

Tripleshot Cycling Club  
Annual General Meeting  
28 September 2020

Meeting chaired by Martin Farnham, President

1905 – Call to Order.

1. The meeting was held through Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions. The president walked those attending through some Zoom protocols including how to vote.
2. Heather Ranson put forth a motion to approve last year's AGM minutes. The motion was seconded by Jill Plasteras. The motion carried.
3. The president gave the members his report on the club. As of 28 September 2020 there were 294 paid-up members, 236 registered on Spond (not all paid up members). 29% of the club's membership identify as women (as opposed to 31% last year- this may be due to the lack of running a women's clinic this year due to COVID-19) and the median age is 49, the same as last year (historically the median age has been rising).
4. Over the past year the executive and the club have largely been preoccupied with the impact of COVID-19. Interestingly membership has grown in spite of the pandemic, perhaps because Tripleshot is one of the few bike clubs still operating. We can operate because of the application Spond, it has enabled us to get back on the road. This being said, Spond and the current provincial restrictions do have their challenges and have required a lot of work from the president and others. The president gave some tips on Spond etiquette and how best to make use of the application. He also mentioned not to let Spond kill the online Tripleshot forum. The forum should still be our go-to medium for communication within the club.
5. One of the challenges with current CoVIC-19 precautions is making new members welcome. Martin encouraged members to talk with people they are not familiar with and ask them how things are going. Ideas for helping new members include the concept of "ride buddies" as well as fall clinics.
6. There may be a possibility of further relaxation of restrictions this fall and winter to, perhaps, include allowing groups of up to 25 people. This would help with winter rides where traditionally numerous people drop out the morning of the ride. Cycling BC is looking at the possibility of conducting some bunch races in the spring of 2021. We

may look at more summer rides such as Three Ferries and Big Loop next year as well depending on the COVID-19 situation. Other opportunities include adding mountain bike rides, later morning rides and varying routes. Spond makes it easy to gauge interest.

7. The president underlined some of the good news and highlights of the year in spite of COVID, they include the charity Backpack Ride, Solder On support, Club support to the Victoria COVID relief fund, the Youth Team, growth of cross rides, and the pre-COVID Christmas party.

8. Martin emphasized that volunteers are needed for things such as running the mailing list, the Rivet Newsletter, serving as ride buddies, web design and maintenance, and swag orders. He also encouraged people to continue to remain vigilant and follow provincial and Cycling BC COVID-19 guidelines and protocols.

9. Martin gave some shout-outs to people who have gone the extra mile this past year. They include Lister, for his advocacy for kids on bikes, Rolf, Ann and Chelsea for expanding our social media presence, Hugh for running the online store, Roland for keeping the forum up and running, Mikael for his survey work, Jo for her efforts in organizing the Youth Team, all our amazing coaches, and everyone who spoke up on a ride to keep things safe and civil. He also gave a shout out to all our great sponsors who all continued to support us financially during the past difficult year.

10. Lister Farrar gave the membership a Youth Team report and update. Youth numbers are roughly the same, however there have been less training sessions and significantly fewer events of course due to COVID-19. The Tripleshot Cross Fondo will be happening, but modified to a solo event, which means less people, and therefore, less funding coming to the Youth Team. The effects of COVID-19 restrictions have been hardest on the older Youth Team rides, however no one has quit. The team has been able to keep most of its sources of support and has brought its number of coaches back up to what is needed. Lister thanked the club and its executive for their ongoing support.

11. Jill Plasteras gave the club her Treasurer's Report. COVID restrictions have impacted the budget significantly. Because of the restrictions both the club and Youth Team were severely restricted in what they could do, therefore neither incurred very many expenses this past year. This will leave the club with extra funds in the bank this year. Barton raised a question about where the club would like to be "bottom line" financially and what the plan was to get there. Both Jill and Martin noted that with reduced funding coming in this year for the Youth Team (notably reduced Cross Fondo funds), at least some of the excess funds will be needed to support them next year.

Also, we will be looking at doing more supported rides next year, which will use up some funds.

12. Jill then presented the club's proposed budget for next year. She noted that given the current uncertainty, it was somewhat challenging to come up with some of the numbers. There were no questions on the proposed budget and Heather Ranson moved to accept the budget as presented. Michael Jansson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. John Dower made a motion to waive the requirement for an audit. There was some discussion on whether the club had ever done an audit. The answer is no. Jill Plasteras pointed out, however, that the club's bank statements and issued cheques are reviewed by the accounting firm that prepares the annual tax returns.

14. Given the growth of the club and increase in workload due to COVID and other initiatives, increasing the number of the executive from nine to ten was discussed. Scott Phillips moved to increase the number of the executive from nine to ten individuals. Alan Cassels seconded the motion. The motion carried.

15. Martin presented the following as the proposed slate of the executive for the club for next year:

- President: Martin Farnham
- Vice President: Mary Griffin
- Treasurer: Jill Plasteras
- Secretary: Tim Gijzen
- Director: Kevin Chen
- Director: Justine Johnson
- Director: Andrew Neale
- Director: Ann Patrick
- Director: Heather Ranson
- Director: Rolf Warburton

The president asked three times for further nominations from the floor. None were put forward. Scott Phillips motioned that the executive as presented be accepted. Alan Cassels seconded. The motion carried.

16. As there was nothing more formal to discuss John Dower motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alan Cassels seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tim Gijzen  
Secretary