

Minutes: Annual General Meeting of Red Deer Association for Bicycle Commuting Oct. 19, 2023

Attending: John Johnston, Ken Williamson, Pearl Franz, Tatiana Tilly, Bill Macrae, Greg Young, Greg Neiman

Regrets: Andy Lamb

1) **MOTION:** To accept minutes of 2022 AGM. Pearl/Bill CARRIED

2) **Financial Report** showing an opening balance of \$4,508.74 and closing balance of \$4,489.48 presented. MOTION: To appoint Grace Elgersma and Neil Kirkwood to complete financial review. Pearl/Ken CARRIED

MOTION: To accept financial review. Pearl/Tatiana CARRIED

MOTION: That last year's financial statement be accepted. Pearl/Greg Young CARRIED

3) **President's Report:** Communication with city planner Russ Watts: Going forward, any new road improvement projects will include accompanying bike trails where possible.

4) **Other business:**

a) Suggestion from members that RDABC support a policy of designating back lanes as bike paths, where it helps in creating a connected network of off-road bike routes. Liz Hagel had found research that utilized fire lanes as designated bike routes, which could work downtown. Also suggested that a utility corridor on the city's north side from 77th St to 67 St., leading to the fire lane behind Village Mall would also be useful, even if it could only be upgraded as a shale or gravel lane, as paving over a utility may not be practical. Meeting agreed these ideas could be brought up with another meeting with city officials.

b) A Bicycle School Bus idea was also presented for support by RDABC. Meeting agreed to have members approach school principals along with parent school associations to talk about possible school/parent group organizing a pilot project.

c) Painted lines on existing paved bike trails: MOTION: That RDABC will approach city officials to paint a centre line on selected trails that may contain blind corners or may be heavily used by cyclists, joggers, walkers, dog walkers, etc. Ken/Bill CARRIED

d) Discussion of cycle access to Penhold and Gasoline Alley. No action decided.

5) Election of Officers:

Nominations:

President: John Johnston

Vice President: Ken Williamson

Treasurer: Pearl Franz

Secretary: Greg Neiman

Board Members: Tatiana Tilly, Greg Young, Bill McRae, Andy Lamb

MOTION: To accept new slate of officers. Tatiana/Ken CARRIED

6) Bank Signing Authority: MOTION: That signing authority for RDABC will be held by Pearl Franz, Ken Williamson and Greg Neiman. Greg Young/Bill CARRIED

7) Motion: To adjourn. Pearl/Ken CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.