

I, Patrick Beckstead, would like to express my interest in running for the position of VP Mountain Bike on the Cycling BC board of directors.

I have been a “competitive” cyclist for more than 20 yrs now, and have worked in the bicycle industry for as many years. I now have two young children and would like to ensure as healthy race scene for them as I have had. My race career began racing in Ontario. I moved to Vancouver to ride and race 18 years ago, and have competed in multiple cycling disciplines, XC, DH, Cyclocross, Road racing. As a result, I feel I am familiar with what creates a top notch event.

I would like to see the sport of mountain bike racing continue to grow and evolve here in BC. It would be nice to help facilitate the return of a provincial series. Another focus would be to look at the greater inclusion of both enduro and marathon format at the provincial level. I would look to the masters racing to continue racing, families in tow, and as a result introduce the next generation of racers to the sport. After many years of competing I feel that my experience allows for a varied and balanced viewpoint.

This is a quick summary of some of the ideas I have to help Cycling BC. I am excited to work with Cycling BC and its members to progress the sport in the province of British Columbia, and introduce new riders to a sport which has given me a lot. Thank you for your consideration. Please email with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Patrick Beckstead