

## **MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES 3 January 2018**

### **FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD**

President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:10pm with approximately 40 members present.

#### **Winter Riding**

When discussed at last month's meeting, heated hand grips were not mentioned. The electrical system of some bikes can support them, and for those bikes that do not, there are battery powered options. Some people unplug their headlight and plug the heated grip wiring into the headlight wire harness. There are lots of kits available. Be aware that kits for ATVs have the same heating wattage on the left and right grip, and that motorcycle specific kits differentiate between left and right grips. This is because the right grip mounts over a plastic throttle tube (an insulator) and the grip's thickness is less, allowing the heat to more effectively reach your hand, and the left grip mounting directly to the handlebar is thicker, requiring more heat to allow the same heat level to reach the rider's hand. Archaic motorcycle kits had the same heating element in the left and right grip, and a resistor to reduce the power to the right grip. Modern kits have different heating elements in the left and right grips eliminating the resistor. Select the right kit and you won't have one hand too hot and the other hand too cold.

#### **NETRA Competition Committee Meeting & Racing**

Tucker reported that the meeting went very smoothly, efficiently, and ended quickly. The only significant rule changes had to do with vintage racing. Class definitions were updated to reflect that a bike that is now 25 years old is pretty modern with dual disk brakes and good suspension. Hare scramble and enduro riders who finish the season in the top 30 of their discipline can now keep their over all finishing position numbers for the following season.

GNCC is not going to run at Unadilla in 2018. However, J-Day is going to have a sprint enduro there. J-Day is going to have a winter event in February at Southwick.

#### **MVTR online club membership application and Club Incentive OHRV registration**

How the new membership system will work

- You will be able to join a club as has historically been done through the Club membership person. You will receive a unique ID #, either at that point or within a day or so. After May 1, 2018 you must have that assigned ID # to take advantage of the club affiliation discount OHRV registration rate. (\$30 less than if you do not belong to a club).
- Anticipated to be ready on or about April 1, 2018, an on-line Club Membership program will be available.

- Members will join or renew at a NHOHVA sponsored website. The website will offer a choice of participating clubs, a short biography of each club including the trail system they maintain, and web links to each club. After selecting the club to join, the member will pay with a secure credit card service.
- MVTR (and Seacoast) dues will be \$30 plus a web service charge that has yet to be determined.
- NHOHVA will direct deposit \$30 for each member into a dedicated MVTR bank account. On a quarterly basis, MVTR will forward to NHOHVA \$10 per new member to support the business needs of the Association.
- The membership application form will have a legally required check box asking the member to select 'yes' or 'no' to voluntarily join or not join NHOHVA. No cost will be associated to this selection.
- After the credit card payment is successfully processed, the member prints out a Club Membership Voucher that contains the personal information plus a Club Member identification number that is unique to that individual.
- The individual's ID number contains a prefix for the *OHRV Registration Year* that the membership expires. For example, for someone who joins this year the prefix is "19" because the OHRV registration will run to 30 June 2019.
- Art will have a "paper" back up mechanism to issue membership cards if necessary, but the details need to be worked out. We believe directing members to renew or join online will ease Art's work load. It will also allow a more timely assignment of the Club Membership ID#.
- MVTR membership dates will now run from 1 January to 31 December. This change aligns with the majority of NHOHVA clubs and responds to a directive of Fish and Game to have a set membership term versus MVTR's previous revolving membership terms. The membership application will have a family option in which the names of immediate family members can be entered. That secondary named family member will be allowed to register machines. There is no additional dues cost.

#### OHRV Registration

- To qualify for the club incentive discount, the registrant must present the club membership card with unique ID number at the registration location
- Qualified registrants (including listed immediate family members) will receive a \$30 discount for each OHRV registration.
- Those who are not participating club members will pay a registration fee that is \$30 higher than current rates. The additional \$30 must by law go the Grant in Aid fund with no monies extracted by the State for any reason or activity.
- There will continue to be different registration fees for trail bikes and ATVs, and resident and non-resident.
- It is expected that many dealers or registration locations *will not* have facilities for people to join a club online. An option for onsite club membership can be negotiated between the dealer and local clubs.

## Problems to be resolved

- Plymouth State University developed the software for the NHOHVA online registration and offered to host it on their server at no charge as part of a larger collaboration between PSU and NHOHVA. In December of 2017 they made a successful technical demonstration to the State of NH, and received an official authorization for its use. Less than one week later Plymouth State revoked their offer to host and maintain the software. The NHOHVA technical committee contacted 20 potential server host/software maintainers, winnowed it down to four strong candidates, and selected a final vendor. All potential vendors and the final vendor stated that the Plymouth software was developed with an obsolete language that they could not support and it must be rewritten. The vendor is giving NHOHVA a pricing consideration due to their non-profit status, but it will still cost money. The State of NH highly recommends 24/7 telephone support by NHOHVA for general OHRV needs and the On-Line Membership Program. The software must go through alpha and beta testing, and possibly another official acceptance test by the state; all before April. If the software is not ready for April 1, 2018, the current paper process will continue until the On-Line Program is in place.
- How does MVTR transition from the revolving 12 month membership dates to the calendar year? Do we prorate this year's dues by quarter or by month, or not at all? Remember that anyone who joins or renews online in April or after will pay full fare and will have their club membership expire on 31 December 2018.
- Some members expressed a willingness to pony up the full fare at renewal even though they will get less than 12 months membership. Some members said they may let their membership expire and then renew online in April.
- Tom encourages members who have concerns about the transition to e-mail him at squeracing@aol.com.

## **New Members**

Mike Brown lives in Hooksett.

## **The Ice Box and the Classic**

Mark Stock is tentatively scheduling it for Sunday 4 February. He is planning to have a work party the weekend before. Mark wants to focus on having smaller bikes with studded tires available for newbie kids to ride. He is contacting Seacoast Trail Riders for assistance.

Mark also said the Classic Trail Ride committee is working on new creative fundraising methods. The Adventure Big-Bike Rally will be a two day event this year.

There was no 50:50 raffle.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm