

Ganaraska Freewheelers

Annual General Meeting Minutes Saturday, October 2, 2021

Call to Order

Barb Spencer called the meeting to order @ 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed By: Barry Montgomery

Seconded By: Jennifer Brady

That the minutes of the November 9, 2019 Annual General Meeting be approved.
The motion was carried by all.

Opening Remarks

President Barb Spencer commented on the amazing turnout for the AGM on such short notice. Special thanks to Gail and Stephen for providing the beautiful location for the AGM and for arranging the delicious pizza. Barb expressed how lucky the club has been for the last year and a half – even if members were not riding, everyone has still kept in touch. Covid created a lot of additional work for the executive, such as the documentation to enable the club members to ride. The circle picnics have been a huge success and they still allowed the club to enjoy “fitness, friends and food”.

Barb noted that there was going to be some changes in the executive this year. She noted that she has one year left in her term and she wants everyone to start thinking about being a possible replacement. She encouraged everyone to think about executive positions in general.

Reports

Jennifer Brady presented the Treasurer’s Report. We currently have \$1,703.19 in the bank – our insurance this year is \$2,035.80 and Wordpress is an additional \$129.00. She noted that our membership fees should be enough to keep us afloat.

Proposed by: Gail Upton

Seconded by: Katherine Smith

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.
The motion was carried by all.

Peter Reitknecht, Vice President, reported on safety and insurance. Our insurance company is still Intact – this year they held our fees, last year they gave us a 20% discount. Our broker is W.B. White. Peter noted that the insurance company has been great to deal with especially during Covid.

With regard to safety, he noted that there had been no serious injuries in the last two years. All falls from bicycles have been at low speeds and generally a result of not unclipping. The clubs' riding behaviour has not gotten any worse, but there are still issues with members gathering and blocking intersections. He commented that the club members should improve on that and that they should make their intentions known when they stop at corners.

Proposed by: Mich Cabardos

Seconded by : Lilianne Denis

That the Vice Presidents Report be accepted.

The motion was carried by all.

Ride Co-ordinators

Sue Pott and Marshall Johnstone will be continuing on as Tuesday Ride Co-ordinators. Marshall reported on the past season – turnout of members at rides has been amazing. He noted that there is definitely a core group that attend most rides. The rides were able to start at the beginning of the season as they normally have, until there was a brief shutdown, but then they started back up again. He commented on how fortunate the club is to have Brian Hedney who has created so many maps for us. He also noted that there are many members of the club who at least support the club financially – even if they are unable to ride. Marshall also advised that there is already a ride in the planning stages for next year – it is on June 7, 2022 and it will be in celebration of Harold DeKleer's 90th birthday. Marshall said that we are a very lucky club and that it is a pleasure for him to be a member.

Katherine Smith reported for the Friday Ride Co-ordinator's. Katherine advised that she is stepping down this year and that Brian Hedney is also stepping down this year but has agreed to stay on for the first half of the season. Gail Lupton has agreed to take over for the second half of the season. Katherine commented that

no one got arrested at any of the Friday rides this year, and that sometimes members would just show up for the social part after the ride. She reminded everyone that the October rides were moving to Saturdays and that in the middle of the month there would be a ride from Newcastle.

Executive Position to Be Filled: Vice President, Secretary

Peter Reitknecht announced that he would be giving up the position of Vice President. Jennifer Brady nominated and Jen Poole seconded Lilianne Denis for this position.

Proposed by: Jen Poole

Seconded by: Katherine Smith

That Lilianne Denis assume the position of Vice President for a two-year term.

The motion was carried by all.

Brenda Smith announced that she would be giving up the position of Secretary. Jenifer Brady nominated and John Spencer seconded Tara Wilson for the position.

Proposed by: Sue Pott

Seconded by: Marshall Johnstone

That Tara Wilson assume the position of Secretary for a two year term.

The motion was carried by all.

New Business –

Barb Spencer suggested that we give some thought to doing a weekend ride in 2022 or even possibly doing the Petit Train du Nord. A committee would usually be formed to work on something like this – but she just wanted to put the thought out there to everyone and we can see what the new year brings.

Ruth Loudon, our webmaster, wanted to open up discussions on our website and Facebook. During Covid, members commented on the website as to whether they were attending rides or not – this also served as a good tool for Covid tracing. The website is a very important tool for the club, however Ruth is starting her tenth year as our webmaster and is looking to reduce the amount of work. She would like to keep the website as the main focus while finding other ways to distribute info. She thought that Facebook was a great tool and helped to eliminate some of the work. Almost all members are on Facebook, and if not, at least one member of a couple is. To be a member of the Facebook Group, you have to be a member

in good standing of the club. The website and member directory would still be maintained, but the focus of posting rides would switch to Facebook.

Jennifer Brady commented that it is important to educate any new members re the website and Facebook.

Sharon Lynn Weese noted that NHCC and Cobourg Cycling Club are both using “cycle club app”. Ruth Loudon suggested that they would compare this app to Facebook over the winter with the ride co-ordinators and that next year will be a year of experimentation. Ruth advised that she will remain on as webmaster for next year, but the main goal is to lessen her workload.

Sharon Lynn Weese offered to link the NHCC gps maps to the Freewheelers website. Barb Spencer and Ruth Loudon agreed to look into purchasing a club membership for the app “Ride By GPS”.

Lilianne Denis suggested establishing a committee to study all of the options with regards to apps, etc. Sharon Lynn Weese, Paul Buttamor, Ruth Loudon and the ride co-ordinators agreed to be on the committee.

Other Business

Gail Lupton acknowledged Ruth Loudon’s birthday with a gift and a delicious cake was enjoyed by all.

Adjournment

Proposed by: Jen Poole

Seconded by: Bess Fellows

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The motion was carried by all.