

# **Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting**

**May 11, 2010 – 5:30 PM – Sport for Life Centre**

## **Minutes**

### **Directors:**

**Present:** Curt Hull (meeting chair), Karin Kliewer (minutes), Mark Wiehler, Mark Cohoe, Liz Erickson, Rob Cosco, Charles Feaver, Dave Elmore, Holly Poklitar

**Regrets:** Kevin Miller, Vicky Reaney, Jackie Avent

### **Members:**

**Present:** Anders Swanson, Jeremy Hull, Ron Brown, Philip Wolfart, Loren Brault, Mark Chan, Juanita Pomareda, Rowena Fisher, John Dunlop, JB, Don English, Maureen McKay, Meaghan Kusyk, Shona Kusyk, Lindsey McBain, Bill Newman, Glenn Stanley, Guy Madill

### **1. Minutes from the April Monthly Meeting**

These have been posted for a month at <http://biketothefuture.org/about/meetings>. Approved.

### **2. Reports: All are attached**

- a. Provincial: will work with a UofM Law School Pro Bono student volunteer on HTA Amendments
- b. Financial
- c. City: Civic elections are coming up soon. Some people are starting to think of strategies to engage candidates on cycling issues.
- d. Safety and Education: Can-Bike exams have been passed. Leisure Guide courses are full. There is a proposal in to MPI for a cycling safety program
  - i. Question (posed by an officer): There is training for cyclists, is there enforcement training available for officers too?
  - ii. If workplaces are interested in taking Can-Bike courses, talk to Dave Elmore at [safety\\_education@biketothefuture.org](mailto:safety_education@biketothefuture.org).
- e. Membership: We have renewed 65 new members through our membership drive! Thanks to Rob for organizing, and to all who volunteered.

### **3. Winter AT Snow Clearing -- Mark C.**

- a. At the Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, the current City Maintenance Director wants to get a winter cycling network in place before he retires this year. Those interested in drafting a document to make a policy recommendation were invited to stay after this meeting.
- b. It was suggested that we can include summer OttoCycle information in the draft policy.
- c. See <http://biketothefuture.org/news/archives/2010/05/19/winter-cycling-priority-routes>.

### **4. Bike Shorts Film Festival -- Don and Shona)**

- a. This is happening again (hooray!) in late September or early October at Cinematheque, for two nights this year. Don and Shona are working with sponsors as well.
- b. **Bike Shorts is looking for submissions:** Get out your cameras this summer! Deadline is early September.

### **5. Grant Writer position -- Mark W.**

- a. We have contracted Darren Grunau to write some grants for Bike to the Future
- b. We need to get together a "project plan". Some ideas were:
  - i. Bicycle Valet
  - ii. Education
  - iii. Research on unique bicycle transportation-carriers
  - iv. Continuing Anders' work (Bicycle User Group support, fall forum)
- c. Darren will call the Bicycle Trade Association of Canada contact person to 'test' these ideas and see which is most fundable.
- d. Rob will get letters of support from bike shops. Karin will write a template.
- e. Holly will be the collector of support letters.

## 6. Bicycle Valet

- a. Welcome back to David Wieser! He is back in town and wants to get the Bike Valet up and running this summer. He asked for start-up costs for a banner and other materials.
- b. The Bike Valet will be at Bike to Work Day, and potentially at a football game sponsored by MPI.
- c. It was decided that Bike to the Future will grant up to \$500 for the Winnipeg Bicycle Valet, upon provision of receipts and a project charter. We will begin with funding for a banner. Approval of expenses will go through the Co-Chairs and the Treasurer.
- d. David can talk to Dave and Curt about a project charter

## 7. Organizational/Business Memberships

- a. Recently, we've had some new memberships, and we were wondering if we include the members of the organization with the \$40 organizational membership?
- b. It was suggested that we could adjust our fee schedule according to the size of organizational membership.
- c. In addition, organizations who have joined us will be added (and linked to) from Bike to the Future's website.

## 8. Blue Bombers – July 24

- a. MPI is sponsoring the game for "helmet safety". This includes bicycles and motorized transport.
- b. There is an opportunity for sponsored Bike Valet
- c. If you attend, it was suggested you wear your Bike to the Future T-shirt.

## 9. Commuter Challenge

- a. May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>: **Remember to register your workplace at <http://resourceconservation.mb.ca!>**

## 10. Death of a City Councilor Bill Clement and hospitalization of City Councilor Harry Lazarenko

- a. It was suggested we send "thank you" cards to their families.
- b. Although we are saddened by the death and hospitalization of City decision-makers, it may be interpreted as being "politically opportune" to send a note at this sensitive time. However, if these councilors are in your ward, citizens are encouraged to send messages of condolence or get well cards if they see fit.

