

March Secretary's Report

Greetings to you all.

As some of you will have undoubtedly noticed, there was no February Secretary's Report! Although I hope these reports will become near monthly features, where nothing of note happens during any month, I reserve the right to omit a report. Not much point in having a report which reports nothing much happened!

What will be happening, however, is the 2021 Boat Race. This is still on, albeit as a closed event without spectators. Those interested in watching it, however, will be able to do so on line (YouTube usually has the races uploaded within a few hours of them being run). For very obvious reasons, we will not be organizing our usual Boat Race Breakfast.

We are, however, still hoping to be able to host a Boat Race Dinner later in the year. It is our hope that with more and more of us becoming vaccinated, larger and indoor gatherings will gradually be permitted. We will, as you would expect, be guided by the excellent Dr Bonnie Henry. Watch this space for further details.

One of our members is organizing a VOCS bike ride around Vancouver. I understand this will be pitched at the occasional, fair weather cyclist, not the lycra clad speed demons one sees hurtling down the road. The intent is to cycle along the cherry blossomed streets of Vancouver. The date, for those of you who are interested, is penciled in for Sunday April 11th, with April 18th being held in reserve in the event of rain. It is important that those attending observe the rules of the road (eg, riding in single file and not in bunched up groups), wear helmets, and understand that each cyclist is fully responsible for their own safety. This event is not insured by VOCS.

Those wishing to attend may book their place by clicking here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vocs-cherry-blossom-bike-ride-tickets-146828896181>

As is now customary, we will be including a COVID questionnaire which participants will need to complete beforehand, as well as giving their contact details should contact tracing be necessary.

With the coming of better and (hopefully) warmer weather, it is to be hoped that VOCSians will feel motivated to organise more events.

I look forward to hearing from you

Simon Taylor