

Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting
June 9, 2009 – 5:30 to 7:00 PM – Millennium Library
Minutes

Directors:

Present: Mark Cohoe, Curt Hull, Dave Elmore, Jackie Avent, Kevin Miller, Liz Erikson, Holly Poklitar, Jeremy Hull

Regrets: Karin Kliewer, Rob Costco, David Wieser

Members:

Present: Janice Lukes, Aphilath Vongnaraj, Guy Madill, Mark Wiehler, Janice Briggs, Brion Dolenko, Heather Morgan, Bill Newman

Regrets: Gareth Simons, Shannon Keys, Don English

Minutes recorded by: Mark Cohoe

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40; chaired by Jackie Avent

2. Manitoba Eco-Network Environmental Awards

Congratulations to Anders Swanson for being named as the recipient of this year's Individual award at the Manitoba Eco-Network Environmental Awards. Anders was nominated by Bike to the Future co-chair Kevin Miller, with letters of support coming in from the Winnipeg Trails Association, the City of Winnipeg's Active Transportation Coordinator, and the Manitoba Cycling Association. The award recognizes Anders' tireless commitment to cycling issues in our city. Way to go Anders!

3. Bike to Work Day

Curt Hull gave a report on preparations for Bike to Work Day.

- As of June 9th, registration stood at 648 and counting.
- To register, visit www.biketoworkdaywinnipeg.org
- We are still looking for volunteers to help out in several locations
- Volunteers are invited to a special volunteer appreciation party following Bike to Work Day
 - Half Pints Breweries have donated a specially brewed keg for the party
- Our \$2,000 commitment to Bike to Work Day has helped leverage an additional \$14,000 in donations
 - Advertising on a City of Winnipeg Downtown Spirit bus
 - Will continue to promote cycling for 6 months beyond Bike to Work Day
 - We may need to up our commitment to cover additional expenses
 - A motion was moved to cover any additional expenses
- You can pick up Bike to Work Day posters at Natural Cycle

Motion:

We authorize up to but not in excess of \$1,000 of additional funding to pay for Bike to Work Day expenses M/S/P by Jackie Avent/Dave Elmore/Consensus

BtWD Volunteer Opportunities

Oasis Captains

We need volunteers to act as Oasis Captains at the following Oasis'

- U of M
- Northgate
- Kildonan

Oasis Captains will need to pick up the gear in West Gate and food at Stella's and be at their Oasis setting up tents, tables, food, and swag at 6 am (for a 6:30 start) and stay for take down at 9. These people cannot be the wave leaders.

Other Oasis Volunteers

Northgate – 1 volunteer from 6:30-7:45, one from 7:45-9:00

Kildonan - 1 volunteer from 6:30-7:45, one from 7:45-9:00

Oasis Locations

Alter Ego Sports Oasis

Smart Park at the University of Manitoba 1 Research Road
(in front of Edna Fedya Restaurant)

Winnipeg Free Press Northgate Oasis

Northgate Shopping Centre 1399 McPhillips Street
(on McPhillips, north side of main entrance, beside storage POD)

Manitoba Public Insurance Oasis

Kildonan Crossing 1615 Regent Ave W
(Moxie's parking lot, Nairn at Lagimodiere)

Volunteer Appreciation Party

We need one person to manage the door at the volunteer appreciation party from 6-7pm.

4. Bus Rapid Transit

Janice Lukes gave an update on the status of the AT pathway to be included in the Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor.

5. Powers Street

North Winnipeg Commuter Cyclists (<http://www.onegreencity.com/nwcc.html>) will be holding a community vision and design session for Powers Street Bikeway Thursday June 18th.

Powers Street Community Vision and Design Session

Thursday June 18th, 6:30pm

West Kildonan Community Centre

346 Perth Avenue (just north of Powers and Jefferson)

6. Bike Shorts

Three Winnipeg films have been submitted for this years Bike Shorts film festival. We discussed the possibility of partnering with an arts group for the festival, or possibly holding it in conjunction with the fall forum.

7. Minutes from May 12th, 2009

The minutes from May 12th, 2009 were approved

M/S/P Jackie Avent/Mark Cohoe/Consensus

8. Disraeli Bridge Rehabilitation

Brion Dolenko updated us on the status of the Disraeli Freeway Bridges Rehabilitation Project.

- A newsletter highlighting the two proposed options for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge was release by the city in May (<http://winnipeg.ca/PublicWorks/MajorProjects/DisraeliBridges/DisraeliNewsletterMay09.pdf>). It is a summary of the consultants report on the AT Bridge options.
- Highlights of the consultants report
- The report contains a lot of the feedback sent in through various open houses, etc.
- It includes a suggestion for extension of the Alexander bikeway across Main Street
- Point Douglas residents seemed to prefer the attached bridge option over the separate span
- Request for Proposals have been sent out to three proponents
- Designs will be evaluated partly based on criteria from consultant's report, which were developed through the consultation process.
- Final submission are expected in late summer
- Contract is expected to be awarded in the fall of 2009
- Construction is expected to begin in 2010

9. Cycling Map update

Curt Hull gave an update on the Cycling Map

- Distribution is most important at this point.

