

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES 6 June 2018

FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD

Andy Anthony presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:05 pm with approximately 75 members present. President Tom was away attending another meeting on NHOHVA business. The meeting began with a moment of silence in commemoration of D-Day 74 years ago.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

- Lisa O’Conner spoke about the 38th running of the New England Classic Charity Trail Ride being one of the longest running events nationally for CF. Recently there have been new drugs developed that help treat 90% of the CF patients.
- Lisa introduced Sarah and her son Cameron, who is a CF patient. With the help of these new drugs Cameron can partake in the normal activities of a seven-year-old first grader, such as soccer and bicycle riding.
- Lisa gave props to the Classic trail bosses Chip Fredette and Jarod Szurley, Kids trail bosses Jay Lees and Matt Belanger, BBR trail bosses Dave Mott and Stephen Vanasse, Tom Levesque for his support and guidance. Also, committee members JD Mott, John O’Connor, Allen Tucker, Boo Smith, Rupert Dance, Mark Stock, Bob DeRose, and Dave Rauseo. Also, Freedom Cycle for recognition of their contributions.
- Awards were presented: Steve Vanasse – Outstanding Volunteer Award. Allen Tucker - Iron Man Award. John Peirce – Hawk Award.

New Members

- Herbert Murdough from Hinsdale
- Mike Sedutto from Concord
- Scott Willette from Swanzey
- Joel Robie from Haverhill, MA

MVTR Membership

- There have been some teething problems with joining the club via the new NHOHVA website. Some people have found the website confusing. There have been intermittent technical problems.
- Art Pepin has generated a link on the MVTR.org website that brings people directly to the “Join MVTR” page of the NHOHVA website.

The N.E. Classic Charity Ride.

The Trail Bosses pleaded for volunteers – they are woefully understaffed this year. Many of the same volunteers from year to year are back, but they need new people for more tasks. Volunteers don’t have to miss the ride – just put in a few hours where needed.

One of the key tasks is by agreement with the State is that we must return to Bear Brook State Park within 2 weeks after the ride to repair trails. This is key to the future permitting of the ride by the State. A few years ago, MVTR lost access to a Hare Scramble venue due to failure to clean up afterwards. That really hurt the club and we cannot repeat this mistake.

President Tom Levesque's policy is if MVTR is going to put on an event we need to execute well and put on a quality event.

Competition and Rides

- The Hoot Owl Tri State Turkey Run in Putnam, CT was well attended by MVTR. A great mix of trails, good conditions (surprisingly few rocks), and a good time. 172 riders registered.
- King Philip Enduro was bogged down with protests – some 43 riders (almost half) burned the last check point. Many claimed the time keeping watch at the check point was off.
- The CATRA Hare Scramble was a cluster. Riders were initially sent out on the youth course, and a re-routing onto the right course after the first lap, with the lead riders already on the second lap of the youth course.
- Junior Enduro participation numbers are up this year and the events seem to be running smoothly. Maybe the NETRA youth program is working.

Next MVTR Meeting in July

The first Wednesday in July is the 4th. Freedom Cycle has graciously allowed us to move the meeting to the following Wednesday the 11th. The motion was carried by a vote of the membership.

Hopkinton Everett Riding Area

- Members complained of wrong way riders on River Loop and Stark Pond.
- Last year when Andre changed the direction of River Loop he didn't pull down all the combination mile marker – one-way signs along the trail.
- Last year there was a major effort to sign all the trail entrances, exits, and road crossings with large One Way Enter and One Way Do Not Enter signs. Unfortunately, many of these signs have been pulled down. More signs need to be special ordered from the BoT.
- Chris Connacher has volunteered to work on signage.

MVTR Active Wear

Ron Sousa is taking orders for jerseys. He has an order form on the MVTR Face Book page. There is a 50-piece minimum to place the order.

Youth Rider Training

- Freedom Cycle is putting on an event at Hop Ev for slightly advanced new riders (big wheels) on Wednesday 20 June. Contact Mike Suriani at 603-489-9485.
- Seacoast Trail Riders will continue to hold their youth training events every third weekend of each month at various locations.

There was no 50:50 raffle.

Andy adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm