

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES - 3 DEC 2014
Freedom Cycle - Concord

Presiding Vice President Glenn Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm with approximately 35 members present.

President Tom Levesque is away attending a NHOHVA meeting. One of Tom's key agenda items at his meeting is clarification from N.H. Fish and Game regarding the potential effects that increasing two wheeled OHRV access in the north country could have on future club event permit approvals.

MVTR is now has AMA affiliation as a social club.

Bruce Starrer and Sarah Dynia have assumed the role of MVTR Trail Administrator, with the Hopkinton-Everett Riding area being their key responsibility. Brian Harjula has stepped down as TA, but will continue to provide volunteer support. At a TA meeting earlier this evening, Brian has expressed interest in spear heading the single track development at Jericho State Park. Glenn read a prepared statement from Tom thanking Brian for his service as TA, to which the members responded with hearty applause.

Jeff Noyles spoke about the John Ruffo Challenge that was rescheduled due to weather. It will be held this Sunday 7 December, at the Landry Ranch in Windham. It is open to MVTR and Seacoast Riders who can produce a membership card (MVTR membership sign up available at the event). The course has been shortened to 3-4 miles, and tire studs or screws are recommended. The suggested donation has been reduced from \$30 to \$20. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry, and a crock-pot food item for event attendees.

Russell Bennett, a new member, introduced himself. He grew up in Hopkinton, and recently moved back to the area after several years away. He rides a KTM 300 and a RMZ400. Mark Stock encouraged him to join.

Glenn made a few shout-outs to MVTR members who faired well in the NETRA competition season which just ended: Shawn Leveque finished 13th overall in Hare Scrambles (work rule not applied). Hunter Prevee was promoted from "B" to "A", and finished 2nd overall in the A200 class. Rick Claxton finished 4th overall in Enduro. Both the Enduro and Hare Scrambles Masters classes had tight battles, with Seacoast President Peter Anania riding injured to edge out Mike Suriani and Tom Levesque for first in class in both disciplines.

Andy Anthony spoke about the upcoming NETRA sanctioning meeting he will attend on Sunday 7 December. There are no significant rule changes expected. A committee will make rule recommendations for the expanding vintage class. Another committee will be making rule recommendations regarding the emerging Sprint Enduro class. There might

be a limited number of events until 2016 - Andy is afraid that if NETRA is not careful Sprint Enduro might prove to be so popular it will kill the traditional Enduro.

The NETRA banquet will be 10 January. Two speakers from the AMA will attend to talk about competition sanctioning and legislative issues. The AMA wants to require AMA membership of NETRA event participants, to which Andy wants the NETRA membership to vote.

Mark Stock spoke about the upcoming Ice Box event. The Ice Box is a charity recreational ride on Diamond Lake (aka Tom Pond), in Warner. This year benefiting charity will probably be ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). In years past it was traditionally held on New Years Day, but the date is subject to ice conditions. Please make a donation to the charity and bring a crock-pot food item. MVTR membership is required and sign up available at the event.

Tom Simeon reported that the J-Day Southwick event was very crowded with very short races. Has J-Day gotten too popular?

Doug Chapman recently finished 4 days of Baja.

The John Penton movie will be shown again soon in Burlington, MA.

Ray Lajoie saw On Any Sunday II in Tucson and liked it. It is not showing around here.

The new guy, Russell Bennett, won \$40 from the 50:50 raffle.

Glenn adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.