



**Revelstoke Cycling Association
AGM
17th November, 2015
7 pm Revelstoke Community Center**

Agenda

1. Acceptance of Agenda
2. Acceptance of Minutes of 25 Nov 2014
3. Presidents Report - Danielle
4. Financial Report- Lindsay
5. Membership Report - Theresa
6. Downhill Committee Report - Danielle
7. Cross Country Committee Report - Richard
8. Report on Logging - Carol
9. Road Committee Report - Stuart
10. Racing/events Committee Report - Bart
11. Communication/Urban Trails Report - Tim
12. Election of Directors - Danielle
 - President
 - XC Director
 - Membership
 - Treasurer
 - Communications
13. Results of Silent Auction

Minutes of AGM 2014

Revelstoke Cycling Association AGM - 2014

Date: November 25, 2014

Location – Revelstoke Rec Centre, MacPherson Room

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Present (board members): Keith McNab (chair), Theresa McGeragle (minutes), Tim Auger, Stuart Smith, Richard Britton, Bart Jarmula, Andrew Clark

Regards: Lindsay Nelson, Danielle Backman

12 members present

Motion to accept agenda Tim Auger, Jeff Honig seconded, vote accepted

1. Acceptance of Minutes from Nov, 2013
Motion to accept – Matt Yaki, second Richard Britton
2. Presidents Report – Keith
 - Devin Jensen asked for more details about how much work was done by the trail crew and if there would be funding for next year, Keith and Richard summarized work done and said next year is dependent of finding funding.
3. Financial Report – Lindsay not present so summary given by Keith
 - Jeff Honig asked what is the total funds left in the bank, Keith said approx. 15K
 - Motion to accept financial statement –Andrew, Jeff 2nd
4. Membership Report – Theresa
 - Megan Tabor offered to help sell RCA memberships at her market stall
 - Brendan MacIntosh asked if we could have memberships ready to sell by Christmas, Theresa said yes
5. DH Report – Andrew
 - Trent Kappler asked if there was a solution to the road deactivation possibility, Keith says MOF has indicated they will take over the Boulder rd but not official yet
6. XC Report – Richard
 - Brendan asked where the proposed Salmon Rocks trail will be

- Jeff Honig asked if we had built any difficult trails (to go with the 25/50/25 split of easy to hard trails goal), Richard – No, we have 25% difficult trails currently
 - Jeff – Do we have plans to build difficult trails in the future, Richard - just ideas
7. RCA Response to Timber Harvesting – Richard
- This generated much discussion among the members
- Dave Biggin-Pound – Does road deactivation suggest the companies are finished logging, Keith/Andrew – only in the short term
 - Jeff – The open houses are good for sharing info but the logging companies don't seem very interested in the feedback
 - Keith – We need community initiative (like multiple groups focusing on the big picture) if we want to make a bigger difference
 - Carol Prince – Would like to see the RCA spearhead/be the community leader on this issue as the RCA is a strong, longstanding association in the area
 - Jeff – Have we been in talks with the city
 - Megan - The city is waiting on the results from this summers economic impact study which should give them a better picture and possible leverage
 - Devin – Suggested trying to get the stats for the money generated through XC skiing
 - Richard and Megan made the point it is very hard to quantify how many people you actually lose from harvesting
 - Jeff - This is part of a bigger problem with provincial land management and working with the logging companies is a short term and short sited solution
 - Keith – We are trying to push issue along with the upcoming open house, could try creating a land use committee, harvesting is planned for 2016 so we have a bit of time to organize
 - Bart – there is lots of interest in this issue but we need more man power to put more time into it
 - Trent – suggested a subcommittee
 - Jeff – suggested finding funds to pay someone to work on this further
 - Carol – suggested collecting a list of names of interested people
 - Jeff – would like to see steps being taken faster as 2016 will be here before we know it
 - Keith – the city and other users are invited to the open house in January which should bring lots of interested parties together. Also made a list for people to put names, numbers, and emails on after the meeting to discuss this further
8. Road Committee Report – Stuart
- no discussion

9. Racing and Events Committee – Bart

- Megan – Said she will be trying to host the 2015 BC Mtb Symposium here
- Carol - suggested a tricycle race (XC/DH/road)

10. Communication and Urban Trails Report - Tim

- Pat said he will help out with cpr and urban trails!
- Megan suggested more signage/publicity for the map app, Tim says in the plans already just waiting on android version to be ready
- Megan mentioned many people don't realize we have a donation box at Macpherson, could we do more to make it known, discussion followed with electronic bar codes, signage, stickers, trail passes being suggested

11. Election of Officers

DH committee nominee – Danielle Backman

-no other nominees x3

-unanimous approval

Road Committee nominee – Stuart Smith

-no other nominees x3

-unanimous approval

Race/Events Director nominee – Bart Jarmula

-no other nominees x3

-unanimous approval

Secretary nominee – Carol Prince

-no other nominees x3

-unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned 8:46pm

Presidents Report:

Well 2015 was a great summer to be a mountain biker in Revelstoke. Our trails were in great shape all summer thanks to the snow going early, rain just when we needed it and the work of our summer trail maintenance crew. Thanks to funding from the Revelstoke Tourism Infrastructure Committee and your membership fees this is the third summer we have had a trail crew maintaining our trails for us. I hope you all agree that it has been great to ride well maintained trails. We plan to hire a crew again next season to keep up the great work. Besides the trail maintenance lots has been happening in cycling in Revelstoke. Several logging companies announced plans to log around our trails this summer. The RCA Board spent considerable time in the spring and summer discussing the logging plans among ourselves, with RCA members, with the public at open houses, with the City and most importantly with the logging companies.

All the discussions were with the intention of minimizing the effects of the logging on our existing trails, keeping access so we can continue to expand our trail networks while allowing the companies to do their work. You can be the judge if our discussions and negotiations were successful in accomplishing those goals. Remember that the riding community and the logging companies have to work with the 'active forest' model of land use that the provincial government has in place for Macpherson, Boulder and Frisby areas which means we all have to work together to try to get the best use of the area.

Again this year we had local Toonie races for both XC and DH riders as well as road races. All the races were well attended and enjoyed by all. As you read this newsletter new trails are being constructed at both Macpherson and Boulder trail networks. An exciting new XC trail at Macpherson and what I'm sure will quickly become a very popular jump trail at Boulder. Check out the reports from the XC and DH directors for details of the great new trails that are being constructed for your riding pleasure.

The RCA was pleased to sponsor Wandering Wheels Martha Creek Makeover project. Matt Yaki from Wandering Wheels has been busy getting some much needed maintenance done on that important trail.

Keith McNab, President

Treasurer's Report

Attached

Membership Report

2015 was another good year for memberships. We had a total of 283 individuals, 2 youth, and 13 families sign up this year. The numbers are slightly up from last year which is great. Thanks to all the individuals who helped man the membership booth at the Saturday Markets, the [Glacier House Event](#), and the [NCES Bike Swap](#).

This year's membership money went towards the RCA trail maintenance crew and new trail construction.

We are about to start looking for more grants and monies for next year and this is always more successful if we have a large membership. Please remind your friends as I know there are still many Revelstoke riders out there who meant to sign up but have forgotten. The membership form is still live on [Zone4.ca](#) and costs \$30 for an individual.

Theresa McGeragle
Membership Director

Downhill Committee Report

It has been a busy year for the DH committee! On top of a five race Toonie series, we successfully secured funding for three big projects. In June, we started the construction of a picnic shelter in the Boulder Parking lot to complement the new outhouse and map kiosk supplied by [Recreation Sites and Trails BC](#). [Mubiks Construction](#) and DH committee volunteer Dave Pearson has been busy securing donations and finalizing plans to complete the build before winter. The project was kicked off with a grant from [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) and since then we've had donations from donations from [Mubiks Construction](#), [Rona](#), T & J Roofing and [Little Big Works](#).

In August our most exciting project began with the talented Rick Schneider breaking ground on the gravity trail that starts from the 6km spur road near Iron Lotus! This trail is shaping up to be amazing! It's a flowy trail with medium to large sized jumps and will be a tonne of fun for all riding abilities. Outside of bike parks, no other trail like this exists in the province so we expect it will boost the popularity of Boulder in the years to come! Huge thanks to the [City of Revelstoke Tourism and Infrastructure fund](#) and the [Columbia Basin Trust Community Development Program](#) for funding this project.