## 11. Bike Counts -- Jeremy

- a. Jeremy Hull is heading these up again this year. Thanks for all your work.
- b. Counts were higher in April, but lower in May. Cycling in Winnipeg is often weather-dependent.
- c. We got a community TV spot this year!
- d. More volunteers are always needed.

## 12. AT-ISP (\$20M of bicycling infrastructure in 2010) -- Anders

- a. We need a 'candy jar' of "good news" cycling stories and media releases. Send stories/ideas to [contact@biketothefuture.org](mailto:contact@biketothefuture.org).
- b. Consultations are continuing. Infrastructure work will hopefully start soon.

## 13. Regional Coordinators -- Anders

- a. Anders is working to get functional regional representation for BttF.
- b. Anders is tying up his contractual work with BttF. He asked for input on the best use of his remaining time.

## 14. Lane Fissures -- Rowena F.

- a. Rowena was just checking in about this infrastructure issue. Gareth was going to talk to the City's Active Transportation Coordinator Kevin Nixon about the way these are reported through 311, because Rowena was getting the 'run-around' from 311.
- b. There is no simple solution for these tough infrastructure issues, as they are usually addressed whenever a road is rebuilt.
- c. We can all start phoning 311 and emailing [311@winnipeg.ca](mailto:311@winnipeg.ca), to ensure staff establish proper reporting structures for cycling infrastructure.
- d. In the meantime, a 'Hall of Shame' photo exhibit will be set up. Send a photo and a short description of the worst examples of roads and other infrastructure from a cycling perspective to [hallofshame@biketothefuture.org](mailto:hallofshame@biketothefuture.org), and check out <http://wpgcyclinghallofshame.blogspot.com>

## Volunteer opportunities

- a. More volunteers are always needed for bike counts.
- b. Submit your short films about cycling to Shona, who can be reached at [madame.shona@gmail.com](mailto:madame.shona@gmail.com).
- c. We need a 'candy jar' of good cycling news stories and press releases. Send your story ideas to [contact@biketothefuture.org](mailto:contact@biketothefuture.org).
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- f. Volunteers to help out at various summer events where we will be promoting BttF.

## Provincial Committee report – Charles Feaver

### Proposed Highway Traffic Act Amendments (HTA) Status

- We received some feedback from a Winnipeg Police representative. We are still waiting to hear from the City.
- Based on police feedback, we propose to modify our recommendations as follows:
  1. Require any vehicle allow to a meter of clearance when overtaking a bicycle [no change. There is lots of precedent in other NA jurisdictions “three foot rule”].
  2. Where it is unsafe or impracticable to ride on the road, allow cyclists to ride on the sidewalk, provided that they yield right of way to pedestrians, give right of way at intersections and other traffic crossings. [Requirement to travel at walking speed changed, based on precedents in states which allow bikes on sidewalks]
  3. Add a parallel definition to the “pedestrian safety zone” (which is exclusively for pedestrians) to allow the creation of “active transport safety zones”, which would be for shared AT use. [No change]
  4. Modify the rule regarding positioning of cyclists on the road to allow pelotons of 8 or more cyclists to fully occupy a lane unless significantly impeding traffic. [based on precedent in states where riding two abreast is permitted]
- We will support the City's requests to get HTA amendments to support cycling infrastructure including bike lanes, cycle tracks, bike paths, bike boxes, pavement markings, bike specific signals, signs, etc. [At this point, city officials are not willing to meet with us to show us what they are working on.]
- We will engage pro bono law students to gather research on best practices in other jurisdictions, court findings and evolving common law related to accidents involving bicycles.

We discussed a number of other possible amendments, and concluded that these were the most politically saleable and most likely to improve safety for a variety of cyclists.

Next steps: consult with provincial, city and police officials for their advice and input, finalization of our position, going public and lobbying ...

## Membership Committee report – Rob Cosco

Our volunteers are in the process of finishing up on our April Membership initiative in which they have been calling all of our members with expired memberships and many of our complimentary members. Due to their persistence we have been able to add 65 renewals bringing our paid membership up to 370 individuals. A big thanks to all the volunteers who have made this year's initiative a great success. Our database has also been changed over to the Microsoft Access , and we are confident that this will keep all our membership information up to date.

I have one more initiative that will require much less work. I am looking for someone with some design skills to work on a one-page email poster that I intend to send out to all our paid members. We will also be looking for volunteers to help out at various summer events where we will be promoting BttF, such as Ciclovía , the Muddy Waters ride, and other cycling related activities.

## **City Committee report – Mark Cohoe**

### **Infrastructure Stimulus Projects**

The last of the open houses are now completed. See the Bike to the Future website for details.

### **Jubilee Overpass/Pembina Underpass**

I've been assured that there will be space for a multi-use path alongside the bus-way as it heads south towards the University of Manitoba. Also, it should be noted that Riverside Drive remains open to bicycle traffic during the construction (it's closed to cars at Jubilee). Together with the pedestrian corridor at the Pembina Hotel, this makes a decent detour.

### **Winter Routes**

We have been asked to come up with a winter routes network to help prioritize snow clearing. We will discuss the network during the May Monthly Meeting and continue discussion after the meeting to fill in details. Thanks to Anders for putting together an initial map.

### **2010 Civic Election**

With the civic elections now 5 1/2 months away, it is time to start thinking about our election strategy. Ideally, we will be able to replicate the candidate survey we did in the 2006 election and the candidate interviews we did in the River Heights by-election (at least in a few wards where we have the volunteer numbers to support the effort). We can determine an initial meeting time at the May Monthly Meeting.

## **Safety & Education Committee report – Dave Elmore**

As reported previously, the BttF Safety and Education Committee, along with the Manitoba Cycling Association and Resource Conservation Manitoba, was given approval for a "City Cycling" course run through the City of Winnipeg Leisure Guide. These courses are scheduled for May 15th and 30th with Dave and Curt providing instruction. Registration for these courses was very quickly filled, so it clearly shows a demand for cycling safety courses. In addition, similar courses are being offered to participants of the Commuter Challenge. These courses will be administered through the MCA office.

BttF, RCM, and MCA continue to work on a proposal for an on going public education and cycling safety program. This proposal will be submitted to Manitoba Public Insurance in the near future with the hope that they will fund staff and courses to:

- expand the number of qualified Can-Bike instructors in Winnipeg and other communities such as Brandon.
- provide public education through attendance at events and providing workplace/community group presentations.
- provide safe cycling courses for the general public.
- review and help revise driver education to include a better understanding of cycling.

If accepted, the program would be housed out of Resource Conservation Manitoba with one part time staff person providing the administration, coordination, and bulk of the community/public education. Cycling safety courses would be taught by a variety of instructors developed as part of the program.

Dave, Curt, and Jeremy have now passed the Can-Bike II instructors exam and are now qualified to teach Can-Bike II courses. At this point the intent of this qualification is to be able to bring other potential cycling safety instructors up to the Can-Bike II level so that they are then qualified to teach at a Can-Bike I courses. This then provides them with the qualifications to teach the safe cycling modules being sought in the MPI proposal. It is hoped to expand the pool of instructors from the current 3 to at least 10 to 12. BttF will be seeking potential candidates in the future.



**Income Statement - April 1 to 30, 2010**  
**Financial Statement**

	Account	DB	CR	Net
<b>Revenue</b>				
	Interest	0.16		\$ 0.16
	Membership	50.00		\$ 50.00
		50.16		\$ 50.16
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Admin Cost		50.00	\$ (50.00)
			50.00	\$ (50.00)
	<b>Opening retained earnings</b>			<b>\$ 8,866.64</b>
	<b>Net earnings YTD</b>			<b>\$ 0.16</b>
	<b>Closing retained earnings</b>			<b>\$ 8,866.80</b>
		<b>50.16</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>0.16</b>

**Note:** As of Apr 1 '09 T-shirts had yet to recover \$597.64 of cost      **T-shirt net to date:** \$ 597.64  
**Note:** Opening retained earnings includes **\$450 liability for July 25, '08 Scavanger Hunt grant**



**General Ledger**  
April 1 to 30, 2010

01-Apr-10				Balance Forward				\$ 8,866.84	
Date written	Bank Date	Acct	Who	Memo	Ck#	CR	DB	Balance	
30-Apr-10	30-Apr-10	Interest	ACU	Credit Interest			\$ 0.16	\$	8,867.00
30-Apr-10		Membership	Paypal	Membership \$\$ in Paypal used to pay Invoice 1112			\$ 50.00	\$	8,917.00
30-Apr-10		Admin Cost	MB Eco Network	2010 Membership, Invoice #1112. Paid through Paypal		\$ 50.00		\$	8,867.00