

Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting

August 11, 2009 – 5:30 PM – Manitoba Eco-Centre

Minutes

Directors:

Present: Jackie Avent (meeting chair), Karin Kliewer (minutes recorder), Curt Hull, Dave Elmore, Liz Erickson, Rob Cosco, David Wieser, Holly Poklitar, Mark Cohoe

Regrets: Kevin Miller, Jeremy Hull

Absent: Anneliese Schoppe

Members:

Present: Shannon Keys, Gareth Simons, Janice Briggs & her husband, Mark Wiehler, Anders Swanson, Ted Mann, Guy Madill, others?

Regrets: Janice Lukes, Todd Andres

1. Approval of July Minutes

- Moved by David Wieser, seconded by Karin Kliewer, passed by all present

2. Representative on UofM bike/ped bridge (Jackie)

- **Sharron Bettess has volunteered for this position and has been endorsed by the board and membership.** She will connect with Bike to the Future to report. Thanks so much Sharron!

3. Remuneration for website (Jackie)

- Ken Gerrard would like to make the website easier to maintain. As he does this for a living, it seems fitting to pay him for his work.
- In November 2007 we received a \$2265 Sustainable Community Grant from the Assiniboine Credit Union to develop our website and pay for ongoing costs such as the annual hosting fee to Dreamhost and technical maintenance, but we've never actually paid for technical maintenance.
- Jackie proposed that we start paying Ken for his technical support for the website. This is a good idea, but it would be good to get a rough estimate (hourly or yearly) for this work.
- Jackie will contact Ken for an estimate. (completed August 17 - waiting to hear back from Ken)

4. Francois Legard Workshop on Saturday, October 17, 2009 (Jackie)

- The PACM (Physical Activity Coalition of Manitoba) Active Transportation Task Group is bringing Legard to Winnipeg to do a workshop on Social Marketing and Advocacy for Active Transportation.
- Bike to the Future is subsidizing spaces for people to go to this event. Whoever would like to go, who are interested in advocacy, please send your names to contact@biketothefuture.org.
 - Those interested so far: Dave Elmore, Rob Cosco, David Wieser, Karin Kliewer.

5. Fall Forum (Jackie) – VERY IMPORTANT!

- This is coming up in October. Last year we had a panel with members from the City, Winnipeg Police, the Province, and MPI.
- Do we want to do a fall forum again, when will it be, where will it be, and who will take leadership of this?
- It is important that we proceed with the forum; if we drop it for a year, it will be difficult to pick up again. This is a trademark for us!
- At the very least, it could be very simple, like an Active Transportation Open House. But it would be great to keep it fresh; how do we keep the attention of both citizens and politicians? The report should be stimulating.

- It would be good if films be tied into this event; could the forum be tied in to the Bike Shorts Film Festival – like a Friday night and Saturday event?
- ATAC or the Provincial Advisory Committee may be resources; this could be tied into a speakers' evening that Janice is organizing. We should speak with Janice to see if there is an opportunity to partner with her as part of the Fall Forum (Jackie has e-mailed Janice - August 18).
- We need a committee to work with this event; anyone interested in being involved please put your name forward. **THE FALL FORUM WILL NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT A COORDINATOR, SO WE NEED TO FIND SOMEONE ASAP!!!**
- We got a grant last year to hire a coordinator for the Fall Forum, we're wondering if this is possible. Perhaps ATAC could sponsor this? Having a coordinator would still require a steering committee.
- Perhaps we should have more than one target audience.