10. Membership Committee report

Kevin Miller gave a summary of Rob Cosco's membership report.

- We have 209 fully paid members
- There has been a low uptake on free memberships from bike stores
- See the attached report for full details

Discussion

- It was suggested that we offer the stores stickers to put on their tills promoting the 15% discount. It would require no training, and would provide good publicity for us.

11. Provincial Committee report

Jeremy Hull gave a report from the Provincial Committee

- Presenting to provincial NDP caucus on June 24th
- Meeting Friday June 12th to plan for presentation

12. City Committee report

Mark Cohoe gave a report from the City Committee

- Attached.

13. Bike Fest

Mountain Equipment Coop approached us about participating in a bike focused festival this summer.

- <http://biketothefuture.org/events/archives/2009/06/15/bikefest>
- Rob Cosco has offered to provide a presence for BttF, and Jeremy Hull is also willing to help out.

14. Google Calendar for our website

Holly Poklitar has put together a Google Calendar for BttF's website; it just needs to be integrated into our website.

- Kevin will ask Ken Gerrard to look into doing something similar to what Climate Change Connection has done, and to give us a cost quote on his work.

15. Advocacy Brochure

Funding for our Advocacy brochure fell through. We decided to print them as we needed via the Manitoba Eco-Centre, reimbursing for the photocopying.

- Jackie will check with the Eco-Centre to see if this is OK with them.

16. AGM planning

Anyone interested in becoming a board member at the fall AGM should get in contact with Jackie Avent or Kevin Miller. There is also potential for someone from Bike to the Future to join the Eco-Centre board as our representative.

17. Financial reports

- Attached.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Membership Committee report – Rob Cosco

We have struggled somewhat with completing all the calls to renew memberships but so far have been able to increase our numbers up to 209 fully paid members. Some of us will continue to make appearances at a variety of events and the upcoming Bikefest sponsored by MEC. I will be speaking at the HSC. Wellness event on July 16th and will continue to educate and promote our activities. Many of these activities will at least provide us with the address' of many more cyclists to add to our monthly mailing list. I will be approaching Nathan Small who is co ordinating Bikefest to see if MEC and other Bike shops are interested in offering complimentary memberships to visitors to the displays at Bikefest. As the bikeshop idea of giving out complimentary memberships to the purchasers of new bikes has not worked, Bikefest may present an excellent opportunity. I have been working closely with Bill Spornitz to sort out a series of glitches in our database as we continue to improve and upgrade the capabilities. Many thanks to Bill who has had to adapt many of the upgrades that I have been asking for.

Please keep me informed of any upcoming events and opportunities to promote BttF and cycling in the city.

Provincial Committee report – Jeremy Hull

Delegation to the NDP Caucus

A meeting took place on May 26 to plan for the presentation to the NDP caucus on June 24. Those attending included Mark Cohoe, Lisa Scharf, Todd Andres, Jeremy Hull, Roger Suss, Beth McKechnie, Charles Feaver and Janice Lukes. Others have also been involved including Jackie Avent, Caitlin McIntyre, Gareth Simons, Mike Tutthill, Anders Swanson, Ron Brown and Curt Hull. At this point we have drafted an outline of a presentation focusing on policies, infrastructure and education and linking these to health and safety. A second meeting of the group is planned prior to the presentation, and we are also planning to distribute an advance "teaser" to let the MLAs know that we will be there and what we plan to talk about.

City Committee report – Mark Cohoe

Meeting with John Orlikow

I met with John Orlikow on Thursday May 21st. He has asked me to send him some ideas about alternate Ikea routes. John Bond had suggested looking into routes behind the stores which I passed on, and I think it's a very good idea and worth bringing forward.

It's possible that if the city was willing to shell out some dollars, they might invest in a flyover of Kenaston that went from north of Lawson drive on the east side of Kenaston to just north of the developments south-eastern exit. It looks like it would be easy to build a trail connecting to the Fort Whyte spur from there. It would require about 1km of trail plus the bridge (ballpark of \$500,000 new trail and \$5million for the fly over). The other option would be to use the closure of Wilkes and convert it into a trail south of the development. The downside to that is the crossing of Sterling Lyon twice since the existing path on Kenaston will be moved to the western side of the road. I will try and get some ideas to councilor Orlikow ASAP.

He asked about the Jubilee Overpass/Pembina Underpass plans, and said he will ask some questions about including AT in those projects. I have also put some questions in to Kevin Nixon (City of Winnipeg AT Coordinator), and he will also be bringing up some AT questions. We also discussed the BRT line and lack of connection it provides over Osborne and the CN tracks. He will be asking why the plans did not incorporate a bikeway through the BRT tunnel from the get-go.

Finally, he would like to set up an action committee that would be able to offer him quick advice on AT issues. I think it's a great idea, but finding the time for it will be crazy.

