## Wascana Freewheelers Bicycle Club 2018 Annual General Meeting

## **President's Report**

The Wascana Freewheelers 2017 cycling season proved to be both enjoyable and successful for members.

The active participation in club rides and events of our members, (some 63 strong in 2017), and the leadership of our executive, ensured the club remained an attractive option for cycling enthusiasts in the Regina community.

A special thank you to executive members for their contribution to the success of our club. Each continued to fill his/her role with the best interest of club members in mind at all times.

Our annual Membership/Chili Night attracted former members, and potential new riders. Club posters were distributed around the city announcing both the Membership Night and Wednesday Night Rides. These, along with positive "word of mouth" comments to friends and acquaintances, continued to act as a major recruiting tool.

The Wednesday Night Rides continued to serve as the core activity of our club. Arleene Arnold coordinated members to lead rides, provided leader guideline material and follow-up report logs. Riders often numbered 12+, necessitating division of the group to ensure safety!!

Tour coordinator Tamela Friesen, encouraged members to participate in a number of weekend rides. The club's "Gone With the Wind Rides" were well received. Journeys to Lumsden, Moose Jaw and bedroom communities of Regina were enjoyed. As well, Tamela hosted a CanBike course for members.

Freewheelers had opportunities to camp and cycle on 3 occasions. VP Geoff Ellis initiated a May long weekend trip to Riding Mountain National Park. Barbara Shourounis organized a visit to Grasslands East National Park, and Tamela had members enjoying the foothills of Alberta on a loaded tour.

The annual GASP tour every July in Saskatchewan was well received by Freewheeler members. Don Wilson, Colette Forbes and Bob Cochran have played a very active role in the organization of the provincial tour and continue to serve as excellent Freewheeler ambassadors.

And finally, a number of Freewheeler members enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the union of two of our long time members in September. Congratulations Karen & Tamela!!

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Gordon Kerfoot President