8. Bike to Work Day Report (Curt)

- The report has been posted on the BttF website on the *Advocacy Resources* -> *BttF Publications* page (<http://biketothefuture.org/design-for-the-future/bttf-publications>) under *2009 City of Winnipeg*.
- Financial pledges are almost in order, except from the City. Bike to the Future contributed \$2000 to Bike to Work Day. When accounts are squared away, Curt can either leave the money in the account as seed money for next year, or write a cheque from Bike to Work Day to Bike to the Future. It would work to have this as 'seed' money, because the City has already tendered an event planner for next year. As the BtWD account is a subsidiary of BttF's account, this will work out just fine.
- Curt paid out-of-pocket for the breakfast, and is still waiting for money from the City. **Dave Elmore put a motion to allow money from BttF's account to cover Curt's expense until the City pays. Passed.**

9. Committee Reports

- Financial
 - Attached
- Safety Committee
 - Nothing new to report
- Provincial Committee
 - Jeremy is on a long vacation
- City Committee
 - Attached. See details about BRT and Osborne Bridge issues.
 - Building The Network (City of Winnipeg bicycling infrastructure): See "<http://biketothefuture.org/news/archives/2009/08/12/building-the-network-city-of-winnipeg-bicycling-infrastructure>".

10. Bike Shorts Film Festival (Jackie for Don English and Shona Kusyk)

- This is underway and it's going to be great! Location and date are TBA (check our website) Anyone interested in helping out should contact urbansteed@gmail.com. Anyone with bike-related art or bike-related films should pass them onto the organizers at urbansteed@gmail.com.

11. Membership renewals (Rob)

- A lot of new memberships were given out and sold at the Habitat for Humanity Muddy Waters Ride this past weekend! (93 complimentary and 2 paid) We could have gotten more paid ones had we had a money float.
- We should do more of these events!
- We could send a note to the complimentary members, asking them to consider being a full member, and consider volunteering some time.
- We have received 6 memberships from Alter Ego Sports for the bikes sold. We have not received any from other bike shops.
- A table and a chair were bought by Ted to use at future events. He will hang on to these, and they will be available for us at a later time. Thanks, Ted!

12. Ciclovía (Dave Elmore and Anders)

- This is a go for Sunday, September 13; westbound Broadway will be shut down, and part of Main will be closed. A lane will also be closed on the Maryland Bridge. Coupled with existing Sunday Street closures.
- The City has agreed to pay for it, in cooperation with the Province.
- What can BttF provide? (Bike rodeo, skills clinic, etc)
 - Dave will work out what BttF can provide in addition to a membership table at this event, like bike repairs or printing a postcard – if people are interested in helping out with this particular aspect, please contact Dave at delmore@mts.net.
- **Extra volunteers needed: we need people on the planning committee, we need marshals at various spaces over a 14-hour period, and we need specific BttF volunteers.**

13. Donations from the Tim Hunt memorial (Jackie)

- BttF founding member Tim Hunt passed away on July 25th. Please see <http://biketothefuture.org/news/archives/2009/07/27/bttf-founding-member-tim-hunt-has-passed-away>. His mother asked us if donations could be made to BttF, but we don't have a charitable number, so Kevin contacted the Manitoba Eco-Network, who are a registered charity and therefore can accept the donations. They can't give us the donations, but they give us tremendous support, so it's good for the money to go to them. BttF was mentioned in the obituary. Some of donations were actually made out to BttF or to both BttF and the MB EcoNetwork. These cheques will be signed over to the MB Eco-Network.

14. BTAC grants (Jackie)

- Jackie has information on these grants - see http://www.btac.org/index_en.html.

15. Bike BBQ ride on August 29 (Jackie)

- Hosted by Mike Paktighan. See <http://biketothefuture.org> under Upcoming Events.

16. Habitat for Humanity Muddy Waters Ride (Ted)

- Things went well, and it was a good ride. We got lots of memberships at the finish line.

17. Osborne Bridge (Mark)

- See the attached City Committee report.

18. Sherbrook Street Festival on September 12 (Mark)

- Mark will represent BttF at this event.

19. Active Transportation Advisory Committee (Gareth)

- Things are going slowly. This month's meeting has been postponed.
- BttF is wondering what ATAC needs feedback on. We can definitely give this if ATAC asks for it.
- We'd like ATAC Coordinator Kevin Nixon to be more structured and visionary, and not so reactionary. (i.e. You should be talking about the budget before it happens!)

20. Cycle for Change ride on October 3

- See <http://biketothefuture.org/events/archives/2009/07/27/2nd-annual-cycle-4-change-bike-tour>. This is a fundraiser for youth.

