

Minutes of Annual General Meeting RDABC Oct. 21, 2021

Called to order 7:04 p.m. Bill Franz, chair

In attendance: Bill Franz, Pearl Franz, Liz Hagell, Neil Kirkwood, Greg Neiman, John Johnston, Danielle Carpenter, Jane Mueller, Yvonne Phillips, Brian Pincott (Vélo Canada Bikes).

1. **Adoption of 2020 AGM minutes:** MOTION: Bill Franz/John Johnston
CARRIED

2. **Financial Report:** For year ending Sept. 20, 2020:

Opening balance: \$4573.30

Closing balance: \$5383.08

Notes: eight new memberships paid; 45 cutlery sets sold, donation of \$425 and helmet lock; grant from FCSS of \$3,850; insurance paid of \$1225.70 plus membership to Rural Municipalities Association of \$204.75; two-year web registry paid. Grace Elgersma and Neil Kirkwood completed the audit. Bill reported that at a previous Board meeting it was decided not to renew our insurance policy, as we have no plans for a community event that would require it. There will be a sum of money to return to FCSS that was unspent on our community events in the last year, as that grant was dedicated to expenses on these events.

MOTION: to appoint Grace and Neil to do our next audit. Bill Franz/John Johnston CARRIED

MOTION: to approve financial report. Bill Franz/John Johnston CARRIED

3. **Canada Healthy Communities Initiative:** Bill reported that Liz volunteered to lead the local committee. The committee decided to focus on applying for a grant for bike parking, which had support from city parks and engineering departments. The grant application was for \$170,000, but was not approved.

4. **PedalPoll:** Red Deer was among 14 Pilot Cities for the national poll, which ended with more than 1,000 polling stations reporting nationally. Brian Pincott shared preliminary results for Red Deer polling which showed our city had a slightly better male/female balance among riders at 62/34 gender split. 25%

of riders polled were children, with seniors at 9%. Poll results showed Red Deer had a larger Caucasian representation at 87% versus 74% nationally. Final reporting is still being completed.

5. **National Active Transportation Strategy:** Strategy was launched in July. Brian reported Vélo Canada Bikes is waiting on new cabinet appointments to determine minister in charge of the strategy. The plan comes with a dedicated Infrastructure Fund which was complete before the last federal election, and we are waiting for an announcement of the application process for local projects.
6. **Community Bike Fairs:** Liz and Pearl reported on 3 bike fairs and 8 community conversations that had occurred over the summer. The final report for FCSS is being completed.
7. **City cycling projects in 2021:** Work has begun on adapting concrete traffic bulbs on 39th St. east of the city; trail work has begun on 30th Ave. near College Park; concrete island on bottom of Spruce Drive Hill has been completed. We are hopeful that our recently-elected mayor and City Council will support more projects in the future.
8. **Provincial scene:** Greg reported that a safe-passing bylaw similar to one passed in Calgary was passed in Edmonton just prior to recent elections and is in force. The new bylaw contains a requirement to join a province-wide effort by municipalities to have the province make these regulations standard across Alberta. A new Design Guide for municipal districts includes requirements to accommodate cycling infrastructure on all new developments and upgrades.
9. **National scene:** Red Deer joined the Participaction Challenge last June, and though our city ended up out of the standings for cash rewards, we did well in national active transportation results.
10. **President's Message:** Bill reported that with our hosting of two Cyclovia Open Streets events plus other initiatives, that city officials have begun to take RDABC more seriously. This has especially led to better contacts with City Parks and City Engineering. One disappointment remains that no protected cycle track has yet been accomplished.

11. **Election of Officers:** A slate of executives was presented as follows:

President: John Johnston

Vice-president: Bill Franz

Secretary: Greg Neiman

Treasurer: Pearl Franz

MOTION: Liz/Neil to appoint slate by acclamation. CARRIED

Directors: Tatiana Tilly, Andy Lamb.

Danielle Carpenter agreed to consider Board membership.

MOTION: Liz/Neil to appoint slate by acclamation. CARRIED

It was agreed to contact members of the Central Alberta Bicycle Club for potential membership to RDABC.

12. **Signing Authority:** MOTION: John Johnston/Neil Kirkwood That signing authority for RDABC be listed as Bill Franz, Greg Neiman and Pearl Franz. CARRIED.

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.