

5 December 2007

December MVTR Meeting

The December meeting was called to order at 1925 hours by VP Jon Thomas (the pizza arrived late, meetings tend to start more smoothly when most mouths are full, so.).

John O'Conner spoke first about the annual NETRA Sanctioning Meeting, the club representatives were informed that apparently we (the club) had forgotten to renew our membership, assured that it was an oversight they were allowed to continue to participate for the day. In light of this the club voted (not quite, but almost unanimously) to spend the money to become a Life Member.

John also informed us that the 2008 Classic flyer is ready for mailing and that you should be going out soon, also that CF is also going to be conducting an auction and giving away an SUV (I didn't get hold of an auction flyer and don't have more details, yet). John wrote a very nice article for the flyer and I was going to reprint it here but realized that you are ALL Classic supporters and will be receiving it soon.

Tucker was not able to attend the meeting but sent his notes with Brian regarding our events for 2008. The Classic was granted June 7th and 8th, The Rocky mountain Weekend H/S will be on the 26th and 27th of July and the Rocky Mountain Enduro (all offroad) will be on October 12th (?). The posted NETRA schedule shows our enduro as being on October 26th, which makes sense, as it then would not conflict with the Hoots Fall Final.

While he held the floor Brian also updated us on the status of Hop-Ev. At the last work day about 100 of bridging was installed (and weighted) on the River Loop. The now twice rebuilt Stark Pond bridge has been weighted through the efforts of the Bureau Of Trails. Another small section of bridging remains to be done and several short bridges will be staked in place with rebar but we are essentially done for 2007. This year we were able to not only repair damage from a second 100 year flood but also proactively construct some improvements. What will 2008 hold for us?

The MVTR Challenge took place in Windham last weekend with about 20 riders participating. Pictures are already up on our web site. Art (who trophied in the event) has been working diligently to get our web site up to date, posting the long over-due pictures.

Several MVTR members made their way to the PSTR Toys for Tots ride in Freetown. It was described as a 30 mile loop with sections that make our Rocky Mountain trails look to have been groomed smooth.

On the legislative front, we were advised that there is a bill, (LSR #2008-H-2442) which would prohibit ATVs and Trail Bikes from using state-owned rail trails acquired by using federal funds, the bill was filed by Representative Dresko of Hollis. There was no news about Berlin, which came under the heading of no news is good news.

A unanimous nomination was made for Neal to organize a club ride in Berlin.

The meeting was adjourned at 1950 hours.