

VRCBC- Vintage Racing Club of BC



Membership Meeting (following the AGM)

January 15, 2026

2026 Executive: Mike Bailey, President

Aaron Robins, Vice-President

Gayle Baird, Secretary-Treasurer

Brett Payne, Director at Large

Keith Robinson, Director at Large

Meeting chaired by: Mike Bailey

Recording Secretary: Gayle Baird

Membership in attendance: (14) Mike Bailey, Aaron Robins, Gayle Baird, Brett Payne, Keith Robinson, Peter Valkenburg, Stanton Guy, Hugh Archer, Patrick Stewart, Michael Hawthorne, Paul Haym, Bill O'Kell, John Elliott, Gunther Ruppel.

The meeting was **called to order at 8:20 p.m.** by Mike Bailey, who confirmed we had a **quorum**.

MINUTES

Minutes of the October 16, 2025, meeting were posted on the website.

Motion #1

Stan Guy *MOVED* “*that the minutes be accepted as posted*”.

SECONDED by Gayle Baird.

Hearing no objections the *MOTION PASSED*.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mike Bailey

VRCBC T-shirts are now available online through the SCCBC website. We still have some inventory of BCHMR shirts.

Our February 19th Meeting will be at:

Jellybean Auto Crafters
19425 Langley Bypass #208
Surrey, BC V3S 6K1

PLEASE RSVP to Mike Bailey **by FEBRUARY 3, 2026**, if you plan to attend.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Aaron Robins

With the passing of another year, more and more cars on track at Mission, on a regular race weekend are ‘vintage eligible’. As a group, I’d like us to continue trying to be not just welcoming, but encouraging, of those members that may not realize that they are eligible for

vintage racing and try to sway them our way. And not only racing with the vintage grid, but of course becoming members of VRCBC.

Our membership has been dwindling over the past couple of years. There are racers out there, as I mentioned, and a lot more of them are eligible now, than ever before.

So, my request of the Club and the members, is to get out there at every race weekend and try to find a new recruit. This is a wonderful Club, and I'd like to see the membership swell.

SECRETARY -TREASURER'S REPORT – Gayle Baird

Our bank balance is down a couple of thousand from last year this time. The 2025 BCHMR was not quite as financially successful as it was in 2024, however, we did donate to Mission Hospice and Brent Martin as planned.

Discussion took place and Brett suggested that instead of making our donation decision in October, we should wait until January to see exactly how our year has gone.

Motion #2

Brett MOVED “*that donations are to be determined following the year-end financial review*”.

SECONDED by Mike Bailey.

MOTION PASSED.

Discussion took place on the subject of trophies and how we might reduce the annual cost. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Details are available upon request gaylebaird@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Mike Bailey

As of today's meeting:

17 Regular

12 Family

2 Bronze

1 Silver

0 Gold

2 New

6 Life

3 Honorary

43 Total Members so far for 2026

There was discussion about the need to have some better criteria for the Life and Honorary membership categories. Stan suggested we form a committee of two or three members. This will be tabled to the March meeting, since the February meeting will be a shop visit.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – Brett Payne

I have been really trying to get a handle on building the Club, and have participated in the Driver's Training events and worked the booth at the VIAS, and a lot of informal questioning of past members and potential new members and asking whether there are any roadblocks or barriers that we could look at removing to increase Club Membership and the number of drivers racing. I have learned quite a bit about the interactions of the SCCBC, VRCBC and how

they operate through CACC. People are aging out of racing, although they love it. They would probably keep racing but are having health or other issues.

I will take what I have learned this past year as Director at Large and build a bit of a structure around why the Club isn't growing, so we can address some of these things.

Some feel the Mission track is too short and too tight. Can we possibly change the configuration of the track? Would that be something that would bring more people out to race with us? Also, it is hard to get spectators if we don't have big grids. In the U.S. at club events, spectators get in free. They want to fill every seat...they make their money on hot dogs and beer and the merchandising, so that they don't have to charge huge entry fees for the drivers, so they attract more drivers. Mission car counts and bike counts have dropped since the late 1990's. The track started charging more and more for entry fees. If you are relying solely on racers for your revenue, you're done!

We need to get more drivers out and more spectators as well, and figure how we can generate revenue through the spectator, as opposed to just solely charging them at the gate.

There are infrastructure questions there are a whole bunch of questions that I don't have the answers to. I am starting to get my head wrapped around at least the dynamics part, and maybe through that, I can start to work on some ideas that might help us grow the Club again.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE – Keith Robinson

I look forward to working with Brett.

CACC REPORT – Stan Guy (Vintage Discipline Director)

Since the October meeting we have had our discipline meeting (in October) and then also the CACC Fall General Meeting in November. Minutes for both are on the CACC website, if you are interested in the details.

Some of the highlights of the discipline meeting...we did some housekeeping stuff on the rules, or just clarifications and the one of real interest, is that we agreed to make the change to Vintage medical age brackets for getting your medicals. The new rules now just state that they will always be the same as for Race.

Our CACC Vintage rules for 2026 were approved and they are posted online. The licence and permit fees are the same as for 2025.

I got re-elected as Vintage Discipline Director for one more year.

Our discipline has a "Vintage Contributor of the Year" award. It was awarded to Vince Howlett, in recognition of his many years of enthusiastic support for vintage racing in British Columbia and in Canada, for that matter.

The CACC Spring AGM will be held in March sometime. David hasn't set the date yet. I will probably call a discipline meeting sometime before that.

SCCBC REPORT – Aaron Robbins, Stan Guy, Brett Payne and Keith Robinson

Aaron- They are still looking at options for other tracks and properties.

Brett / Aaron – They are looking at changing the run groups around. There will be 3 or 4 questions at the February meeting that the members are going to vote on in terms of running Legends with the FF, running FF with FC for the 2026 season, changes to CW groupings based on lap times, etc.

Stan – I believe the SCCBC AGM is February 11th on Zoom.

Keith – BC Custom Car is doing a good job this winter. The track is really clean. There are no leaves or dirt on it. I have been assisting with cutting down some of the bushes. They have a good head start on the track for spring. They have plans for paving in some areas.

META – Stan Guy

We had our AGM November 26, 2025. The same executive returned for 2026. Tasma is President, I am VP, Karen is Secretary and Angus is Treasurer.

Instead of having a regular big banquet, we are going to have a get-together at the Ricky's Restaurant on Schoolhouse in Coquitlam. We will buy our own meals and hand out awards.

Everybody is welcome to come. It will be a good night on the town!

Everything is locked down at our clubhouse for the winter.

AWARDS BANQUET – Gayle Baird

Our banquet was held on November 21, 2025, and was well attended. Casalinga Catering did a fabulous job of providing us with a wonderful meal. Awards were presented and a good time was had by all!

BCHMR – Gayle Baird

The dates for our 2026 event is August 8th and 9th. We **will not** be hosting a Practice Day on the Friday, August 7th.

A VRCBC/2026 BCHMR Marketing Planning Meeting was held November 18th, 2025 at Ian Wood's home, attended by Mike Bailey; Stanton Guy; David Kinkcaid; Andy MacLean; Martin Phillips; Ian Wood; Patrick Stewart.

I have confirmed our 2026 dates with Valley Caterers, Active Security and A-1 Tent Rentals. Keith Robinson mentioned the flooding we had because of a heavy rain at our 2025 event and suggested we ask Custom Car to put some fill in that area.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

UPCOMING EVENTS

- META's Get-Together – space is limited, contact Karen if you plan to attend
- Spring Driver's Training – March 28th and 29th
- Vancouver International Auto Show – March 25th – March 29th (there will be a volunteer sign up online February 1st)
- Motorcycle show at Tradex, Abbotsford, this weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- Knox Mountain has a very good early entry; if you enter before the end of this month, it is about \$100 discount.
- BCHMR Committee Meeting is Wednesday, January 21st at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

FOR SALE

- Mike Bailey: After-market (good quality) clutch kit for 2007-2008 Honda Fit – still in the original packaging (NOT legal for FF/F1600).

GOOD & WELFARE

Nothing

MEETING ADJOURNED

With no further business, Mike Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be February 19th, 2026 at

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