

Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting

June 12, 2012 – 5:35 to 7:00 PM

Sport for Life Centre, 145 Pacific Ave

Minutes

Directors:

Present: Tom McMahon (meeting chair), Kevin Miller (notes taker), Chris Chypyha, Charles Feaver, Mark Cohoe, Bill Newman, Curt Hull, Dave Elmore, Loren Brault

Regrets: Liz Erickson, Barrett Ens

Absent: Shona Kusyk

Members:

Present: Rosanne Ritchot (Office Administrator), Amanda San Filippo (Bicycle Valet Winnipeg), Kevin Champagne, Anders Swanson, Currie Gillespie (Manitoba Cycling Association), Guy Madill

1. Welcome and Introductions

- All attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

- We approved the agenda by consensus.

3. Approval of Minutes from the previous Monthly Meeting

- The May Monthly Meeting minutes, which have been posted at <http://biketothefuture.org/about/meetings>, were approved by consensus.

4. Sharing

a. Good News!

- A story about Amanda and Bicycle Valet Winnipeg appeared in the Free Press a month ago.
- Dave is now a Master Can-Bike Instructor.
- At the [Wheely Fun Bike Ride](#), BttF received an “amazing contribution to the cycling community” award.
- At the Provincial NDP annual meeting, [Mark introduced a comprehensive active transportation policy](#) that would assure long-term funding to municipalities. It passed ... one vote short of unanimous.

b. Emerging Challenges: Nothing reported.

5. Monthly Updates

a. Finances (Bill for Liz)

- The Financial report is attached. We're a bit concerned that revenues are much less than expenses.

b. Administration

- Fundraising, Grants and Partnerships (Rosanne)
 - Tomorrow, Rosanne is meeting with Andrew Dunn of Mountain Equipment Co-op about *2012 Partnership Agreement* funding. ([MEC renewed it for 2012](#) at the meeting -- \$2000.)
 - If someone has a project to fund, please contact Rosanne so she can look into applying for a grant.
 - Tom mentioned that Philip Wolfart of Volunteer Manitoba can help identify grant opportunities.
- Membership (Rosanne): Nothing to report.
- Communications
 - Website Committee (Tom)
 - We met with David Pensato last week. He analysed our requirements. He and his WordPress developer are working on providing us with a roadmap and a suggested site structure (done). They are also discussing the best approach to getting us the most features possible for \$3500.
 - We have paid a 1/3 deposit to David.
 - Online Profiles (Rosanne)
 - Our followers increased by 35 on Twitter and 16 on Facebook during the past month.

c. Public Advocacy

- **Province** (Charles)
 - Charles' report is attached.
 - Anders explained his perspective of the Bill 3 / Bill 32 committee hearing.
- **City** (Mark)
 - Mark's report is attached.
 - We discussed the design of the recently installed baffles in Omand's Creek Park. The City is aware that cyclists see this as a nuisance, and that they may need to change this crossing treatment in the future.

d. Safety and Education (Dave)

- Dave's report is attached.
- We discussed ideas about partnering with community clubs and other organizations to deliver the City Cycling courses.

e. Community Bike Events

- Wheely Fun Bike Ride: There were ~5 cyclists on each of the satellite rides. 80 cyclists rode from The Forks to the Legislative grounds.

f. Bike Valet Winnipeg (Amanda)

- Amanda is working >30 hours per month. She's producing a "rights and obligations" document, marketing materials (business card, brochure), and a volunteer contract (with a waiver).
- BVW's past pricing was very low, so revenue is a concern, especially given that The Forks is now spending less on "green initiatives". (They did not contract BVW for Kids' Fest.)
- The Fringe Festival has approached us. This would be a big contract.
- Curt suggests that Amanda create a plan to migrate from volunteers to paid staff, and then use that to obtain operating grants.

6. Issues

a. Cyclists' Bill of Rights

- After weeks of discussion in hundreds of email messages and many drafts, we have a final version. **Motion** to approve it: Charles. Second: Kevin Miller. Approved by consensus. (See biketothefuture.org/commuter-cyclists-resources. Also, a Latest News item was created.) It will be presented at the Founding Meeting of the National Cycling Organization on June 25 from 8:00 AM to noon at the [Velo-City 2012](#) international cycling conference in Vancouver. A number of us are attending the meeting via Skype at Charles' house. [Contact Charles](#) for details.
- Idea: Launch it on Bike to Work Day with a media release. **Curt is the MC at the BtWD BBQ at The Forks, so he will announce it. Somebody needs to write a media release.**

