

# Bicycle Nova Scotia Board of Directors

## MEETING LOCATION

July 8th, 2020

## Minutes

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**Present:** Susanna Fuller, Jeff Houser, Nat Bowlby, Jeremy Leblanc, lola doucet, Janel Hayward, Mary-Ellen Donovan

**Regrets:** Rob Carter, John Trites, Darryl Osborne, Andree Crepeau, Gaynor Ferguson, Shawn Marshall

**Staff:** Steve Bedard, Jon Burgess

	ITEMS	DISCUSSION POINTS	ACTIONS/DECISIONS
	Intro to new staff	Everyone introduced themselves	
1.	Bring to Order/Approval of Minutes (6:36 pm)		
2.	Action Items from May Board Meeting	<p>Jeremy was added to bank account</p> <p>Nobody got back to Steve about Policy Manual.                      😞                      Steve is going to resend.</p> <p>Para-bikes need a place to be headquartered. Darryl is also going to speak with his kid's principal. They can stay at Soccer Nova Scotia until end of August.</p> <p><b><u>Return to Play</u></b></p> <p>R2P is in keeping with provincial guidelines. Our R2R is with Ben now. There is one for the Office as well (need to sanitize hands and limit to 5 people at a time).</p>	<p><i>lola and Susanna – Go to Almon Street RBC and go in and sign docs to transfer signing authorities.</i></p> <p><i>Everyone needs to review Policy Manual and weigh in.</i></p> <p><i>lola to see if there is a para-rep for the CSC that Darryl can talk with about storing bikes.</i></p>

		<p><u>Trail Insurance</u> Susanna sent email to Vanda at NS trail federation about trail insurance. She is on sick leave, so Susanna will contact Heather (Stillwell).</p> <p>Alison is now rep on Board of Trails Federation. Susanna is the second.</p> <p><u>A/T plan</u> Susanna drafted letter of support for paved shoulders on Greenfield Road. It resulted in Wolfville A/T plan being updated and gave good outreach as well. The town now knows it has to work on shoulders from the highway to the town. Jurisdictional changes makes it confusing.</p> <p>Susanna is going to send Ben a card this weekend.</p>	<p><i>Susanna will follow up on trail insurance with Heather Stillwell. Steve will talk to her as well if he sees her.</i></p> <p><i>Ryan will gather info on IMBA/AVMBA trail insurance and get back to us. lola will email him to remind him.</i></p> <p><i>Everyone – send Susanna our farewell and good wishes notes for Ben and she will add to the card. BY FRIDAY NIGHT!!!!</i></p>
2.	<b>Standing Items</b>	<p>Alison is in Nova Scotia. In quarantine for now.</p> <p>Waiting on CCH responses on Grants.</p> <p>Bike passport, Ebike incentive program, webinar with Quebec and British Columbia. Will look at TIR for funding for webinars, on such things as Wayfinding guidelines.</p>	
	<b>Steve's Report</b>	<p>— Membership down 54%. Only 30% of comp have transferred over, but there are spikes when there were events (ie. Ride for Justice, Seaforth race).</p> <p><u>Merchandise</u> – 66 socks left. 8 reserved for virtual races.</p>	

Books – 440 at office. Sales on Registration shop on Zone 4.

**Website** – total demolished. Still working on it. A plugin was deleted last year and it was pretty important.

**Cape Breton** – we are holding provincial funds for improvements on A/T corridor btw Glace Bay and Dominion is being worked on. Deadline is to use funds by Oct 30/2020. Planning is stalled, but there is a Meeting on July 13/20

**East Preston A/T Plan** – part of group pushing for A/T plan and speed reduction. The Upland plan was split into 3 sections. 2 phases were adopted, but the 3<sup>rd</sup> is really where people live. Working with David Hendsbee to have speed limit reduced to 50 km/h.

Working on getting East Preston on federal A/T plan.

Have offered 5 bike racks to East Preston. Looking at doing a ride there w/ Community.

**A/T Plan**

5-spoke plan in Steve's OpEd

**Website:**

Everyone should access the subpage on our website for their sector and check it out. Let Steve know what's missing or needs updating.

1. Complete the Nova Scotia Blue Route by 2027, taking advantage of dedicated active transportation funding from the federal government and leveraging partnerships with provincial and municipal governments. This would result in a 3,000-kilometre network connecting communities, with a focus on rural Nova Scotia. It would be the basis for a robust asset to greatly expand cycle and adventure tourism.
2. Build and energize our cycling tourism industry. As COVID-19 restrictions start lifting, Nova Scotia must continue to encourage residents to explore our province by bicycle. Bicycle Nova Scotia has just published the definitive guide to cycling in Nova Scotia. We are eager to help promote cycle tourism and recreation in our province.
3. Adopt firm goals under the Sustainable Prosperity Act (formerly the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act) for increasing cycling as a mode of transportation to 25 per cent by 2030.
4. Dedicate five per cent of the provincial transportation budget annually to building cycling infrastructure. Without dedicated funding in place, Nova Scotia will resign itself to missing opportunities to boost tourism, to provide cost- and health-effective modes of transportation, and to meet our climate-control targets.
5. Conduct a baseline study on the current cycling economy, with a goal of increasing provincial cycling-related revenue by 200

		<p>per cent by 2025, and creating 500 new jobs.</p> <p>– NS Federation of Municipality has signed on to our 7 year A/T Plan (and Liked BNS's FB page)</p> <p>Meeting tomorrow w/ Gord Tate and Amy Schwartz to strategize over next steps. Petition the province to have TIR dedicate 5% of its annual budget to cycling infrastructure.</p> <p><b><u>Rec Focused Day Camp</u></b></p> <p>Sophie, the Summer student has worked at camps for years. Can't really get into the same thing that would be covered in HopOn program, but can look at things like learning rules of the road, bike maintenance, etc.</p>	<p>Steve to recirculate 7-year plan and budget.</p>
3.	<b>HRWC/Spider Lake</b>	<p>Meeting with Toni Mancini, HRWC, Mountainbike Halifax to discuss whether the organizations could work together. HRWC is concerned about people having access to the area, and maintaining control over how it is accessed. There is opportunity for BNS to step in as a steward to help manage the area.</p> <p>Still have \$10K, separate from Brunello that could be used to build capacity.</p>	

		Managing area, would be within our mandate but would need more capacity. Should create a committee.	
4	<b>Sector updates</b>	<p><b>Road</b> – Seaforth – 17 competitors.</p> <p>Cow bay will start next week and run for 2 weeks.</p> <p>Virtual race wasn't a lot of work, and now that the account is set up, should be really easy.</p>	
	<b>Co-vid</b>	<p>Legislation is pretty vague, but it looks like we should be able to have an outdoor event of 250 people with 50 participants on the field of play.</p> <p>We should share our position with our sub-groups.</p> <p>Could start looking at events.</p>	
5.	<b>Open Dialogue</b>	<p>Susanna really wants us to have our next 5-year plan in place by next year.</p> <p>We should go through the suggestions from membership that we collected at the AGM.</p> <p>One topic was paved shoulders. M-E thinks we should have a map with coloured areas that have been paved. Ask members to help us to build the map. Everyone who contributes gets updates. Prize of the Bike Book to who contributes the most. Paul Lafleche can be the one who gives out the prize.</p>	<p><b><i>Get one of the staff to work on the paved shoulders map. Involve TIR.</i></b></p> <p><b>Susanna or Steve, get login info from Ben.</b></p>

		Need to get access to Blue Route, Twitter, Instagram accounts from Ben. Should have been done in transition plan.	
	<b>Next meeting</b>	<b>September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:30</b>	
	Adjourn	7:58 pm	

**Submitted by: lola doucet**

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