarios that they have found themselves in but have been unsure what the safest approach would be. We will also explore what safety means to cyclists.

Kevin and Jim Chapryk will contact Howard Skrypyk about being involved with Bike to the Future and/or this committee in some capacity.

Idea is that we will have a "Safety Jam" to see how we would approach a given safety situation on our bikes – what do we say is the safest option, what does the highway traffic act say? – it would be great to have a date that Howard can attend and participate in.

Maybe our Fall event is a cycling safety thing?

**ACTION:** Kevin and Jim to contact Howard Skrypyk to see when he is available for "Safety Jam"

**7. EVENTS**

- a) **Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wellness Institute** – we have been asked to present at Earth Day at the Wellness Institute.

They write:

"I think it would be great to celebrate the day by doing an

environmentally friendly activity with an education component to it. So...What I was thinking is to give you guys the opportunity to come in and do a talk to our members about cycling as a great mode of transportation/commuting. Bring up some of the environmental concerns and the benefits of cycling for those reasons, some safety concerns and road rules to help those considering commuting on their bikes, and for those who already do. As well give info about popular routes (maps, web links, etc.) to help them in deciding how to get to where they want to go, and talk about where this hopes to go in the future and what the city has planned to help with that. Also to give people info on who to contact and what to do if they want to get involved with promoting it themselves. We are also thinking of having someone lead a bit of a ride after the talk to practice their new skills, and try it out."

At a Spring/Summer Strategizing Meeting (and Logo Jam) on Thursday March 1st, we discussed events and concluded that one way of attracting members would be to attend various events where many of the attendees would probably be current or potential transportation cyclists. This Wellness Centre event on Earth Day sounds perfect, especially since they've invited us.

Sunday April 22nd is only two weeks away, so we'd need to have our membership forms and procedures in place before then, and a few volunteers to attend the event to give the presentation (and sell memberships).

Who is interested in this?

**ACTION:** Anyone interested in helping with this should contact Kevin Miller or Jackie

**b) May 16<sup>th</sup> PACM Active Transportation Open House; and Ride of Silence**  
PACM will be holding an event on May 16<sup>th</sup> for people who are on the cusp of using AT to get around. There is a similar need for Bike to the Future at this event as with the Earth Day event.

**ACTION:** Anyone interested in taking this on should contact Jackie.

The Ride of Silence honours cyclists that have been killed or injured while riding. Those that know someone who has died on a bike wear a black arm band and those who know someone who has been injured wear a red arm band. The ride takes place everywhere in North America at 7 pm.

A lengthy discussion ensued about what "Bike to the Future" does on group rides. We don't have a policy on this. This is a broader discussion and was tabled for another date and time. In regards to our participation in and on the Ride of Silence, the consensus was that we will share information about the Ride of Silence (date, time etc...), but not take

on the planning of the event this year. We will keep it in mind in our planning for next year.

**ACTION:** Circulate information about the Ride of Silence to other listserves (Winnipeg Activist, Critical Mass etc...) and invite them to plan something.

- c) **May 27th ,Teddy Bears Picnic** – Jackie will probably have a table for ASRTS at the event, so if anyone wants to come and spend time decorating kids bikes that would be awesome. Also, any old recyclable items that can be used for decorating shoes or bikes would be appreciated.

**ACTION:** Contact Jackie if you want to help with the picnic and clean out your basements!

- d) **June 3<sup>rd</sup> Trails Day event / June 3-10<sup>th</sup> Commuter Challenge**

Rob Cosco is able and interested in leading some group rides from the Forks, but is concerned about liability. Janice Lukes may have some money available for getting some rides from the Forks on Trails Day insured.

## **8. TRAILS COMMITTEES**

- a) **Winsmart – Community Consultation and Open House – time and date TBA**

Trail has been moved – north part is the same, it will go to the west of bus garage on Osborne and down Argue Street and end up at Jubilee where Argue meets Jubilee – near Riverside

Meeting has been postponed, but we don't know until when. Jackie will send further information when it's received.

- b) **Marconi**

The Standing Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure will consider the linkage of Marconi, through St. Boniface to downtown. This is 100% due to our pressure and involvement. Way to Go BTTF!

- c) **One Green City**

Anders has received a \$1000 United Way Grant to develop a stewardship group for the North End and West End which is Commuter Cyclist specific.

There will be a Community meeting for the West End on April 18<sup>th</sup> at MERC, 480 Langside at 4 pm (See attached poster)

There will be a community meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> for the North End (time and location TBA)

- d) **Disraeli** – tabled

**There are still committees that need help, so please step up  
Contact Molly or Jackie if you are interested in being involved!**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** for those who can attend, but **priority is for attendance at the AGM on Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>!**

Both meetings are at the Eco-Centre – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 303 Portage Avenue from **5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**, but after the AGM we are going for ice cream (more details to follow in the coming weeks...)