

## **MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES**

6 July 2016, Freedom Cycle – Concord, NH

President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:54pm, with approximately 60 members present. Three reasons for the late start: A prior Classic Trail Ride committee meeting that ran long, a prior Rock Crusher committee meeting that ran long, and not many general members were present at 7:00.

### **2016 Classic Trail Ride Recap.**

Glenn Harvey and Jay Lees reported that \$115 was raised for CF by 630 trail riders and 42 Kids Classic riders. Mark Stock raised \$11k as an individual, the Vikings club raised \$9K, and MVTR members raised \$28K. Paul Zanis won the DRZ400.

One of the most significant problems encountered was a cultural clash between campers and the NH Motor Speedway security personnel. Track security wants orderly, densely packed campers between the lines; and attendees want to spread out and save spots for their friends. Some campers gave MVTR workers and track security personnel inappropriate blowback; of which Track Security had little tolerance.

Neither MVTR nor security likes the shenanigans of pit bikes and golf carts whipping around the camping area, riders wheelying sans helmet, hill climbs on the grassy hills, and Chinese lanterns flying off into the extremely dry country side. Consideration is being given to significantly increasing the number of MVTR volunteer security personnel, or hiring the track to provide all security at a considerable expense.

### **Hop-Ev Riding Area**

Tucker reported that his beaver deceivers are working well to lower water level. He has also crowned the road at Choate Brook Bridge where it was flooded to create a shallow crossing. On the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend the area was so crowded with ATVs that parked vehicles spilled out of the parking lot into the access road.

Ron Sousa's Wednesday night club rides have been very well attended, and new riders have been shepherded well.

### **Landry Ranch in Windham**

Jeff Noyles reports that all problems have been resolved and it will be open for club rides. Work parties to clear downed trees from trails will begin after the Rock Crusher event.

### **Competition**

J Day and GNCC are on summer break. President Tom described his last GNCC event from 2 weeks ago at the Snowshoe ski area resort in West Virginia. The village with condos, hotels, restaurants is at the top of a 4500 ft mountain. Immediately after the start was a steep, slippery 3000 ft decent. Heavy rains from a hurricane occurred just before the event, exposing roots and rocks. A New England bike setup worked the best for this event.

The recent Flat Rock Hare Scramble had a bad, unsafe, start section. It was a tight funnel in a very rocky area with big holes and heavy dust. MVTR takes pains to learn from the mistakes of others. We strive to make the Rock Crusher challenging, but fun and safe.

### **The Rock Crusher**

The big MVTR race event weekend is fast approaching. This is the primary revenue source for MVTR. The last work party had 30 volunteers, which put us ahead of target on the task list. Another work party is scheduled for this Sunday. Help is needed with weed-whacking. On the weekend of the event many volunteers will be needed to provide continuous manning of the front gate.

### **Miscellaneous**

Jay McGrath is sponsoring another supercross at the Rochester Fairgrounds on 14 July. He is holding the Hawkride MVTR charity ride at his house in Deerfield on 6 November.

MVTR member Bob Fitz Henry had a guest column published in the last page of the July AMA magazine. A very good read!

Mark LaFlamme gave an update on the trail system in the town of Hill, NH. The town's recreation department is operating a new ATV/Trail bike system and encouraging its use. The town land abuts private land that is also open to use – for about 40 miles of trails. They may be connection to an additional 40 miles of trails in Andover. The cost of a trail pass from the town is \$25 per year. NH OHRV registration is required. Mark is organizing a MVTR club ride in Hill in September.

Bob Arredondo won \$22 in the 50:50 raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm.