

# Wascana Freewheelers President's Report

For the Year of 2022

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## Introduction

This year marked the start of a return to normal for the club. The previous two years had been defined by covid-19. The pandemic put serious restrictions on what we could do as a club. It controlled where we could travel to and the types of rides the club could offer. In 2022 we saw the beginnings of a return to normal and we were able to maintain a fairly reasonable schedule of club activities.

Club membership increased significantly from 26 paid members in 2021 to 45 in 2022. While we haven't returned to pre-pandemic levels of membership, the upward trend is welcome.

We were also able to fill 2 executive positions for 2022: vice president and tour coordinator.

## Events

Wednesday night rides started in May and continued through to the end of September. As always there were a handful that were canceled due to inclement weather.

The club also hosted a variety of weekend events. We returned to Riding Mountain National Park on the May long weekend. There was also a camping trip at Palliser Regional Park in September.

## New and Novel

An interesting note about 2022 was the regular participation of people with ebikes. As these types of bicycles are becoming more common we will likely see more of them in the club.

## Lessons Learned

The Cycle Club App and Facebook have done a reasonable job of fulfilling our communication needs now that we no longer have an email distribution list. The strength of these tools is they broadcast information to everyone. Therefore It is important that discussions and updates to club events happen in the app or on Facebook. This will ensure that everyone can participate in the discussion and have access to the latest details on what the club is doing.

# Thanks

As we look ahead to another year of cycling adventures I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the club. We succeed because so many people share their time and talents. The club executive makes all of this possible and their efforts are appreciated.