

Bicycle Nova Scotia Board of Directors
lola's boardroom
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Minutes

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Present: Alan Avis, Adam Barnett, Adam Berry, Ben Buckwold, lola Doucet, Susanna Fuller, Sherry Huybers, Madeline Lawler, Simon Myatt, Alan Scott, Zach Steinman

Regrets: Martin Austin, Adam Bowes, Keith Croucher, David Hales, Kimberly Hoffman, Jamie Lamb, Ryan Lindh,

	ITEMS	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTIONS/DECISIONS
1.	Bring to Order/Approval of Minutes	Susanna called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm. Minutes of the April 15, 2015 BOD meeting discussed. A run through of action items was made with everyone providing updates regarding their action items.	<i>Motion: Approve minutes with spelling corrections</i> <i>Moved by lola, seconded by Zach (Motion Carried).</i>
2.	Agenda	As circulated.	
3.	Budget Review and Sector Budgets	Susanna reported that she has assembled the sector budgets into an overall budget but needs to work on it more. Susanna reported that the H and W grant has been approved. Grant money includes \$148,000 from H and W plus S4S. \$14,000 for PRO funding from PASR.	<i>Action: Susanna to finish overall budget.</i> .
4.	Additional Grants and Fundraising	A discussion took place on how best BNS can optimize funding. It was decided that an Athlete and Coaching Development committee should be formed. Susanna reported on cell phone charging areas for cyclists being provided by Friends of the Environment. Dalhousie Management Without Borders have students to do work. NS Moves has a call for proposals/projects.	<i>Action: lola to find meeting date and place</i> <i>Action: Susanna to send info</i>

		Ben and Susanna are meeting with ACOA to discuss funding for the Blue Route.	
5.	Sector Reports	<p>See Appendix A for submitted sector reports.</p> <p>Allan Scott inquired about privacy issues with list of names for clubs. A discussion took place about whether or not there is a need for a list of names. Susanna suggested an organization category for Zone 4. Ben B. suggested that the Associate Membership on Zone 4 is the place for Organizational membership.</p> <p>Simon provided a brief update on grassroots, racer, and coaching development. Keppoch, Cyclesmith, TrailFlow, Pictou CC all requested funding for short track racing. Bike Monkey, Cyclesmith Junior Racing, and Ed Walsh requesting funding for racer/competition development. lola has been fast-tracked into Coaching Competition Development Stream. Three Let's Ride courses have been set up by Sherry.</p> <p>Adam Berry reported on Sportwheels building ramps behind their building for bikes and scooters. He also reported on Jam on the Ramps that will take place June 28 at Sportwheels. Adam is also planning a BMX event at the Garrison Backlot Bash as a fundraiser for the Ecology Action Center.</p> <p>Zach and lola reported on cyclocross by Lorenzo. Lola asked Lorenzo to send info.</p>	<p><i>Motion: To change on Zone 4 the Declaration of Associate Clubs to provide a list of membership names to a number count at the end of the year. Moved by Alan S., seconded by lola (Motion Carried).</i></p> <p><i>Action: Ben B., Adam B., Alan S., and David S. to meet and discuss Zone 4, types of memberships, and Oasis.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Ben B. and Simon to inquire about insurance for Adam's BMX event.</i></p> <p><i>Action: Zach and lola to follow up with Lorenzo on a number of issues in order for his cyclocross events to fall under BNS.</i></p>

		<p>Alan Avis wants to talk with BOD members to determine the best way to market BNS. A visioning and strategic planning session may help with some of Alan's questions. lola brought up the sponsorship idea again.</p> <p>Ben reported on the Blue Route and noted that Nova Scotia TIR are willing to implement 6 routes this year (4 roads and 2 trails). Ben suggested an overview presentation of the Blue Route.</p> <p>Madeline reported that REBA has had a number of events within each region.</p> <p>Susanna reported that a press release is being put out on senior women's events</p>	<p>Action: lola and Susanna to meet with Michelle Aucoin and ask about help with strategic planning.</p> <p>Action: Ben to be added to the sponsorship committee (see last month's minutes) and committee to meet soon to develop sponsorship program.</p> <p>Action: Presentation on Blue Route to be added to next month's agenda.</p> <p>Action: Madeline to provide sector report soon.</p>
6.	<p>Short Items: 10th Annual NS Bike Summit</p> <p>Medway Community Forest</p>	<p>The Summit is being held Oct 2 and 3. Susanna sent an outline of the Summit to the BOD.</p> <p>Sherry and Alan A. reported on the discussion of this land at the trails meeting. This trails committee talked about looking at the and first, finding out what resources are available.</p> <p>A discussion about how BNS helps enable others to be a part of cycling and help grow cycling. Ben suggested creating tool kits.</p>	<p>Action: Susanna to connect with Keith about making an investigative trip.</p>

	<p><i>Welcome Letters</i></p> <p><i>Website</i></p> <p><i>Biking in NS book</i></p> <p><i>4 topics brought up by lola</i></p>	<p>.</p> <p>Adam B. reported that glitches are being fixed. Send Adam any info you want put up.</p> <p>Adam B. met with John MacIntyre and Shelley Porter. They would like to partner with BNS to create this book.</p> <p>Suggestion to have those who post race photos, have them tag BNS.</p> <p>lola asked if BNS wants to be involved in the Atlantic Cycling Centre AGM in June</p> <p>Green Network Plan workshop (May 28-30)</p> <p>Sport NS AGM</p>	<p>Action: <i>Susanna to draft welcome letters to send to new members/clubs. She will send to Alan S.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Adam B. to continue to communicate with authors of potential book.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Ben to attend.</i></p> <p>Action: <i>Ben to attend.</i></p>
	<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting will be on Wednesday June 17, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m @ lola's boardroom.</p>	
	<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Susanna motioned the meeting adjourn at 9:01 pm</p>	

Submitted by: Sherry Huybers

Appendix A – Sector Reports

Road Competition

Things are going well on the Road Comp front. 117 participants at the Falmouth Flyer road race, very good numbers considering the long tough winter. The awards were presented in a timely fashion after the last of the racers finished. Full results were posted within 48 hrs. I have been assured that they will be faster for the next race as the computer camera interface is still being smoothed out.

Only concern was from a new (to racing) parent who expressed concern over having to wait for the awards until after adult races.

May 31st is the next road race (Ardoise) everything is looking good for the event and should prove to be an exciting and challenging new road course for those who participate.

All the best.

Zach

Events Coordinator

Things are going relatively smoothly on the events coordinator front - the only hiccup has been getting organizers to fill out the insurance application. There were also issues with the sanction forms and insurance applications not being sent to Sarah but Alan has since fixed that. Attendance at both the first road and first mountain bike event were excellent (Bruce almost broke 150 riders).

Cheers,

Martin

Mountain Bike Competition

A few quick notes thou...

I restocked the race kit and drove it to Truro for the race at Victoria Park. Sounds like the event was well attended! I have also received a request for information regarding qualifications for World Cup DH races from a rider at Keppoch, Andrew Mikkelson. He has had good results as a Jr at Canada Cups in the past. He does not currently have a coach or any trailing plan. What can we as BNS do to help him reach his goal?

Treasurer

this month I..

- attended a Tuesday evening Bike Again workshop
- volunteered with Adam Barnett at the MEC Bikefest gear swap day
- finalized my portion of the preparation of 2014 financials
- became employed at and will be road "racing" for IdealBikes
- became a BNS member

:-)

Kim

Co-President Iola

This month I..

attended meeting with Mark Richard (CKNS) and Tim Carroll about RAP employee Sarah Wood;

met with Andre Brison at Velo Max in Cheticamp and introduced myself and our organization;

attended a meeting for the North West Trails Association, in particular to become involved on a Board level so we would have representation when it comes to building trail. Was surprised to find out that the NWTA is being squeezed out of the equation. Not entirely sure where things go from here, but maybe Keith has an update.

met Velo Halifax's pres, Terry Walker, and got their Tour Schedule. (I haven't had a chance to upload it to the calendar yet. Their IT person is too swamped. :S)

completed a NCCP Coaching Course, and determined that we are dealing with much the same issues as others across this fair nation. Common themes are road safety (or lack of) and promoting women in the sport;

i became a BNS member. ☺

Co-President Susanna

And as co-president I

- explored some bicycle infrastructure in Amsterdam and Vancouver (we are way behind here, in case you didn't know) but can catch up!
- attended Blue Route team meetings and assisted in selecting the routes for implementation this summer
- attended meeting (by phone) with lola, CCNS, CKNS to discuss staff position
- followed up with Sarah on her willingness to continue working with BNS
- worked with Lynne Pascoe on developing the senior women's training and ride organization project.
- assisted (by phone) with the Women on Wheels event at the Deanery
- met with Amy Schwartz from Department of Health and Wellness on funding
- with Ben, submitted final proposal to DWH and received approval for this year (75K)
- worked with Blue Route team on website

Susanna

Recreation and Touring

Rec & touring has been assisting recreational clubs with registration and Oasis applications. There are still a few uncertainties about the proper registration procedure for the rec clubs, namely concerns about the clubs sharing their membership lists with BNS (this is a violation of privacy rules).

