

GNCC General Meeting - March 25, 2008

Meeting Notes: (not exactly minutes but a record of what transpired)

- Treasurers Report: it is estimated that we have about \$97.00 in our account once known bills are paid. This is really not enough so it was suggested that we may need to look for creative ways to raise funds. Chris and Tobi have had recent experiences with Beer & Burger nights and suggested that this may be a way to generate needed funds. We would need to solicit raffle prizes from local businesses and this would likely require a charitable tax number (we don't have one but we might be able to use the Volunteer Nanaimo one, if we were able to get approval from their Board.) This was suggested as a possibility by M. Driscoll. Chris will check this out and Chris and Dave will write a proposal if required.
- Bike Trailers: Could they be sold or raffled to get some funds?
- Green Party Candidate: John said that the local G.P. candidate could visit the GNCC at there next meeting on April 22, 2008. John will see if he can make the arrangement.
- Green Solutions Tradeshow and Forum. We have had an offer of a display table and a chance to make a presentation on Saturday, 19, 2008, 10:00-5:00 at Beben Park. The group present thought it would be good exposure for the GNCC and may even be a way to generate some revenue (memberships and raffle proceeds). Tobi said she would do the presentation (a variation on what she did at Malaspina). Others may assist her. Dave will contact the organizers from the Co-Op about our participation.
- Critical Mass Ride: There will be a Critical Mass ride on April 26, 2008, held in conjunction with Earth Day. It is to begin at Wakesiah and 5th at 9:30 AM. We are invited to participate. Could the trailers be used as floats?
- Letter to the Island Corridor Foundation. John feels that we need to write a letter to the I.C.F about bike storage at the new Rail Station in Nanaimo (after the burned station is rebuilt.) John will do this.
- Bike Racks. Several members said that many businesses don't provide racks for cyclists. Chris has written a letter to a local grocery store about the lack of a nearby bike rack. We thought we could see this letter and perhaps use it as a template to give to more businesses (perhaps to get them to add racks for the use of cyclists). Keith mentioned that the GNCC has had this as a focus before and perhaps has some information available for our use now. In a related matter, it was mentioned that we should resend a letter to BC Ferries (about terminal parking and onboard bike parking). This wasn't assigned to anyone!
- The Z-card maps were mentioned and several members wondered what is the status of this project. We need to follow up on this one i.e. where to send feedback and when will they be available? Who does this?
- Bike to Work Week Activities: Dave shared preliminary plans and said he would be attending meetings and advising the GNCC on possible participation.

Adjourned: 8:50PM