21. Speak Up Winnipeg (Jackie)

- We can arrange to sit down with Ian Hall and make a formal submission. This could be as simple as a presentation of existing publications (from our Advocacy Resources -> Publications page: <http://biketothefuture.org/design-for-the-future/btff-publications>) with a cover letter. Collectively, those existing documents represent dozens of hours of BttF research/collaboration/writing/editing/publishing. Currently, they serve as a nice portfolio of information about BttF and cycling in Winnipeg/Manitoba, and they are motivating to current and potential bicycling advocates, but this is an excellent opportunity to obtain more payback from them while expending only a small amount more effort.
- The submission should speak to a Winnipeg vision for the next 25 years, and we should include action items for one, two, or five years.
- If this is submitted before the end of August, it will be used as part of an interim report. If not, it will be in the final report regardless.
- Mark will speak with Ian Hall and set up a date.

22. Ticketing of cyclists at stop signs (Jackie)

- Cyclists are getting \$200 tickets for rolling through stop signs.
- Question: Why do cyclists have to stop at stop signs. (It is legal in Idaho to use a stop sign as a yield sign and a red light as a stop sign.) There are a lot of arguments for this. (Kevin has created a *STOP sign as YIELD sign* page on our website to facilitate education and discussion about this issue, and there is also a legal opinion about this latest round of tickets: <http://biketothefuture.org/design-for-the-future/stop-as-yield>.)
- What can cyclists do? There is no sense going to court with this, because it won't get you anywhere.
- We *could* propose this as a change to the Highway Traffic Act. Right now, this may be too big a can of worms for us and we should wait but if we want to start a committee about this it might be OK. The time may not be right for us to press it unless it's within the confines of a specific committee. The issue is: Is this a good law for cyclists.
- Maybe the Safety committee could offer a workshop on safety that people can attend instead of paying their ticket.
- Our best bet is to try to get complete streets policies mandated by the Province. If and when the HTA is reviewed, then BTTF can bring forward the issues and best practices from other places. This could be something for the Provincial AT group to look at.
- We need more education, and this is still an issue. MPI and the Province need to step up in this area, and we are still waiting for this. This would build on a common desire to have good drivers, no matter what the vehicle.

24. OttoCycle still needs volunteers! Visit <http://ottocycle.org>.

Summary of Volunteer opportunities

- We need a committee to work with planning the annual Fall Forum. Anyone interested in being involved please put your name forward. **THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN IF NO ONE PUTS THEIR NAME FORWARD AND THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!**
- If people are interested in helping out with figuring out how BttF can be involved with the Ciclovía, please contact Dave at delmore@mts.net.
- Extra volunteers needed for Ciclovía. They need people on the planning committee, and also need marshals at various spaces over a 14-hour period. BttF also needs specific volunteers.

City Committee report – Mark Cohoe

Rapid Transit AT Strategy Meeting

A group of us met on July 21st to discuss options for the AT component of the Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor. Main conclusions:

- The capital project's timeline for the Osborne Street Underpass is currently unknown, so we will need to lobby to get this into the 6 year plan.
- We thought that building a bike path along Brandon Avenue between the current terminus of the WinSmart trail and the transit garage was not the best use of resources, and that this section could easily be replaced with a bike boulevard treatment.
- Cyclists will likely have to dismount going under the Osborne underpass.
- Along Osborne, the sidewalk is 109" wide, with the distance between the transit garage stairwells and the curb of Osborne being 145".
- It will be difficult to extend the River Trail between Brandon and Glasgow because of low land levels next to the river.

Osborne Bridge Strategy Meeting

A group of us met on July 15th at the Toad in the Hole to have an on-site look at the Osborne Bridge study and to discuss some options that may get considered. Key areas that we investigated/will look into further:

- Osborne/Assiniboine/Mostyn Intersection
- Linking North to U of W (through Spence) and York/St. Mary
- Osborne/Roslyn Intersection
- Osborne through Osborne Village
- Nassau/Warsaw Connection
- Linking with Assiniboine Bikeway

Please see "<http://biketothefuture.org/news/archives/2009/08/17/the-osborne-bridge---community-vision-and-cycling-design-discussion>".

Since this meeting, I have been contacted by Susan Freig, who is acting as a consultant on the project, and asked to be part of the Neighbourhood group taking part in the project study. The process will be similar to the process that was undertaken for the Disraeli Bridges project. Anders Swanson and I met with Susan Freig (along with Justin Lee) for an initial discussion that went quite well.

Osborne Bridge Rehabilitation Timelines:

2009 – Preliminary Design

2010 – Detailed Design

2011 – Construction

2012 – Construction

City of Winnipeg Spot Fixes

A second meeting has taken place to determine priorities for the 2009 spot fixes. I will keep the City List updated on outcomes.

City of Winnipeg 2010 Capital Budget

I hope to have the city committee begin meeting in August to get our 2010 Capital Budget process underway. I hope that we can make presentations on both the Capital and Operating budgets this year.

City List serve

The best way to stay in touch with the City Committee is to subscribe to the committee's list serve. To subscribe, visit <http://lists.biketothefuture.org/listinfo.cgi/city-biketothefuture.org>.



Income Statement - Apr 1 '09 to Aug 10 '09
Financial Statement

	Account	DB	CR	Net
Revenue				
	Donation	22.00		\$ 22.00
	Interest	0.28		\$ 0.28
	Membership	1,390.39	41.43	\$ 1,348.96
	T-shirts	610.00		\$ 610.00
		2,022.67	41.43	\$ 1,981.24
Expenses				
	Admin cost		165.00	\$ (165.00)
	Conference	30.00	30.00	\$ -
	Presentations	50.00	82.30	\$ (32.30)
	BTWD		2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
		80.00	2,277.30	\$ (2,197.30)
	Net earnings YTD			\$ (216.06)
	Opening retained earnings			\$ 4,335.37
	Closing retained earnings			\$ 4,119.31
		2,102.67	2,318.73	-216.06

Note: As of Apr 1 '09 T-shirts had yet to recover \$1,237.64 of cost **T-shirt net:** \$ (627.64)

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



General Ledger
Apr 1, 2009 to Aug 10, 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		\$235 Deposit			\$ 45.00	\$ 4,380.37
	16-Apr-09	Donation		\$235 Deposit			\$ 20.00	\$ 4,400.37
	16-Apr-09	Membership		\$235 Deposit			\$ 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	\$320 Deposit			\$ 60.00	\$ 4,901.19
	15-May-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	\$320 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	\$310 Deposit			\$ 210.00	\$ 3,371.39
	02-Jun-09	T-shirts	Jackie Avent	\$310 Deposit			\$ 50.00	\$ 3,421.39
	02-Jun-09	Presentations	Jackie Avent	\$310 Deposit - Honorarium for a safety presentation			\$ 50.00	\$ 3,471.39
	06-Jun-09	Membership		External Deposit PAYPAL PTE LTD			\$ 237.35	\$ 3,708.74
20-May-09	11-Jun-09	Membership	Rob Cosco	Membership card printing - Staples e90b18	54	\$ 41.43		\$ 3,667.31
9-Jun-09	11-Jun-09	Admin cost	Wpg Public Library	Monthly meeting - Buchwald room rental	56	\$ 51.45		\$ 3,615.86
	30-Jun-09	T-shirts	Jackie Avent	\$567 Deposit			\$ 455.00	\$ 4,070.86
	30-Jun-09	Donation	Jackie Avent	\$567 Deposit			\$ 2.00	\$ 3,617.86
	30-Jun-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	\$567 Deposit			\$ 110.00	\$ 4,180.86
26-May-09	03-Jul-09	Admin cost	Alain Foidart	Website Dreamhost inv# 319764-2009-05-13-6	55	\$ 63.55		\$ 4,117.31
24-Apr-08		Conference		Journal entry - ck#12 stale dated	12		\$ 30.00	\$ 4,147.31
8-Jul-08		Conference	Planners Plus	To replace ck#12 - Oct'07 Green Conference	35	\$ 30.00		\$ 4,117.31