

Wascana Freewheelers Bicycle Touring Club

President's Report to the Annual General Meeting 2019

I am pleased to report the Wascana Freewheelers once again enjoyed a most successful cycling season, thanks to the willing participation of members and the leadership of its executive.

Our membership at year's end was 66, and what was most gratifying was to see participation of many different members at the various events scheduled throughout the season.

The executive held 3 meetings throughout the season as well as our AGM. I wish to thank the executive for their valuable contribution to the club. They bring ideas and suggestions of rides and activities forward, as well as a willingness to "see them through". Special thanks to Treasurer Ian McIntosh and secretary Joanne Zepp for their record keeping, and to David MacNeil for his attention to our web site.

The annual Chili/Membership night opened the season in April. Thank you to Karen Hardy for the excellent PR materials promoting this important recruitment event, as well as executive members for providing the food, details and announcements of upcoming club events.

A "tire changing workshop" and general bike maintenance clinic was held for members in April, hosted by Tamela and Karen.

Our annual trip to Riding Mountain National Park on the May long weekend was capably organized by Geoff Ellis. The first camping opportunity of the year, along with both trail and road rides were enjoyed by several members.

Wednesday night rides were coordinated this year by Bianca Vigneux. So successful were they, that often 2 leaders were necessitated so as to accommodate safely the number of riders who turned out. Bravo to members for supporting this key event of our club! We experimented this year with once monthly starting points from a different area of the city so as to accommodate everyone.

Monday night fitness rides were held this year. Starting at various points in the city, members headed out town to the highways for the chance to ride longer and faster. Thanks to Tamela for initiating this activity once again.

Weekend rides were available as well, often to the bedroom communities surrounding the city. In addition the club held 2 "Gone with the Wind" rides which were well attended.

Ron Keall refurbished completely our club bike trailer. A big thank you to Ron for his work allowing the club to travel safely while transporting their bicycles!

Loaded touring was brought back this year thanks to Tamela Friesen and Karen Hardy's initiatives. Members enjoyed a 2 week trip from Jasper to Saskatoon. Great weather and scenery!!

Members participated again this year in the SCA GASP tour of southwest Saskatchewan. A great chance to be involved with other cycling club members from across the province! Thank you to club members who serve on the SCA committee for organizing this annual event.

An invitation was extended by the Saskatoon Cycling Club for WFW members to join them in their weekend tour of the Batoche area.

The September long weekend saw the club enjoying the sites of the Big Muddy Badlands. Thank you to Barbara Shourounis for her efforts in organizing this event.

And finally....our WFW Fall potluck held in November. "The eating club with a cycling problem". That's us!!!

Submitted February 4, 2019.

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President