

## DRAFT MINUTES

BTAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Monday September 8, 2008 8:30 AM EST  
Place Bonaventure, Montreal, Quebec

### **Opening Remarks**

BTAC Executive Director, Janet O'Connell, welcomed everyone to the AGM. She introduced the members on the podium as well as the directors in the audience. Pete Lilly, President, Martin Vellend, Treasurer, Paul Nielsen, Past President, and Directors Rick Snyder, Jacob Heilbron, Paul Dragon, David Legare and Rob White. Meeting is called to order and quorum has been met.

### **Approval of Annual General Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2007**

Motion to accept the minutes approved by Paul Dragon of Reckless Bike Stores and seconded by Rick Snyder owner of Mike's Bike Shop that the minutes of September 10, 2007 are approved as circulated. CARRIED

### **Presidents Report**

Pete Lilly welcomed everyone and presented the Presidents Report. He spoke briefly about the many advances BTAC had made this year, and our goals for the future. In July members were notified of the auditors report. BTAC members are entitled to one vote each at this meeting. Pete Lilly spoke proudly of our new partnerships with Trek and the Clean Air Foundation as well as our Grant Program that has handed out 30,000.00 to well deserving organizations. The Crit Race that will be bigger next year and the PST relief in Ontario.

### **Treasurers Report**

#### **(a) 2007 audited financial statements**

Treasurer Martin Vellend, reported that the fiscal year 2007 was a good year for BTAC despite showing a deficit of 10,681.00 mostly due to a shift in invoicing procedures. The financial statements contain the actual figures for the 2007 fiscal year. All members were notified of the availability of the auditors report. The Board of Directors and BTAC Staff closely monitor the Associations financial affairs while working closely with our auditors Rumley and Chagarres.

The Associations auditors, Rumley and Chaggares, have audited the financial statements for the 2007 fiscal year. These statements are accompanied by a clean report from them. The board approved these financial statements June 5, 2008. Martin mentioned that the difference in Total assets was due to a shift in invoicing with assets of 497,885.00.

No Questions.

#### **(b) Appointment of Auditors for 2008**

Moved by Martin Vellend, Vellend Tech and seconded by Paul Dragon of Reckless Bike Stores to continue the appointment of Rumley and Chaggares as BTAC's auditors for 2008.

### **Executive Directors Report**

Janet O'Connell noted as she is proud of the addition to ExpoCycle of the successful Retailer Power Program and is looking for feedback on the program and retailers requirements moving forward. She announced that ExpoCycle 2009 will once again be held in Montreal and going forward we need to know where we should head.

Membership has grown but we are looking for a New Bilingual Membership Co-coordinator. New Membership programs include a significant discount to members for Dan Mann Sessions and the new Data Dot Com "DNA for Bikes" included in Crime Stoppers National Bike Registry. Our Data Capture Program headed by Rob Jones. The Grant program, "it's nice to put money into grass roots organizations" and Janet asked anyone looking for funding is encouraged to come forward.

Usman Valiante explained briefly what his role is. In Advocacy he meets with groups and gives them the strategies needed to go to their councils. Establish relationships with groups and many media clips have named BTAC as the centre of cycling. Direct government relations- did a lot of work making biking more compelling. Incentive Program: Vehicle Scrappage Program. Working on tax relief in the Atlantic Provinces is the focus of next year.

Trek committed funds towards Advocacy from their 1 World 2 Wheels initiative, BTAC has yet to determine how the funds will be used. He then quickly reiterated what had been accomplished this year, Bike Summit attended by both levels of government, Green Living show, Crit Race.

#### **Nominating Committee Report**

Paul Nielsen advised members that an open call for nominations was circulated in July for members interested in and eligible to be on the Board. As of July 25 only 2 nominations were received for the 2 vacated positions left by Rob White and Paul Nielsen. Paul thanked Rob for all his hard work and introduced the New board of Directors.

#### **The new Board Members serving the first year of a two year term are:**

Jean Cloutier, Outdoor Gear Canada, Montreal QC

Lisa Jaggard, Marin Bikes, Nanaimo, BC

#### **Second Year of two year term**

Paul Dragon, Reckless Bike Stores, Vancouver, BC

Jacob Heilbron, The Bicycle Group (Kona) Vancouver, BC

David Legare, Mathieu Performance, Quebec, QC

Pete Lilly, Sweet Pete's Bike Shop, Toronto, ON (President)

Martin Vellend, Vellend Tech, Toronto, ON (Treasurer)

#### **Re-elected for a second two year term:**

Rick Snyder, Mike's Bike Shop, Dieppe, NB

#### **Executive Director**

Janet O'Connell

Janet O'Connell announces there will be a brief meeting of the New Board of Directors.

#### **Member Questions**

No Questions

#### **Adjournment**

They're being no further business, Pete Lilly, Sweet Pete's Bike Shop; BTAC President adjourns the 2008 AGM at 9:07am.