

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES 3 August 2016

FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD

President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:15pm with approximately 40 members present.

Rock Crusher Hare Scramble Weekend

Prior to this meeting there was a recapitulation meeting of the Rock Crusher event which took place two weekends ago. Andy Anthony summarized to this membership meeting:

- MVTR owes a debt of gratitude to Trail Bosses Tami Preve and Lynne Anthony for a well organized event that was well received by the competitors. They and their children worked long hours in the days leading up to the weekend, and then only received a few hours of sleep while working that weekend. The event recharged the MVTR finances.
- The land owner, Weare Police Dept, and the Weare Winter Wanderers were very pleased and want us back next year.
- MVTR must work with the land owner to keep rogue riders out of the property year round. The land owner has cameras and people watching. Any problems will cause us to loose access to the property.
- There were 53 peewee riders, and 36 vintage riders.

A member commented that it would have been helpful if the access road adjacent to the course had a few signs for spectators directing them back to the parking area.

Hopkinton-Everett Riding Area

President Tom and Trail Administrator Andre Marois spoke:

- MVTR will purchase out of our general funds a York Rake attachment for an ATV. It will be used at both Rock Crusher and Hop-Ev.
- GIA funding has been approved by the state to replace our old Grizzly with a new Can-Am six-wheeler. GIA funding also approved for Mark Stock to fabricate a trail material hauling trailer, and he will start soon.
- Andre has already spoken with Shawn Violet regarding heavy grading by the state should be in the fall just prior to winter to allow the ground to set up. In the past heavy grading in the spring lead to serious erosion problems. Andre needs to remind Shawn of this.
- Work parties will resume shortly. Projects include repairing the railings on the Stark Pond Long Bridge, relocating River Loop off of private property, removing left over construction materials from River Loop, and the removal of numerous downed trees on both River Loop and BT trails.
- There is a serious problem of rogue rider(s) removing signs, defacing signs, and removing barricades from trails. MVTR will set up cameras to help catch them. It will be evaluated if more substantial barricades that cannot be removed by hand will be employed.

Noble Woods Enduro

The Seacoast Trail Riders event is next weekend. Interestingly bikes will not need license plates, but the riders must possess a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement.

Six Days of Michigan

Mark Stock described his recent participation. The event was located on near the north shore of the main part of Michigan, just below the Upper Peninsula. Michigan has some 4,000 miles of legal trails. The first three days were rides out of one campground, then a rest day, and then three more days out of a different campground. Each days ride ranged from 90 to 140 miles, the vast majority being single track. It was heavily wooded but with a clear understory, relatively flat, and the soil white beach sand. Cost for the week was \$525, including OHRV registration, club membership, and two catered meals each day.

Miscellaneous

Ron Sousa will resume the weekly MVTR club ride next Wednesday at Hop-Ev, 5:00pm.

There were no new members present or a 50:50 raffle.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm