

February 2011 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:28. Due to a snowstorm there were 15 +/- members and an equal number of pizzas.

Bill Gages from the NH Bureau of Trails was on hand to address the club on Jericho Park and Hop-Ev. Bill told the club the state is using it's resources to build the ATV trails and currently the park has 60 miles of ATV trails with another 60 miles planed. Of the existing trails 10% are old logging roads, 30% skid trails and the rest is new construction. The trails the state are putting in are built to federal government standards - 6' to 8' wide crowned with drainage swale on the sides giving the trail a total width of 20'. These trails are very expensive to build; a recently constructed 2 mile section cost almost \$25,000 to build. The Bureau of Trails would like to see a Motorcycle club build a single-track trail system in the 7,500 acre park. Jericho is excluded from the rules that limit trail development at Bear Brook, Pawtuckaway and other state parks. To develop a single-track trail a club would design it, flag and ribbon it, the sate will walk it and either approve it or have the club make the necessary changes for approval. Once approved the club would construct the trail with funding for equipment rental and material, money would be coming from state Grant and Aid and federal RTP Grants. As with Hop ev club labor to install and maintain trails is credited at the rate of approximately \$17.00 per hour to cover expenses that Grant and Aid does not. It seems organization and labor is the only thing that can limit the amount of single track at Jericho. MVTR has assumed the task of building some single-track trail with Neal Lorenzen and Bruce taking the lead.

Tom stated MVTR will help in any way it can but because of the distance to Jericho it would be ideal if a club can be formed in the area with local riders to build and maintain the single-track system. MVTR might be able to put on a Turkey Run out of the Park in 2012.

Mr. Gages noted that local businesses welcome atv and dirt bikes to the Jericho park area and appreciate the business they bring with them. There is also a large campground planed for the park.

The State now offers a 30-day temporary Off -Road stickers for out of state riders. Bill was not sure if Jericho will come up on a ATV web search he will check with the state web master.

The reckless riding and racing in the Hop-Ev parking lot was brought up to Bill. Mr. Gages suggested we contact Fish and Game about enforcement and that as citizens we can report the offending Vehicles OHRV number to Fish and Game and that local police can also enforce OHRV laws. This can be done for any violation including ATV 's On Marked Single Track. Tom reminded the membership that we have a vested interest in Hop-Ev and should politely remind violators of the rules but must avoid confrontation. It might be possible to put Jersey Barriers in to allow vehicles and trailers into the parking lots but breakup the straight line thru the parking lots. This would help eliminate some of the speeding in the parking area.

Dave Lynch suggested asking Fish and Game to place an unmarked officer in the parking lot to give out tickets, warnings do not seem to work.

Hop Ev Maintenance Mr. Gages was told by the Army Corps of Engineers that more work needs to be done at the park this year. Tom will contact the Army Corps to find out what their concerns are and get the list to Brian so work parties can be scheduled.

Jim Nash asks why the Army Corps was putting no riding signs up in the Henniker area. Mr. Gages said the Army is just enforcing old laws.

Netra Banquet The poster that was used to represent MVTR looked very good and Jessica Rodier will continue to work on it so it can be used at The Classic. Mvtr now has 5 members on the NETRA Board of Directors. The Netra competition committee wants clubs to focus on racing numbers being correctly displayed on bikes at events this season, and sound levels will also be tightly controlled.

MVTR purchased a copy SST Motor Sports Video of the 2010 Hare Scramble and Enduro season. The video will be used at club events.

Jim Nash found a vhs video of early Temple Mountain events; fortunately a club member has the ability to convert the tape into a DVD.

Jim also received an e-mail from an event promoter in New York asking if MVTR could help with a Hare Scramble on July 2nd and 3rd. The membership did not feel we would be able to take on another event this year, but a few members would be interested in collecting some of the \$30,000 prize money.

CLASSIC Mark Stock is spokesman for the Classic. Jeff Barr will need help with the Big Bike Ride. He is looking for people to pre ride the course and on the day of the event help such as picking up the lunch in Lincoln and delivering it to the lunch spot and sweeping the course.

Lisa asked that club members please order your banquet tickets when you sign up for the Classic. This will make it easier to plan the meal.

An e-mail was sent to the club from a Belmont NH resident informing us the town of Belmont is considering closing down a section of a class 6 road used for the Classic. JD and Chip plan on attending the Belmont meeting.

Al Tucker reported The Crossroads Winter Scramble was a fast race, Jake's average speed was 30 mph and he was clocked near the barrels at 80 mph. Al told the club he lead for 2 laps of the masters race, it was just the wrong 2 laps. In order to run the race The Seacoast Trail Riders had to shovel 2 miles of trail that snow moving machines could not get to BY HAND.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:30