7. Other Items

- A Lord Roberts community group has asked us to support their concerns to the City about traffic during construction of the new condo development. Given that this is not a cycling issue (directly or indirectly), we'll decline their request.
- The new National Cycling Organization needs a mailing address. Green Action Centre?
- Charles suggested that it should be mandatory for City staff and consultants who are involved in "traffic" planning to participate in the Commuter Challenge and Bike to Work Day.
- Charles read from the Coroner's Report into the death of three female triathletes on a Quebec highway near Montreal in 2010. A sleepy driver using cruise control was the fatal factor. Most of the coroner's recommendations are inane, and suggest ignorance of cycling. Charles then put this into the context of the two 2012 deaths of cyclists in Manitoba, including one on Hwy #12, and other cyclist highway deaths in the past few years. Tom says that we cannot contact the police and ask for charges to be laid against the motorist. We have [written to the Chief Medical Examiner of Manitoba](#), but we didn't even receive acknowledgment of receipt. Apparently, cyclists aren't important.

8. Upcoming Dates

- Next meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 5:30. Given summer vacations, will we have a quorum?
- Bike to Work Day is on Friday June 22. Please register: biketoworkdaywinnipeg.org

Pembina Underpass

Gareth Simons put together a wonderful information [flyer](#) describing the needs of cyclists and how each of the 3 options missed or met those needs. These flyers were handed out at the open house as a way to engage participants and inform them of our strong preference for option 3. Feedback seemed very positive, and turnout seemed to be strong.

Pembina Highway Buffered Bike Lanes

The [tender](#) for the buffered bicycle lanes along northbound Pembina between Chevrier/Cresecnt and Plaza Drive are now out, with a closing date of June 23rd. The expectation is that the contract will be awarded on July 9th, and that work will commence once the contract is awarded.

Omand's Creek Rail Crossing Baffles

A number of members noted work taking place on the installation of baffles at the rail crossing on the Omand's Creek trail. Apparently, these were deemed necessary by Transportation Canada. I have been meaning to contact Transportation Canada (I have a contact) to discuss this and see if it might be possible to create some other type of crossing treatment to improve safety at this location without hampering cyclists. A gate will be added to the right of the pylon in the photo shown to complete the baffle while still allowing access for maintenance vehicles.



We had a busy month.

As expected, Healthy Living Minister Jim Rondeau tabled mandatory helmet legislation, and as planned, we went to the media saying we wanted legislative action to make cycling safer. Our interviews were cut pretty short; we got air time, but we did not get our message out.

We collaborated closely with Jason Carter of the Manitoba Cycling Association to lobby on Bill 3 concerning school zones and Bill 32 concerning changes to the Highway Traffic Act respecting bike lanes.

We met with senior officials to make our combined pitch about 1 metre passing, 30 KPH zones, peloton/side-by-side riding, and setting out clear rules as to what municipalities can do in managing AT traffic. We got a polite hearing, but nothing beyond reassurances that we would be consulted on the regulations.

We took advantage of the committee hearings on the bills to get a chance to tell a key group of politicians about our issues (recommendations below). Unfortunately, they looked rather disinterested, and we got a polite thank you for showing up. Anders, Tom, Jason Carter, and I attended the hearings. I stayed to the end to watch what happened with the bills. Bill 3 passed without comment. When 32 came up, the PC opposition critic noted there had been a lot of criticism, and asked Minister Lemieux if he planned to do anything in response before Third Reading. He said "no".

Bike to the Future Recommendations on Bill 32

1. Amend Bill 32 so that "As close as practicable to the right hand edge or curb of the roadway" be stated in the legislation as the default rule, with exceptions to be defined in the regulations.
2. Make a firm commitment to consult us as key stakeholders in preparing any regulations that affect cyclists on Manitoba roads.
3. Amend the HTA section 114(1) to define "safe passing distance" as "at least one metre when vehicles overtake bicycles", in accordance with over 20 jurisdictions in North America that have established at least 3 feet or one metre as the safe passing distance.
4. An amendment or a regulation that allows groups of cyclists to ride occupying a single lane.
5. Ensure that local authorities can only exercise their powers within a well designed provincial policy framework, which specifically guarantees the right of cyclists to ride on any public road.
6. Amend this bill to clearly state the right of a cyclist in Manitoba to select the safest and most convenient route on public roads.
7. Implement a policy framework which guarantees the right of cyclists to ride on any public road.

Bike to the Future Recommendations on Bill 3

- That the Highway Traffic Act and its regulations be amended to encourage the lowering of speed limits to 30kph in broader zones, in order to ensure safe travel by foot and bicycle to schools, community centres and shopping areas.
- The Government should establish a policy framework that will result in a prevalence of low speed zones within residential areas, and on routes with significant pedestrian and/or cyclist traffic.

Agreement with MPI for Can-Bike training

The training of 12 new Can-Bike 2 riders has now been completed. All participants completed the course with the required grades to qualify as Can-Bike 1 instructors and meet the requirement to teach the MPI Cycling Champion trainer requirements.

MPI has now been invoiced for the final instalment of our fees. The next step will be to further discuss with MPI an ongoing program of training more instructors and possibly providing some of the Can-Bike 2 grads with the full Can-Bike instructors course.

MPI's Cycling Champion Courses

MPI has already set up 2 courses (June 16 and 23) that will be taught by the new Can-Bike graduates.

Bike Safety Video

No update on the development of the video. The first section which deals with helmets has been completed, just in time for legislation. MCA is still committed to complete this video and discussions with the contractor doing the work have taken place to see what it will take to complete this work. BttF will continue to be involved but at this point we are awaiting word on the overall direction of the development.

Leisure Guide Courses

BttF delivered one cycling course through the City of Winnipeg's Leisure Guide. This course was directed at those already riding or commuting. The beginner course was cancelled due to lack of registration. Discussions are on-going with the City as to the future of these courses and how to better make people aware that they are available.



Income Statement - Year to Date - May 2012
Financial Statement

	Account	DB	CR	Net
Revenue/Partnerships/Grants				
	Interest	1.12		\$ 1.12
	BTWD	20,000.00	20,000.00	\$ -
		20,001.12	20,000.00	\$ 1.12
Expenses				
	Admin Exp		510.27	\$ 510.27
	Part Time Admin		666.66	\$ 666.66
	BV Expense		120.00	\$ 120.00
	BV Admin		541.66	\$ 541.66
	Sponsorship		450.00	\$ 450.00
			2,288.59	\$ 2,288.59
	Opening retained earnings			\$ 9,127.83
	Net change YTD			\$ (2,287.47)
	Closing retained earnings			\$ 6,840.36
		20,001.12	22,288.59	-2287.47

Note: As of Apr 1 '09 T-shirts had yet to recover \$497.64 of cost **T-shirt net to date:** \$ -

Note: Opening retained earnings includes \$450 liability for July 25, '08 Scavanger Hunt grant. At the May meeting, it was decided to sponsor the WRENCH Wheely Fun Bike Ride held on June 10, 2012.



General Ledger
Fiscal Year to Date - May 2012

01-Apr-12			Balance Forward					\$ 9,127.83
Date written	Bank Date	Acct	Who	Memo	Ck#	CR	DB	Balance
10-Apr-12	17-Apr-12	Part Time Admin	Rosanne Ritchot	Monthly Payment	120	\$ 333.33		\$ 8,794.50
17-Apr-12	17-Apr-12	Admin Expenses	Rosanne Ritchot	Companies Office and Interview Exp	120	\$ 60.27		\$ 8,734.23
10-Apr-12	19-Apr-12	BV Expense	Sandeep Dhariwal	February, March & April equipment storage	121	\$ 60.00		\$ 8,674.23
10-Apr-12	18-Apr-12	BTWD	Bike to Work Day Wpg	Please see invoice sent to the City	122	\$ 20,000.00		\$ (11,325.77)
	10-Apr-12	BTWD	Liz Erickson	Deposit cheque received on behalf of BTWD			\$ 20,000.00	\$ 8,674.23
	30-Apr-12	Interest	ACU	Credit Interest			\$ 0.85	\$ 8,675.08
08-May-12	19-May-12	Part Time Admin	Rosanne Ritchot	Monthly Payment	123	\$ 333.33		\$ 8,341.75
08-May-12	16-May-12	BV Expense	Sandeep Dhariwal	February, March & April equipment storage	124	\$ 60.00		\$ 8,281.75
08-May-12	29-May-12	BV Admin	Amanda San Filippo	Monthly Payment	125	\$ 541.66		\$ 7,740.09
08-May-12		Sponsorship	WRENCH	Support for Wheely Fun Bike Ride	126	\$ 450.00		\$ 7,290.09
08-May-12	10-May-12	Admin Expenses	Mark Cohoe	APBP Webinar Registrations	127	\$ 450.00		\$ 6,840.09
	31-May-12	Interest	ACU	Credit Interest			\$ 0.27	\$ 6,840.36