The Oasis insurance option is being well received and it's nice to see clubs like VCB and Velo Halifax joining. For 2016 we might consider increasing the registration fee a few dollars per person, that goes directly to BNS.

Apologies again for being absent.

David

Registrar

REGISTRAR REPORT, May 2015

Membership totals: With both the 1st road and mtb races completed, the big rush for race licences is now complete. See totals below, with 2014 as a comparison

Club Membership: Two new (possibly three) associated clubs have joined BNS for this year; ECMTB under Mike Phillips and Bedford Liv Ambassadors Club under Barry Meisner. The third club, Velo Cape Breton is still undecided as the executive do not agree to the declaration that is needed to be agreed to: the releasing of member's names on a monthly basis. This brings me to the next point below

Recreational clubs and Oasis: Velo CB objects to releasing the names of its members to BNS as it's in violation of their privacy act. David thinks that we should be able to remove this piece from the agreement with BNS and the recreational clubs, and provide BNS with a number list only. He believes that the reason BNS was looking for names list was to provide direct contact with their members to provide more information about BNS, including newsletters, etc...Ben will be providing more clarification regarding the initial reason for the names list. If the board is in agreement, we can look at two options.

1. Remove the requirement to provide BNS with a names list, and ask for a numbers list on a monthly basis
2. Have the names list requirement optional (as the existing associated clubs have agreed to this condition)

Zone 4 membership site: I have been in a fair bit of discussion with Adam regarding this membership site. We both agree that the site can be overwhelming for a first time user (I have seen this personally with the errors some applications have) and not very streamlined. Ideally we both would like to see the membership page broken up into three separate links. One for supporting members, one for general members and one for race licences. This way each link would eliminate a lot of choices each group would have to make, eliminating the chance of error and with less end user frustration. The creation of three separate reports is possible, but creates a big hurdle: all the data will be on three reports and they may be no way of consolidating them (need to verify this with Zone 4 support staff). An example would be the "road interest sector". Currently it's generated on one report, in the new way, it would be three separate reports. This would apply to any of the reports needed or available to the board VP's or clubs for their membership reports they have live links too.

Adam and I have also compiled a list of FAQ's for the BNS page to help answer the most common questions regarding membership. This will be posted on the BNS page under the membership section and will hopefully help streamline the process.

Mountain Bike Trails

Hello everyone,

Sorry for being late with this report. I was hoping to have the minutes from our committee meeting by now but I have enough for a brief Trails sector report.

We had a meeting on May 12th that was well attended (13 with 3 regrets). A committee was elected and all positions were filled. Regional reps were also elected but we're working on a rep for Fundy, and looking for a Cape Breton rep. We had several trail updates and action items as a result of discussions. Regarding the Medway forest; I will email them and introduce our rep from the South Shore (Antonio) who will invite them to a Lunenburg County Mountain Bike Association meeting for further discussions. The Avon Valley Mountain Bike Association will also be included.

Hoping to have budget approval tonight to move forward on a map of the Valley trails for "cyclenovascotia.ca". Also anxious for budget approval on co-funding a trail building academy with MRWA.

Thank you,
Keith

BMX

Hey guys, here is a quick update from the 20 inch side of life.

Sportwheels Sports Excellence is reviving their BMX club, with the help of myself and some other local riders. Sessions will be Thursday nights. First night is free. More info here: <http://www.sportwheels.ca/pages/park-nights-club>

Truro's Drew Bezanson continues his complete domination of Freestyle at Simpel Session, Estonia. Watch for him at Xgames and Dew Tour this summer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1PZLFwzNz0>

Cool Moves BMX is gearing up for another season of demos and ride days, check them out on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CoolMovesBMX>

Sportwheels will also be hosting a radical little jam on June 28th thanks to a Bike Week grant <http://www.halifax.ca/bikeweek/scheduleofevents.php#BMX>

Regretfully I've been much too busy with Making Tracks and my Freestyle BMX projects to delve into the racing side of things, but with all the culture we are building this year through freestyle, the future looks bright.

Cheers,

Adam

REBA

Hi everyone,

I have compiled a sector update for the REBA Committee.

I apologize for the seeming not totally present during the meeting. It is a bit tricky to participate over the phone.

Thank you for allowing me to take the position as VP REBA. I am so happy to be a part of a wonderful organization.

Enjoy the update!

General:

- Women on Wheels Senior Women's Cycling Project: Lynne Pascoe hired by BNS who is planning some rides through the Sheet Harbour and Musquodoboit libraries to engage senior women in cycling.
- Blue Route: Blue Route website set to launch early June. 6 routes have been chosen for implementation this summer, 2 (possibly 3) on trails and 4 on road. We have at least three more chosen for next summer (2016) and with a focus on the Cabot Trail in 2017. Blue Route is in the early stages of looking into federal funds, primarily for trail upgrades.
- Cycle Nova Scotia: 3 new maps will be completed in early June. REBA is also in the process of discussing a larger touring book project.
- Bike Week: BNS / REBA will be coordinating the Southwest Sunday Cycle in Halifax for Bike Week. To learn about the events check out: <http://www.halifax.ca/bikeweek/scheduleofevents.php>
- Heartland Tour will run in July for its ninth consecutive year and involves seven community events (Yarmouth, Bridgewater, Halifax, Truro, New Glasgow, Antigonish and Sydney). The purpose of the tour is to promote healthy lifestyles, especially regular physical activity, and uses cycling primarily as an activity almost everyone can enjoy. To join the tour you can learn more about the details at: www.heartlandtour.ca.
- Bob White has approached REBA to act as a CAN-BIKE liaison for BNS. CAN-BIKE Instructor Workshops are being held May 29, 30, and 31. Contact Bob White to learn more at bikebob@eastlink.ca
- HRM Smart Cycle Sessions: Coming soon! Contact Bob White for more information.

Velo Cape Breton:

- VCB's opening ride and BBQ occurred May 3. The ride schedule and other events can be accessed at: <http://velocapebreton.ca/>.
- Shelley Porter is concerned about children going against traffic on the shoulder of the road on a 100 series highway, out in farm fields - on motorized vehicles, i.e. ATVs and dirt bikes and one or two on bicycles.
- She also has potentially learned that Victoria County is contemplating suing the province because so much of that municipality has been designated protected land. She is not sure if this has been confirmed.

Shore Active Transportation (Eastern Shore):

- Hired a student to work on cycling for youth and adults in Porters Lake and surrounding communities as well as community engagement.
- *Cycling Tips for Eastern Shore* article printed in the Tourism Guide for the Eastern Shore.
- Partnering with Hope for Wildlife on family ride located on Blueberry Run Trail in Seaforth on June 7.
- Choose Your Own Adventure in West Chezzetcook on June 11: 30km loop around Porter's Lake with 3 options for adults.
- Thursday rides: Spring rides had good turn out with one woman who had not ridden before in many years.
- Hoping to partner with HRM as offers Making Tracks in St. Therese Community Centre in Grand Desert.

Sweet Ride Cycling (South Shore):

- First two Weekly Road Rides:
 - First: Great weather, well attended with 15 riders, of all ages and experience along with three new riders to the area.

- Second: Smaller, chancy weather, and busy work schedules played a role.

- Pony Power on May 17th: A women's mountain bike workshop hosted by Sweet Ride Cycling and Trail Flow in Mahone Bay. Attended by 6 women from the area and Halifax. Looking forward to hosting more in the future as there was great feedback.

Annapolis Valley:

- LifeCycle is a month away. Check <http://www.valleylifecycle.ca/> for details.
- Construction on the Greenwich section of the rail trail is expected to start in July and be done by September. Once completed, cyclists, walkers and runners will be able to travel from Kentville to Wolfville on a non-motorized trail.
- Plans continue for the 2015 NS Bike Summit, October 2-4. Plans include the Official Opening of the Greenwich Trail, a Pecha Kucha Cycle Social on the Friday evening, a children's bike rodeo, lots of great rides and much more.
- The Annapolis Valley Mountain Bike Association has just hired Kilya MacNeil as the 2015 Student Cycling Coordinator. Kilya is a 2013 Canada Games Cyclist from Cape Breton & Acadia will be on coordinating trail management, membership and club development, promotions and some cycling education.
- Trailflow hosting mountain Biking for the National Scout Jamboree here in the Valley in July.

Wolfville:

- Hired student, Katelyn Mansfield as a Special Programs and Events Assistant who is organizing Bike Month events that will include weekly "Cycling with Council" lunchtime rides and a number of events for commuters and children. She will work with Kaitlyn Bell, the ECOKings Sustainability Coordinator who will be focused on cycling and pedestrian education in Kings County through a partnership with Wolfville, Kentville, and Berwick, to include educational opportunities during Bike Month. Both students will work from the Community Development Department in Wolfville.
- Hosting the NCCP "let's Ride" coaching and leadership course May 21& 22: All summer staff and several local youth are taking the course as well as Adam Berry and Julian West.

- Banks Brigade Youth Cycling Team - all disciplines, for youth interested in cycling competitively. Contact SRead@wolfville.ca for more details.
- Multi-week Group Mountain Bike Lessons offered by Trailflow: For more information or to register please email clinics@trailflow.ca.

Madeline Lawler