Downtown Bike Lanes

I spoke with Kevin Nixon (City of Winnipeg AT Coordinator) about the delay in getting bike lanes painted on Fort, Garry, Carlton Hargrave and Princess. The crews have not been able to get out because of the weather, but they should be able to get the bike lanes and sharrows painted as soon as the weather turns dry.

Rapid Transit Open Houses

Many members made it out to the rapid transit open houses that were held on May 25th and 27th. Gareth Simons in partnership with Winnipeg Trails Association and the Rapid Transit Coalition spearheaded production of an excellent pamphlet highlighting the gap in the pathway at the Osborne Overpass. It's available through our website at http://biketothefuture.org/attachments/0000/1080/sw-brt-corridor_mindthegap_flyer_2009-05-24.pdf He and Curt Hull have been managing our response to the AT portion of the BRT project.

Building the Network Open Houses

Workshops were held for the Eugenie/des Meurons, Assiniboine, Alexander/Pacific and McDermot/Bannatyne bikeways on Tuesday June 2nd. They were well attended and looked very promising. A further open house will be held Wednesday June 24th, 2009 to discuss the recommendations of the consultants, and traffic impact studies. Details are listed below:

Building the Network Public Open House
Wednesday June 24, 2009
Red River College, Princess Street Campus
160 Princess Street
4:00pm – 8:00 pm
CGA Manitoba Room
P-107 Main Floor



Income Statement - Apr 1 '09 to Jun 9 '09
Financial Statement

Account	DB	CR	Net
Revenue			
Donation	20.00		\$ 20.00
Interest	0.28		\$ 0.28
Membership	1,280.39	41.43	\$ 1,238.96
T-shirts	155.00		\$ 155.00
	1,455.67	41.43	\$ 1,414.24
Expenses			
Admin cost		113.55	\$ (113.55)
Conference	30.00	30.00	\$ -
Presentations	50.00	82.30	\$ (32.30)
BTWD		2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
	80.00	2,225.85	\$ (2,145.85)
Net earnings YTD			\$ (731.61)
Opening retained earnings			\$ 4,335.37
Closing retained earnings			\$ 3,603.76
	3071.34	4534.56	-1463.22

Note: As of Apr 1 '09 T-shirts had yet to recover \$1,237.64 of cost **T-shirt net:** \$ (1,082.64)

Note: Opening retained earnings includes **\$450 liability for July 25, '08 Scavenger Hunt grant**



General Ledger
Apr 1, 2009 to Jun 9, 2009

Date written	Bank Date	Acct	Payee	Memo	Ck#	CR	DB	Balance
01-Apr-08		Balance Forward						\$ 4,335.37
	16-Apr-09	T-shirts		3 x \$15			\$ 45.00	\$ 4,380.37
	16-Apr-09	Donation		ATM Deposit ASSINIBOINE CUWINNIPEGMBCD			\$ 20.00	\$ 4,400.37
	16-Apr-09	Membership		ATM Deposit ASSINIBOINE CUWINNIPEGMBCD			\$ 170.00	\$ 4,570.37
	30-Apr-09	Interest		Credit Interest			\$ 0.08	\$ 4,570.45
15-Apr-09	06-May-09	Admin cost	MB Eco Network	MEN Membership renewal inv#676	50	\$ 50.00		\$ 4,520.45
	06-May-09	Presentations	Curt Hull	StreetFilms shipping for Millennium Library videos \$45 USD	52	\$ 57.30		\$ 4,463.15
	07-May-09	Membership		External Deposit PAYPAL PTE LTD			\$ 393.04	\$ 4,856.19
	08-May-09	Presentations	Jackie Avent	Webinar cost	51	\$ 25.00		\$ 4,831.19
	12-May-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	?			\$ 10.00	\$ 4,841.19
	15-May-09	T-shirts	Jackie Avent	Deposit			\$ 60.00	\$ 4,901.19
	15-May-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	Deposit			\$ 260.00	\$ 5,161.19
13-May-09	28-May-09	BTWD	Commuter Challenge	Downtown Spirit Bus promotion	53	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 3,161.19
	31-May-09	Interest		Credit Interest			\$ 0.20	\$ 3,161.39
	02-Jun-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	Deposit			\$ 210.00	\$ 3,371.39
	02-Jun-09	T-shirts	Jackie Avent	Deposit			\$ 50.00	\$ 3,421.39
	02-Jun-09	Presentations	Jackie Avent	Honorarium for a safety presentation			\$ 50.00	\$ 3,471.39
	06-Jun-09	Membership		External Deposit PAYPAL PTE LTD			\$ 237.35	\$ 3,708.74
24-Apr-08		Conference		Journal entry - ck#12 stale dated	12		\$ 30.00	\$ 3,738.74
8-Jul-08		Conference	Planners Plus	To replace ck#12 - Oct'07 Green Conference	35	\$ 30.00		\$ 3,708.74
20-May-09		Membership	Rob Cosco	Membership card printing - Staples e90b18	54	\$ 41.43		\$ 3,667.31
26-May-09		Admin cost	Alain Foidart	Website Dreamhost inv# 319764-2009-05-13-6	55	\$ 63.55		\$ 3,603.76