

Wascana Freewheelers Bicycle Club
2017 Annual General Meeting

President's Report

The WFW cycling club year of 2016 proved most successful. It marked a change at the executive level with me, Gordon Kerfoot, assuming the role of president. I would like to congratulate and thank Barbara Shourounis for her capable leadership over the past 3 years. Barbara's excellent organization skills and careful record keeping allowed for a smooth transition.

The rest of the executive remained in their positions and fulfilled their various roles most capably, with the goal of promoting our club in the community and providing an enjoyable variety of activities for its members. I am most appreciative of each executive member and value the time they give and imagination they bring to the club.

I am pleased to note our club membership grew in 2016 to a total of 62, up nine from the previous year. Increasing membership continues to be one of our goals. The change to online registrations allowed for us to track membership information more thoroughly. Thank you to our marketing coordinator, Lourdes Ghazal for her work in publicizing our club through posters and announcements in various media. Our website manager, David MacNeil, has developed an easy to navigate site, allowing for the public to access and learn of the various activities of our club.

Our club accounting is managed most capably by Ian McIntosh. His professional skills are most are greatly valued. Ian noted our 2016 MAP grant receipts showed a decline due primarily to a decrease in ride expenses.

Weekly rides, particularly the Wednesday night rides (May-Sept.), remained very popular in 2016, and are at the centre of club activities. Our coordinator, Arleene Arnold did an excellent job of recruiting ride leaders at the Chili/Membership night held in March,. Arleene provided leaders with information packages of ride guidelines, sign-in sheets and incident reports. Several evenings necessitated 2 leaders as turn out often numbered 15+. Congratulations to all those who "pedaled up" to lead!

Our weekend rides were organized by Tamela Friesen. Since even Tamela was unable to control the elements, interest in the "Teddy Ride" last spring was dramatically reduced due to weather conditions. Members did, however, enjoy rides in Moose Jaw, White City, Lumsden, Regina Beach, GWTW, several highway rides, an off-road/backroads ride, and a loaded overnight tour. We are fortunate in having three of our members serve on the provincial GASP tour committee, a week-long, Sask Cycling ride, in which several club members participated. Independently, a number of club members made the trip to Ottawa in September to participate in a week long ride to the Kingston area organized by former Freewheeler Marion Perry.

Again, my thanks for a great season in the saddle!

Gordon Kerfoot (President WFW) , January 2017

