

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES - 2 December 2015
Freedom Cycle - Concord

Presiding President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm with approximately 45-50 members present.

CF Foundation

Lisa O'Conner introduced Jim Gilbert, a new marketer for the foundation. Seeking the feedback of the MVTR members, Lisa practiced her sales pitch that she will be making when she visits other NETRA clubs.

The death of Alfred Laurent Jr.

Al was a MVTR member who volunteered at Hop-Ev and the classic. He quietly contributed without calling attention to himself. People who knew him said he was a nice guy. His two sons are active riders. His sudden death from a heart attack at a young age was unexpected. As the average age of the MVTR membership increases, the passing of members is becoming more frequent. MVTR needs to respond appropriately. Facebook announcements?

John Ruffo Challenge

"Anyone who road and didn't have a good time - it's their own damned fault" -Wolfman

It was cold and rainy. Jeff reported that 38 riders registered for the time challenge that was held at the Landry Ranch in Windham on the Thanksgiving weekend. A \$1,000 and over a hundred pounds of non-perishable food items was donated to the Shepherd's Pantry food kitchen in Windham.

Discussion on the MVTR facebook page of future events at the Landry Ranch might be permitted - but those events will only be open to MVTR and Seacoast members. MVTR membership signups should be available at the event. Membership is required to contain the number of attendees, and to minimize the risk of the NH Fish & Game demanding OHRV registrations or event permits.

MVTR Finances

The club is not an oligarchy, ruled by an executive committee in secret from the membership. MVTR shares information with its members and solicits input from them.

Lynne Anthony reported that MVTR is \$2300 to the positive with the current projected costs and income in 2016. Pizza cost are up as compared to last year; now about \$190 per meeting.

Hop-Ev report by Bruce Starrer

- In 2015, trash was picked up, 35 bridges were repaired or replaced, and new signs were hanged. 210 volunteers contributed over 2000 man-hours of labor, which could generate considerable RTP funds in the fall of 2016 for equipment purchases. RTP (Recreational Trails Program) is federal money distributed by the Bureau of Trails. The quantity of volunteer hours from the previous year determines the maximum dollar amount of funds that could be awarded - with the actual amount awarded determined by the funds available and the need perceived. Replacing the Grizzly is the highest priority.
- MVTR has GIA (Grant in Aid) funding to continue projects into the spring, until more GIA funds are received in April. GIA is state money from OHRV registrations and fuel taxes. GIA funds projects approved by the Bureau of Trails, paying 100% of materials and signs, 80% of repairs, 70% of grading costs, and 65% of equipment rental costs.
- The next projects are on River Loop, including the repair of the suspension bridge.
- The enclosed equipment trailers, the Grizzly, and the six-wheeler are going to Rick Claxton's next week for maintenance. Although we do not have a cost estimate of this maintenance and potential repairs, it is believed MVTR has the funds to cover it.
- Bruce confirmed that he and Sarah are stepping down as Trail Administrators. Bruce will continue help the new TA, but he cannot continue.

NETRA Event Costs

Expanding upon the discussion at last month's meeting about how turkey runs are more profitable than competition events; Lynne Anthony clarified the following:

- Peewee, Junior Enduro, and Vintage are competitive events. The insurance cost is a \$700 flat fee. There is also a \$3 per rider charge for awards.
- Hare Scrambles have the same costs as above, plus a \$1,350 scoring fee.
- Turkey Runs have a \$600 insurance flat fee, plus a \$2/rider legislative fund fee.
- A two day event, combining Peewee, Junior Enduro, Vintage, and a Hare Scramble; allows the \$700 insurance flat fee to be amortized across all events. This improves profitability.

The above costs can be viewed in more detail on the NETRA website. Look for cost sheets under "resources".

NETRA Sanctioning Meeting

Andy Anthony will represent MVTR at the meeting next Sunday. He would like to sanction a MVTR event to reserve the last weekend in July (the traditional date of the Rocky). It is likely that we can put on a two day event including a Hare scramble. He is meeting a landowner in Weare tomorrow. We can definitely put on a single day Peewee, Junior Enduro, and Vintage event - he has a site for that, but it isn't big enough for a hare scramble. The club membership voted to authorize the \$150 sanctioning fee.

The NETRA Banquet will be nearby at Fort Devens in Ayer, MA on 16 January.

2016 Ice Box

Mark Stock announced that he will not be hosting the event this year. He needs a break.

There was no 50:50 raffle or new members.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.