Finally, in September DBP Construction Ltd. won the bid to build a connector trail from the south side of Boulder. This trail will connect Rednecks Revenge, Snakes and Ladders, Iron Lotus and the new jump trail over to the Detention Center and the parking lot instead

of riding the road. Steve Scott from the DH committee has spent a tonne of time on layout for this trail and is working with DBP to get it done before the snow flies! This construction is funded by [Columbia Basin Trust](#) and [Recreation Sites and Trails BC](#) and huge thanks are needed to the [Initial Attack fire crew](#) for clearing the trail right-of-way before they ended their season.

Boulder also experienced some logging by [Stella-Jones](#), but with good communication and several site meetings, the impact to Iron Lotus and Rednecks Revenge was minimized. Iron Lotus still needs some work on the upper sections, but with enough volunteers we expect it to be ride-able this year or early next season. If you are interested in helping out, just send us an email– revybiker@gmail.com !

Danielle Backman
DH Director

Cross Country Committee Report

New Trail (currently unnamed)

A 1.3 km trail was completed at Macpherson at the end of October. The goal was to connect Richard Liqueur to the rest of the network at a root canal junction with an intermediate trail built at a more challenging spec. It starts part of the way up Root Canal, crosses the Nordic Trail, and runs above the newer Griffith Creek parking area, heads south paralleling the highway then joins up with Richard Liqueur. We would like to thank Recreation Sites and Trails BC and the Columbia Basin Trust for their financial support helping the RCA grow the Mt Macpherson trail network.

RCA Volunteer Days

Bridge work was the theme of RCA Volunteers Days this summer! Many bridges were updated on Tantrum, River Runs through It, Root Canal, and a few other trails. Hemlock Groove got some love early season trying to alleviate the drainage issues of the new connector section of the trail.

XC Maintenance Crew

Macpherson Lowers: SOB was extensively brushed, and drainages were cleaned. River run had an extensive brush. Lower Quarry was brushed, and down trees removed. Hemlock Groove had a B-line built in to a rooty section to give more options for riders, and drainages were improved.

Flowdown: The main parking lot was brushed to improve the line of sight from the cars heading towards the parking lot. The first section of the trail, starting from the parking lot, was raked, turns were re-established and “custom rider’s line” were closed. Drainages were established and improved on the lower part of the trail, just above the Tantrum intersection.

Ridge walk: The trail was raked and drainages established, specifically at Mountain Climb rd.

Tantrum: Drainages were a big problem at the intersection of the FSR road towards the end of Berm donor and Super Happy Fun. Several drainages were established and a “custom rider’s line” was closed.

Griffith Road entrance: Trees were brushed under the power to improve line of sight for the sign.

View Trail: Brushed from top to bottom.

Break a Leg: Brushed and drainages improvement.

Frisby Ridge: The cut block at the beginning of the trail was brushed. Mud holes, drainages and the general fluidity of the trail were improved. Two days were spent working on the 3.2k mud holes. Ditches and a rock bed were built to drain and improve the trail capacity to handle water.

Frisby Ridge

Frisby Ridge got a lot of riding during the wet fall season, and unfortunately saw some significant wear and tear. Trail Conditions Boards have been placed at both bike shops (for anyone to update with trail conditions, to get word out to riders about FSR’s and active hauling, trail closures for logging, volunteer closure for muddy conditions, etc.) We hope these boards will help to inform riders in their decision making process of where to ride. Rather than enforcing closures, the XC committee has decided to focus our efforts on getting real time trail info out to riders through our website, social media, Trailforks, emails to the membership, and through the trail info boards at the local shops. We are going to try this approach first before we move to closure signs.

Meghan Tabor
XC Director

Road Committee Report

The season kicked off with the spring twoonie road race series. Four competitive races were held with Kellen Viznaugh proving hard to beat. Riders and volunteers enjoyed a BBQ after the crit race in May.

Hosted group rides from spring to fall were sporadically attended and will be rethought for next year.

The RCA took on the organization of the Steamer in conjunction with Revelstoke Bike Fest and with amazing weather and strong support from local businesses; racers were well rewarded for their efforts. We plan to continue running the Steamer next year and

spread the word widely about our unique event. The wonderful re-paving work done by Parks Canada should help draw in more racers.

An Okanagan ride and social brought the season to an end.

Thanks are due to the many sponsors of road riding in Revelstoke. The 112 Restaurant again provided significant support of the twoonie races and Steamer. Flowt, Stoke Roasted, La Baguette, and The Modern provided draw prizes and post-race food for the Steamer. And Parks Canada are due thanks for supporting and hosting the Steamer. Volunteers too numerous to name kept the races running smoothly.

Stuart Smith
Road Director

Racing/Events Committee Report

2015 was another busy year for RCA events. We organized sixteen competitive events (7 XC, 4 Road, 5 DH) starting in April and extending through October. We also took on the organization of the Mt Revelstoke Steamer. Please see the Road and DH reports for specific details regarding those events.

Our XC events were split into a spring series which had 39 total participants (20-24 per race) and a new fall night series which had 17 total participants (11-15 per race). Overall our numbers were slightly decreased compared to previous seasons (we have averaged 30+). The DH races series had 34 participants this year, down from previous years (53 in 2014) even with a 5th race added. Stu Dickson and Lindsey Corrigan to the series overall titles.

We were successful in finding title sponsorship for each series (Arrow Helicopters, Flowt Bikes, and 112 Restaurant) which raised \$1400. This was more than adequate to cover our operating expenses for the races (licensing fees, signage, timing software, and race numbers).

Unfortunately we did not organize a year end ride due to lack of volunteers interested in taking this on. Hopefully this will return next year.

It was a quiet season in terms of local for profit events. The only event that was held on the Macpherson trails was Stoked to get Spanked (organized by Skookum). Unfortunately it appears that this event will be taking a hiatus next season unless someone else steps in

to run it. The BC Enduro Series is tentatively scheduled to have a Revelstoke event next season though.

Communication/Urban Trails Report

Pump Track

- Pump track plan were progressing with a clear commitment from the city however, if there have been meetings or status updates issued from either the city or project lead, Lorraine Blancher, the RCA has not been included so it is unclear how the project is proceeding.

CP & Trails in City Limits

- GPS data was gathered for roughly 50% of the CP trails. The area mapped was at the eastern end of the trail network. The data has yet to be overlaid with current and detailed property ownership information which must be obtained from the city.
- The city confirmed that it planned to pave/re-surface the connector trail to link the city to Mt. Revelstoke Park but the timing of that appears to have been delayed until fairer weather permits. This, in conjunction with the re-surfacing of the Meadows in the Sky parkway, should encourage road riders to head up right from town without contemplating pedalling on the TransCanada.

Facebook

- Our reach continues to grow and Facebook engagement is steady. Many posts about volunteer efforts saw higher reach than other posts due to comments and sharing.
- Post about logging at Macpherson and Boulder also saw strong engagement as in 2014.
- Facebook Likes have been increasing steadily (+140 in 2013 and +195 in 2014) currently up 249 to 757

Website

- Total website hits are comparable to last year but the profile was a bit flatter likely due to the early season riding and good fall conditions.
- Apart from our trail map image file the iTunes Trail Map App link saw more clicks than any other link on our page (842 clicks) and this year with the Android version available at the Google Play store we saw an additional 340 clicks - Webscorer.com (for race results) pulled in 520 clicks, and Facebook managed 474 clicks.
- Top page (after our homepage) was our Trail Maps page (5614 views) followed by Frisby Ridge (4471), Macpherson (2386), and Trail Conditions (1274)
- Google tops for referral with 14866 followed by Facebook at 3961. Notable referrers are the Globe & Mail with 135 and the Lamplighter Campground with 88 referrals.

Trail Map App

- Trail Map App 345 units sold since last fall - \$3.50 per unit
- Version 1.1 was released for iPhone to address some user interface issues.

TrailForks

- Using TrailForks.com widgets to provide trail conditions and notification of problems which any pinkbike.com user can modify or update - updates can include geo-tagged photos which will indicate the exact location of the trail problem.
- We have 3 regional admins established, Daryl Ross for XC, Steve Scott for DH, and Tim Auger as general oversight - these users can override/suppress/review content uploaded by the public.
- This has potential to be used in conjunction with the trail crew for uploading trail reports and status updates as well as our TTF inventory for our partnership agreement.

Tim Auger
Communication/Urban Trails Director