

December MVTR Meeting

Vice President Jon called the December MVTR Meeting to order at 19:00 hours. Attendance is not recorded but was a bit on the 'light' side. Nonetheless the pizza on hand disappeared in fairly short order.

The **NETRA Competition and Sanctioning Meetings** having just taken place on 2 December 2012, they were first on the agenda. It is reported that there were no 'significant' rules changes made (certainly, 'significant' would depend upon whether or not you were the individual requesting a change). Someone (name withheld to protect the innocent) put a great deal of time and effort into going through the Enduro Rule Book and came up with a lot of changes which will 'clean up' many of the rules and bring the wording into line with the other regional enduro associations. Thank you. Another change was the establishment of a new 'formula' for figuring out the number of trophies per class in Hare Scrambles. The present numbers were once appropriate for the number of riders in each class (at that time) but did not take into account that the numbers might not remain in similar proportions as our age demographics change. The result has been that clubs have had to supply more trophies for some classes than there were participating riders, while other classes might have only a couple of trophies but a very large field of entrants. The last change reported was a division of the A, B and C riders in the Super Senior class.

In sanctioning, MVTR will be hosting The New England Classic Charity Trail Ride on 7,8 & 9 June 2013, The Rocky Mountain Weekend on 27 & 28 July 2013 and The Mountain View Turkey Run on 6 October 2013. Sea Coast Trail Riders will be hosting the Winter Scramble on 20 January 2013, their Enduro (Noble Woods?) on 4 August 2013, and their Turkey Run on 13 October 2013 (separate weekends for the enduro and turkey runs this year).

Also on the schedule are the NETRA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet to be held in Taunton, MA on 2 February 2013. John O. advised us that he had accepted on behalf of both MVTR and NNECFF to host a display at the annual meeting to publicize the club and the Classic Charity Trail Ride.

In **Recent Events**, Jeff reported on last month's **Landry Ranch/MVTR Challenge Ride 2012**, held 24 November. On Friday, prior to the event he had a dozen or so volunteers show up to make ready for the event, everything was set up quickly and those who had brought bikes got in a bit of trail time. On Saturday there were 50 riders on hand to 'challenge' the course. When all was said and done, Dwayne took fast time of the day (again this year). There was \$1,000 in donations made and that left \$500 after expenses, which has already been forwarded to the **Shepherd's Pantry**. Art and the Anthony clan were among the participants at the **Beer & Chili Ride**; noteworthy were the 'extreme' sections, particularly the barrels and seesaw.

In **Hop-Ev** news, the BT Trail has been closed by the Bureau of Trails to accommodate logging operations; no reopening date has been set as of this time. Some MVTR volunteers are building 'Map Kiosks' to be placed at two trail junctions in Hop-Ev. They expect to construct one for installation in Jericho Park next year as well. The Blurred Vision ATV Club has been doing some maintenance on the Stark Pond Loop this fall.

It is not too soon to think about **Upcoming Events**. The **JDay Winter Series** will consist of three events. It will run on 10, 17 & 24 February 2013. **PSTR's Short Courses** are getting good reviews; they run two 40-minute 'motos'. Chip is working on cutting a new Hero Section for the **Classic**; word should be coming out shortly asking for volunteers to help both before and after Christmas. And of course, the Holidays would not be complete without the **2013 Ice Box**. The date is as always subject to weather, providing the presence of ICE, this might take place on Sunday, Monday or New Years Day. You will want to insure that [Art](#) has you on the winter riding notification list if you would like to participate. Due to weather considerations, sometimes notice is short; best to be ready when the email comes out.

That is all that came up in what may be a record breakingly short, 33-minute meeting. The 50/50 raffle was held after adjournment, not going to mention who was the winner.

Bruce