

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES - 3 February 2016  
Freedom Cycle - Concord

Presiding President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with approximately 40-45 members present.

**NETRA Banquet Report**

Tom reported on the NETRA banquet and awards ceremony that was at Fort Devens in Ayer, MA on 16 January.

- Representatives of the Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Services (the OHRV enforcement agency) were present to engage with the NETRA community - a positive community policing effort.
- In the morning approximately 50 youths received OHRV training, which Mass. requires for 10-18 year-old residents and out of state competitors.
- The Mass. youth OHRV requirement does not currently accept NH youth OHRV training, but they are now working with NH to obtain reciprocity.
- Mass sanctioned events and general off road riding will now require a Mass OHV registration for each bike, or a valid Mass exemption form for non-residents specific to each organized event. NETRA is working with the Mass OHV enforcement authorities to develop an event permit similar to New Hampshire's that will eliminate the registration requirement of a specific exempted event.

Andy Anthony was the Master of Ceremonies for the NETRA Competition awards. MVTR competitors of note:

NETRA Vintage series - Retro Class, 1st Steve Semuskie

NETRA Enduro Winners

A Veteran, 1ST Dan Nelson  
Grand Champion, Dylan Macritchie  
Junior Enduro Mini Grand Champion, Payton Preve

NETRA Hare Scrambles

Masters, Tom Levesque  
B Super Senior, 2nd Andy Anthony  
A Veteran, 1ST Dan Nelson  
Grand Champion, Dylan Macritchie  
Promoted to AA Jerome Anthony  
Mini Grand Champion, Payton Preve

It has been many years since one individual has been a Grand Champion in both the Enduro and Hare Scramble series in the same year - sincere congratulations to Dylan MacCritchie. Also of note is Dan Nelson for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in his Class for both series and Payton Preve for his dual Mini Class Championships in the Hare Scramble and Jr. Enduro series.

**J Day Awards Banquet**

Art Pepin, Sportsman of the Year  
Tom Simeon, Accumulated the most points in 2015.

## **MVTR Business**

The election of MVTR officers which will be voted on during the March meeting. The proposed slate of candidates are:

President,	Tom Levesque
Vice President,	Steve Semuskie
Treasurer,	Lynne Anthony
Membership Secretary,	Art Pepin
Meeting minutes,	John Mesick

Other proposals to be voted on at the March meeting:

- All (summer & winter) MVTR meeting start times to be 7:00 PM.
- The appropriation of approximately \$450 per year for liability insurance through NHOHVA that covers MVTR officers and members while working at Hop-Ev and MVTR events not sanctioned by NETRA.

After discussion, Tom has directed Art to e-mail to the MVTR membership a link to the monthly meeting minutes when they become available.

## **Hopkinton-Everett Riding Area**

The area is currently closed for Mud Season. Andre will contact Shawn Violet at the Bureau of Trails to inquire if it can re-open if there is sufficient cold weather and snow.

Last week there was a Trail Administer transition meeting attended by outgoing Administrators Sarah and Bruce, Andre Marois the new TA, the Anthony's, Al Tucker and Tom Levesque. Topics included Grant in Aid and Recreational Trails Program funding, equipment replacement and maintenance, and trail maintenance.

In April there will be another meeting open to the MVTR general membership regarding 2016 trail maintenance projects.

In 2017 the National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Committee (NOHVCC) will hold their national meeting in NH and ride Hop-EV. NOHVCC is not a membership organization, but a partnership organization with BLM, the Forest Service, State agencies, and clubs maintaining riding areas. MVTR's role in this event is to be defined.

## **Miscellaneous**

Craig is putting together a trip to northern Arizona possibly in April of 2016 or a date in the future. He is looking for 6-8 participants. He can trailer the bikes out, and the participants will fly. The accommodations are inexpensive but cheery. The riding is fun. Craig will present more details at the March meeting.

Freedom Cycle is putting together a team program for the Classic to shepherd new riders who may not be able to complete each day's ride.

Al Laurent's son attended the meeting in honor of his recently deceased father. Trail riding was an important family activity.

There were several new members were present, Travis Murphy (JDay Racer), his mom, dad, and Brother Brian.

There was no 50:50 raffle.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.