

2 January 2008

## **January MVTR Meeting**

The first meeting of 2008 began at 19:18. In consideration of the real winter weather we have been seeing the first items on the agenda were all snow related.

### **Legislative**

There is word that NH is looking at creating/accepting OHRV reciprocity with ME. We haven't seen anything in writing and do not know for sure if it would apply to all OHRVs or just snowmobiles.

Jim will be looking into the idea of MVTR becoming an official snowmobile club again to meet the club member requirements for snowmobile registration. We were in the past a part of the state snowmobile association but our membership was dropped (by them) because their insurance only covered groups whose events took place on snow (don't know how that works out when they do trail work the rest of the year).

### **More Snow**

Austin's Ride will be taking place on 23 February 2008. This is a Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fundraiser, which takes place each year in Colebrook. MVTR has traditionally tried to support this ride, this year Tom along with family and friends are planning to stage a ride-in from Epsom or Chichester to Colebrook on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Plans are still being finalized; contact Tom if you would like to be included.

With the record December snowfall putting a damper on wheeled riding at Hop-Ev, Tom suggested that we look into the concept of grooming the bike/atv trails there. This would not be the ski slope type grooming as done by the snowmobile clubs, more along the lines of compacting the fresh snowfall so that it could be ridden on wheels. Someone (didn't catch who) will look into what can be done on narrow trails and what equipment it would take to do it.

# Trail Maintenance

The deadline for grant applications is 17 January 2008. Brian is finishing up our 2008 application. The big ticket items on our request this year are a replacement for our 1998 Grizzly which has worked long and hard on the trails and a larger trailer which could haul the replacement along with the ATV wagon (dual axle, dump trailer which we purchased through last year's RTP grant program). Fitting everything into the current trailer is best described as challenging; it can be done with enough time, patience, planning and helping hands, but adds considerably to an already long day of trail maintenance. (I should get down off the soapbox now, but having been the first one to try and fit the new wagon in with all the other gear I can attest that It ain't easy.)

# Classic Committee

Tucker reported that he will be submitting his applications for trail use permits soon. He is hopeful that after being dis-allowed from Bear Brook for two years we will be able to include it in this year's Southern Loop.

Andy and Lynn are still looking into the feasibility of adding a PeeWee Classic to this year's event so far interest from the usual PeeWee families surveyed does not seem high.

# NETRA

Quite a few items were discussed at the Sanctioning/Competition Meeting back in early December. Tucker told us that he and Ken Law had considered exchanging dates for our respective events in October 2008, they had agreed that the Rocky Mountain Enduro could take place on October 12<sup>th</sup> (earlier in the season, longer travel for most riders) and the Hoots Fall Final HS could run on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. When all was said and done though it did not get written down that way on the schedule. He will be following up on this.

The Youth Committee has made the PeeWee program more of a self governing entity, leaving the Competition Committee one less thing to have to oversee. One change we will be seeing in PeeWee is that promotional points will be falling by the wayside, promotion will be decided upon by the committee on an individual basis utilizing an evaluation of the riders ability and size. It is hoped that this will result in more uniformity within the PeeWee groups.

A Recreational Committee is being formed to help the clubs with non-competition events. J.D. has consented to represent both MVTR and Seacoast TR (pending the Seacoast meeting on Thursday).

Tucker has reserved two tables for MVTR at the Annual Banquet. His current list of attendees exceeds that by one. It is not too late (but getting close) to add another table so if you plan on going and would like to be part of the group please let him know soon.

Tuck also stated that MVTR was now a lifetime member in NETRA.

## **Events, Past and Upcoming**

Bob Landry commented on the MVTR Challenge held on a cold December 2<sup>nd</sup> morning in Windham. Only about 15-17 riders participated on the now 5.1 mile course but all present had a good time.

Bob also commented that there is currently too much soft snow to ride on (in?). The forecast upcoming thaw should allow the snow to settle and riding should begin once it refreezes. He said that there are currently about 60 names on the contact list for winter riding, if you want to ride be sure your name is among them by getting your e-mail address to him at:

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