

Bike to the Future – 2012 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 5:30 PM
Sport For Life Centre

Minutes

Members present (34): Loren Braul (meeting co-chair), Tom McMahon (meeting co-chair), Kevin Miller (notes taker), Mark Cohoe (Executive Director), Dave Elmore, Curt Hull, Chris Chypyha, Charles Feaver, Bill Newman, Barrett Ens, Amanda San Filippo (Bicycle Valet Winnipeg), Anders Swanson, Jeremy Hull, Philip Wolfart, Bryan Goods, Jason Carter, Jim Falloon, Kaye Grant, Vicky Reaney, Kevin Champagne, John Anderson, Guy Madill, Jim Swire, Donna Swire, Maureen Peniuk, Val Cousineau, Jim Bromley, Maybe Drouet, Tim Lutz, Kevin Lunn, Jim Parker, John Wilmott, Caleigh Christie, Ilze Sops

Non-members present (2): Twila Pitcher (Manitoba Cycling Association), Terry Zdan,

Regrets (3): Liz Erickson, Nathan Wild, Sasha Amaya

1. Welcome & Introductions

- The AGM was called to order at 5:41 PM, and everyone introduced themselves.
- Kevin explained the purpose of an AGM and covered other meeting admin things.
- Tom's opening remarks:
 - Mark Cohoe was hired a month ago as BttF's first Executive Director. We are excited about the positive impact this will have on BttF. All BttF members have the right to ask Mark what he can do to help you to achieve our mission and vision, but Mark has the right to say he doesn't have time (only 10 hours per week). A challenge is finding the money to pay Mark beyond the next six months, so one of Mark's tasks is to find funding. We are accepting donations from all our members, and selling memberships to our supporters. See biketothefuture.org/get-involved/join-bike-to-the-future.
 - We have recently contracted a redesign of our website, but it has not yet gone live because there's much work to do loading current content and migrating historical content from our existing website. The new website is much more graphics-friendly and should enable many volunteers to contribute content. Existing website: biketothefuture.org
New website's temporary address: v4.biketothefuture.org
 - [Bike to Work Day](#) is the single biggest thing we do each year. It is managed at "arm's length" from BttF, and many other organizations make significant contributions to it, but it is very important to our mission.
 - [Bicycle Valet Winnipeg](#) is a project of BttF, and it is also very important to what we do and who we are.
- Mark is excited to be Executive Director. There have been major improvements to cycling in Winnipeg since 2006, but we still have a long way to go. There is a lot to do in terms of cycling infrastructure, and even more to achieve in terms of safety and education. Mark thanked [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) and the [Assiniboine Credit Union](#) for their financial support.

2. Adoption of minutes from the 2011 AGM on November 22, 2011

Motion to adopt the minutes (biketothefuture.org/about/annual-general-meeting).

Moved: Kevin Miller. **Seconded:** Tom McMahon. **Passed with consensus.**

3. Presentation of Directors' Annual Reports / Celebration of Achievements:

- **Safety & Education Committee:** Dave Elmore (report attached)
- **Provincial Committee:** Charles Feaver (report attached)
- **City Committee:** Mark Cohoe (report attached)
- **Bike to Work Day (BtWD):** Curt Hull & Dave Elmore (oral report)
 - Successes: The number of registrants increased from just over 2000 to 4000, and the number of Pit Stops also increased greatly, which is important. Many community organizations and non-governmental organizations came onboard to sponsor and/or operate Pit Stops.
 - To support BtWD on Friday June 22, we plan to have activities on the Monday to Thursday (June 17 to 21), which sort of results in a Bike to Work Week. We hope these activities (seminars, etc) will prepare new cyclists for BtWD by removing barriers to their participation.
 - We are planning Bike to School Week in May, and a [Winter Bike to Work Day](#).
 - Challenges: Funding decreased by a fair amount, primarily because MPI's 3-year sponsorship expired. We must have a balanced budget, but for 2013 we are currently \$7000 short of putting on the quality of event that we've had in the past.
- **Bicycle Valet Winnipeg (BVW):** Amanda San Filippo (oral report)
 - This was BVW's 3rd year: 21 different events, 11 organizations, 2200+ bikes parked, 24 active volunteers, 466 volunteer hours.
 - BVW is booking events for next year. It could expand operations if it had more equipment and [volunteers](#).

