

## **MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES 1 February 2017**

### **FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD**

Presiding President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:20pm with approximately 45 members present.

#### **NE Classic Trail Ride for Cystic Fibrosis**

- A CF committee meeting took place immediately before this meeting.
- Tucker wheeled out the Suzuki RMX450Z that will be raffled off at the trail ride. Brian Buress of Suzuki upped their game by donating a significantly more valuable true off-road bike instead of the dual sport models they have donated in previous years.
- The CF Foundation will be visiting other NETRA clubs to promote the trail ride.
- Banquet tickets for the trail ride must be pre-purchased. They cannot be purchased online. Call or e-mail the CF Foundation.
- A short video was shown regarding a gene-splicing cure for CF that is being researched.

#### **MVTR Events**

- The editor of Trail Rider magazine will visit us at the March meeting.
- A KTM representative is tentatively scheduled to visit us at the April meeting.
- The Ice Box will be this Sunday in Hopkinton. It is open to current MVTR and Seacoast members. MVTR membership application forms will be available for those who need to make their membership current.

#### **Weare Winter Wanderers Snow Mobile Club**

- Mike Duhaime of the snowmobile club spoke. His club maintains the snowmobile trails at the Hopkinton Everett Riding Area and we have been coordinating maintenance projects. His club also provided very significant support at our Rock Crusher event last year.
- Mike is looking for 10-20 people to assist with security at their hill climb event at Pat's Peak ski area on 1 April. They have a problem with people sneaking into the event from the parking lot without paying and signing liability waivers. He needs a wall of personnel along the edge of the lot. Duty hours are 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. If 20 people sign up the roster can be split into half-shifts. Tom and Mark Stock will manage the MVTR sign-up sheet and make a firm numbers commitment by our March meeting date. (Please respond to Tom at [squeracing@aol.com](mailto:squeracing@aol.com) or in person at the March MVTR meeting)
- The hill climb is a charity event for Easter Seals. Mike has offered to pay our security people, or make a donation to CF. The general feeling was that our volunteers would not accept payment.

#### **MVTR Administration**

- An Executive Meeting of the current officers took place 11 January. Among the topics discussed was the synchronization of MVTR membership with the OHRV club incentive registration program which will go into effect in 2018.
- Insurance is being procured for protection of club Officers and members. Insurance for non-NETRA sanctioned club events continues to be investigated. Comprehensive insurance for the Polaris 6 wheeler and Bombardier 6 wheeler is being purchased. (This insurance is a requirement of Grant and Aid)

- MVTR incorporation as a 501(c) (7) Not-for-Profit was confirmed with the State. This provides some legal protections against law suits.
- A new slate of Club Officers was proposed for election in March: Tom Levesque - President, Steve Semuskie –VP, Ron Sousa – Treasurer, Art Pepin – Membership, Andre Marois – Trail Master, and John Mesick – Secretary.
- Steve Semuskie has been recognized by the Bureau of Trails as our *Trail Administrator* for Hop-Eve, which entails handling all of the paperwork. Andre Marois is the *Trail Master*, responsible for coordinating projects and the boots on the ground.
- Andre has been using his snow drag on the OHRV trails at Hop-Ev. MVTR will apply for winter grooming funds from the State.
- This year’s MVTR hare scramble event will continue under the moniker “Rock Crusher”. The event will also include a Junior Enduro. New England Enduros are declining in popularity and this event is an attempt to entice youth into competition.
- Tucker is stepping down from the NETRA board of directors. Andy Anthony is stepping down from the NETRA competition committee but will continue on the board of directors. Tom is asking for interested MVTR members to consider joining the NETRA board.

### **NETRA Banquet**

- It was held last weekend in Rhode Island.
- Many vendors had products on display.
- Trophies were not available for presentation due to a shipping error.
- The Enduro 101 class was well attended and well presented.
- The Hare Scramble 101 class was a disappointment. The presenters did not provide significant information to the many attendees expecting a basic scramble’s introduction for the upcoming year. (This is Tom Levesque’s opinion)
- In contrast to the J-Day and GNCC banquets, NETRA’s Annual Meeting/Expo and Awards Banquet is a much better event overall.

### **Upcoming Events**

- The Snow Run Enduro in Stafford, CT will be 12 February.
- A Cystic Fibrosis snowmobile event will be held in Rangeley, Maine 18 February. A \$10 event pass will permit non-Maine registered sleds to be ridden in their state for the day.
- The White Fly Hare Scramble near Saratoga Springs, NY will be 26 February.
- Registration is open for the 24 Hour New England Challenge.

### **Miscellaneous**

- There were no new members.
- There was no 50:50 raffle.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm