

Minutes of the AGM for 2024 – Held April 27, 2025 at Harmony United Church

Wascana Freewheelers Bicycle Touring Club Inc.

Attendees:

Members: Ian Toms, Jim Tenford, Jenn Tenford, , Cheryl Camillo, Kathryn Kelly, Geoff Ellis, Ian McIntosh, Velda Back, Nancy McGill, Jim McGrane, Dow Cooney , Patti Walker, Lou Schwindt, Rob Beug, Brenda Schuster, Loanne Myrah, Tamela Friesen; Rhonda Shondelmier., Arleene Arnold, Lee Lou Pitzel, William Wolf, Florence Michon, Cheryl Tuharsky, Judy Winchester, Joni Willfong, Gord Kerfoot, Brenda Ziolkowski, Bob Yee.

Honorary Members: Ron Keall, Velda Back (also an active member)

Non-Members: Mike Gillespie, Megan McGillivray, Noreen Heatherington, Rick Fox, Leslie Toms, along with a collection of guests whose names we did not record.

5:42pm

Ian opens meeting. Declares that under our Bylaws a quorum of members are present and the Annual General Meeting can proceed.

Welcomes the new members who have registered.

Recognizes honorary members, including Ron Keall and Velda Back who are in attendance. Also recognizes honorary member Marion Perry who is not in attendance.

5:43pm Ian Motion to approve agenda. Ian M. first, second Rob. All approved-carried.

5:44pm Approval of minutes of last AGM. Also posted on website. Motion to approve minutes—Velda first, Ian M. second. Carried unanimously in favor.

5:45pm Executive reports.

President Ian:

We hosted about 37 events last year. It was a very pleasant year with interesting rides. Most popular rides are the rides that have food, unsurprisingly.

Membership last year was 45, compared to 55 the previous year. A focus for this year is to attract new members. Ian has a number of old business cards—grab some and put them in your bike bag to give out to people you meet while cycling.

We will use CycleClubApp this year because it works well for us. The webpage is up-to-date but static.

He also thanked all ride leaders from past years and encouraged them to ride again.

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Announcement: Past President Geoff joined the SCA "Cycling for All" committee to represent our concerns.

Kitt offers motion to accept the President's report. . .Loanne seconded. It was carried unanimously.

Noreen mentioned that this is our 42 anniversary with the first meeting taking place at the Regina Public Library.

Bob Yee asked if there will be a Gone with the Wind ride this year. Ian T. said we would talk about it.

5:52pm Treasurer's report from Ian M. The report was posted online (although not signed, but the Executive approved it).

The club is financially solvent. The cash balance at December 31, 2024 was \$4,845.67 with no liabilities outstanding.

Primary revenue is the MAP grant (Membership Assistant Program grant-\$1284). Total revenues \$1,632. Administrative expenses were higher, over \$600, which has to do with Ian's saga of trying to order new paper cheques. The printer made multiple mistakes and charged us a couple of times once in error, the error was finally recovered. The bottom line is that the club lost \$531 for the year.

Noreen asked if we still had the club trailer. Ian T. said that it has no financial value and as such does not show on our financial statements. That said, the trailer is still functional and will be moved to Brenda & Rob's rural property so that it is not sitting at Ron's backyard any longer.

First motion by Ian: that the membership accept the financial statements for the year ending Dec. 31 2024, as presented. Arleene moved, Brenda is second. Carried.

Second: To waive the requirement for a financial audit of the financial statements for the year ending Dec. 31, 2024. Tamela moved, Velda second. Motion carried.

Third: Motion that the membership approve a waiver of the review engagement requirements for year ending Dec. 31, 2024. Lee Lou moved, Lee seconded. Carried.

6:03pm Report from Wednesday night ride leader Jim Tenford.

We had a full slate of rides; doesn't think we needed to cancel any. We typically had about 12 riders, but more riders would be great. We'll be looking for ride leader for every Wed. night ride—we start at 7 and go for about 18-20 kms. The theme is going out for a ride with your friends. Sign up via the QR code. The first ride is May 7. Rides don't have to start at the Leg.

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Tamela asked if there is any hesitation about leading riding? if so, she can do a mini CanBike safety class on a Sat. afternoon, sometime in May.

Loanne moved to accept report; Lee seconded. And it carried with all in favor.

6:08pm Jim McGrane provided weekend rides report. He thanked everyone who leads a ride. We had rides all but one weekend last summer. He will have more to say about it. Velda moved and Kitt seconded. The motion carried with all in favour.

6:10pm Ian announced that Peggy is stepping down as Secretary after several years and thanked her for her service. Kitt nominated Janice Colquhoun as a Secretary. Janice has accepted and Ian T. gave a brief bio.

Aso, the VP Position has been vacant, but Jim T. nominated Patti Walker and Patti accepted.

Slate of executives for 2025 is:

Pres: Ian T.

Past Pres. Geoff

Treasurer: Ian M. (who will step down at the end of 2025)

VPres: Patti

Wed Night Ride Leader: Jim T.

Weekend Ride Leader: Jim M. (he will step down after this year because. He's been doing it for a while).

Communications: Kitt

We voted for all position at once and it carried.

Ian T. clarified for Patti that these are 1-year terms. Executive may stand that for voluntary re-election.

Noreen asked about day rides, but Ian tabled the discussion for after supper.

6:15pm Motion to adjourn. Patti moved; Ron seconded. Carried unanimously.

The Chilli supper was excellent and thanks to all who contributed and helped with set up and clean up. Also, thanks to Jim for arranging the use of Harmony United Church. It is a perfect venue and saved the Club money as the rental rate at \$125 was about \$200 less than the City facility that we have used in the recent past.

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7:04: After the formal meeting, Ian T. convened a discussion of a few things. He discussed the issue with Sask Cycling's insurance coverage. Ian said that the new policy, to sanction all rides for insurance coverage, will require a first aid person and a defined route. The official sanctioning document has to be submitted six weeks in advance. Ian said that the Executive decided that we will do our best to have all our rides sanctioned. If a ride cannot be sanctioned due to timing or other issue members will be advised at the start of the ride.

Geoff and Ian have signed up to do the First Aid Course (May 3 in person) that SCA arranged hastily. Ian said that the club will ask the SCA to provide more First Aid training dates. Lee is also registered to provide first aid. SCA covers half of the cost of the first aid course. Megan is a (unlicensed) first aid instructor.

SCA is actively recruiting for an Executive Director. At the time of their march AGM, three of the six board positions were empty. Ian said that he does not think that there is wiggle room on the sanctioning process as of now because SCA is resource stretched. He said that the Regina Cycle Club is publishing a non-sanctioned ride. Ride leaders will be asked to provide their route as early as possible.

Jim said that if you are planning a ride, talk to Him about the dates and we will make things work. Willie is leading a ride on May 10th.

Kitt has set up a section on our web site that has an archive of rides maps and categories i.e., Wed, Weekend.

There are some Western Cycle rides and maps their website. Maybe some we can use.