- **Winnipeg Cycling Map:** Curt Hull & Anders Swanson (oral report)
 - We produced our first map in 2009, and a major update was made in 2011. A reprint was needed for 2012, so minor updates were made. More minor updates and a reprint will happen in 2013, as will a “Bombers Map” (cycling routes to the new Investors Group Stadium). A mobile app will be developed someday soon.
- **Bicycle Counts:** Jeremy Hull (oral report)
 - BttF has organized bicycle counts at consistent times each spring since 2007, including on Bike to Work Day, in order to establish baseline counts and monitor trends in the number of cyclists at various “choke point” locations (bridges, etc).
 - There are ~30 volunteers who do the actual counting. Jeremy summarizes and analyzes the data and produces a yearly [report](#).

Motion to accept all reports. **Moved:** Loren Braul. **Seconded:** Charles Feaver. **Passed with consensus.**

4. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements

Kevin Miller presented the year-end financial statement – April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 (attached) on behalf of Treasurer Liz Erickson.

BttF received grants from [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) and the [Assiniboine Credit Union](#), and we received a safety and education contract from [Manitoba Public Insurance](#). Bicycle Valet Winnipeg was contracted by a number of organizations, including [The Forks](#), [Winnipeg Blue Bombers](#), [Red River Exhibition](#), and [MS Society](#). Bike to Work Day received funding from the [City of Winnipeg](#).

Motion to accept the statement. **Moved:** Kevin Miller. **Seconded:** Tom McMahon. **Passed with consensus.**

5. Election of a new Board of Directors

Board of Directors slate:

- Co-Chair: Tom McMahon -- is entering the 2nd year of a two-year term.
- Co-Chair: Jeremy Hull -- is nominated for a two-year term.
- Secretary: Kevin Miller -- is entering the 2nd year of a two-year term.
- Treasurer: Bill Newman -- is nominated for a two-year term. He just completed a two-year term as a Director.
- Directors (8):
 - Dave Elmore, Charles Feaver, Curt Hull, Chris Chypyha, Barrett Ens -- are entering the 2nd year of a two-year term.
 - Loren Braul -- is nominated for a two-year term. He was Co-Chair entering his 2nd year.
 - Kaye Grant, Jim Falloon – are nominated for a two-year term.

There were no other nominations, so the Board of Directors was acclaimed with consensus.

Thanks to the departing Board Members for their service to Bike to the Future:

Liz Erickson (Director 2008 to 2009, Treasurer 2009 to 2012).

6. Concluding remarks

- We’ve told the Province that there should be mandatory bicycling education in schools. We told the Public Utilities Board that some of Manitoba Public Insurance’s driver education material essentially tells drivers to squeeze cyclists off the road. We made many written and in-person presentations to provincial politicians and administrators this year. We’re disappointed that only one recommendation from the 2011 Provincial Active Transportation Advisory Group’s [Greater Strides: Taking Action on Active Transportation report](#) has been implemented, and that only two others are slated for implementation.
- A major achievement was creating a [Cyclists’ Bill of Rights](#).
- Tom thanked Kevin for being the best Secretary in any volunteer organization he had been involved with – well organized, and accurate and timely work.
- Tom thanked the Manitoba Cycling Association, in particular Jason Carter and Currie Gillespie, for their support, partnership, and collaboration during the past year.
- Tom noted that four cyclists were killed by cars in Manitoba this year, two in Winnipeg. Bryan Goods talked about the [Ride of Silence](#), which was held last May 16. 2013’s will be on May 15.
- Tom encouraged everyone to volunteer for Bicycle Valet Winnipeg and use its services.
- Whether or not you’re a “winter cyclist”, cycling on the river trails is an exhilarating experience. Try it!
- Tom thanked everyone for attending, with special thanks to Vicky Reaney (Province of Manitoba, Active Transportation Coordinator) and Terry Zdan (Province of Manitoba, Infrastructure & Transportation, Policy Consultant).
- Tom welcomed new directors Jim Falloon and Kaye Grant. He thanked all directors for their service. He observed that we only have one woman on our Board; we need to reflect the diversity of our society.

7. Call for adjournment at 7:00 PM

Moved: Tom McMahon. **Seconded:** Loren Braul. **Passed with consensus.**