

## **MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES 7 June 2017**

### **FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD**

Presiding President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:09pm with approximately 60 members present.

#### **Hopkinton-Everett Riding Area**

- Tom was dismayed with several technically difficult sections of River Loop now that the direction of travel has been reversed. The specific area is where the trail was recently re-routed off of private property. Crossing the stone wall at the low point of an intermittent stream crossing, followed by a long off-camber hill climb was in his opinion beyond the skills of a beginner or intermediate rider. (Editors note: A second section overlooked during the MVTR meeting, is the 'Wall of Death' which is now a very steep uphill with no roundabout should a rider not be able to make the climb).
- Ron and his Wednesday night riding group have been asked for their opinion of the areas of concern.
- Tom needs to meet with Chris Gamache (NH Bureau of Trails) to discuss the following issues:
  1. Is written landowner permission required for the Classic, or will verbal suffice?
  2. Can equipment purchased with grant-in-aid (GIA) funds for the maintenance of Hop-Ev be used at the Rock Crusher? This is the club's money making event that helps cover our un-reimbursed Hop-Ev expenses.
  3. When is the old six-wheeler completely depreciated? Can it be disposed of without some repayment of GIA back to the state?

#### **CF Foundation and Classic Trail Ride**

Lisa O'Connor from the CF Foundation spoke.

- This is the 37<sup>th</sup> year that MVTR has run the charity ride for CF.
- Total fund raising over the year, to include this 37<sup>th</sup> year is expected to reach \$2.5 million.
- Today there are two drugs that the foundation has developed that treat about 50% of patients. It is believed that by 2026 a third drug will be developed that will treat about 95% of patients.
- Meghan, a 19 year old CF patient, briefly spoke to thank MVTR for their support.
- Anne, a 26 year old CF patient who used to speak at the Classic, thanked MVTR for their support via a video message from California.
- Mark Stock has raised \$14K in pledges this year, a new record.
- Awards were presented to Bob Duross, Rupert Dance, Corry and Tim from Freedom Cycle Parts Dept., Jay Lees, Dave Rauseo, and Chip Fredette.

## **Rolling Rally**

Josh Tessier, Dave Rauseo, and Jim Bird reported on their team ride. The 3-day rally covers hundreds of miles in Canada. Teams are sent out with only a route sheet and they are completely on their own with no support. No emergency phone numbers provided. This was Josh's 4<sup>th</sup> year and he has yet to officially finish completing all of the route sheet. After heavy rains there was deep water and many mosquitoes.

## **Recent Competition**

- The NETRA King Philip Jr. Enduro was a fun easy ride. Clarkie's Enduro was 75 miles of rock garden nick-named the "prostate pounder". The CATRA hare scramble hasn't had any new trail in 20 years but was still enjoyed. Tom's grandson Peyton graduated from C to B class there.
- J-Day was muddy with lots of crashes photographed by Art Pepin.
- Tom went to an extremely muddy GNCC race in Indiana. Vehicles had to be towed into the parking area. Some races were combined with major reroutes made due to extreme rain and impact to the property. The morning race (Novice) was combined with the afternoon (Amateur & Pros) race. Most novice competitors took 2 hours to make a single 7.5 mile loop. Tom's next GNCC race in Ohio was cancelled due to wet conditions.

## **Spark Arrestors**

- Tom said that an ATV club up north has required a spark arrestor for their events; an inquiry to the trail boss indicated it was a result of noise issues. Tom's reply was "advertize noise standards and promote noise testing".
- Tom needs to research the NH RSA to determine the exact requirements.

## **Massachusetts OHRV Police and NETRA Events**

- Technically all trail bikes ridden in competitive events require a Mass OHRV sticker, or a waiver, or an event permit. For the last several years NETRA has had a gentlemen's agreement that this would be waived.
- The last NETRA event received an event permit. It is unknown if future NETRA events will receive event permits.
- NETRA will engage their lobbyist in Massachusetts to help resolve.

## **Club Incentive OHRV Registration**

- NHOHVA had a second meeting and a third is planned with the Plymouth State College team that is writing the software for the online registration, and it is going well.
- Beta testing of the software is scheduled for November 2017.
- Software is scheduled to go online for registrations in May 2018.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Snowmobile registrations may have their first fee increase since 2001.
- There was one new member: Mike with a KDX200.
- There was no 50:50 raffle.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm