

March Minutes 2011

Meeting was called to order @ 7:20 By Andy Anthony
Copies of the February Minutes were available to the membership

Andy had the club Banner that was used at the NETRA annual meeting. The photos on the banner look great; most of them are Arts handy work.

Brain Harjula is in the process of applying for New Hampshire Grant and Aid for Hop-Ev and Jericho Park.

John Mesick recapped the Hop-ev maintenance meeting held at the Anthony House. At the meeting Brain wanted the membership to understand how important it is to document any work done at Hop-ev. Pictures can be the best way to demonstrate to the Army Corps and the state the work being done. Not just work parties need to be reported, any work a member does on their own needs to be reported to Brain. To purchase the materials needed for Hop-ev projects a separate account will be established and monitored by Lynn Anthony, any money used for materials and equipment rentals will be reimbursed by State the with the Grant and Aid the club applied for. The club is looking into upgrading some of the equipment at Hope-Ev such as and a Trailer and 4 wheeler by using Grant and Aid and RTP Funds. If a new trailer can be purchased the old single axel trailer will be retired from park duty and used as the MVTR event trailer. It was again mentioned the State wants to see more work done at Hop-ev this year. Brian's very ambitious 2011 Hop-ev project list was distributed to the membership.

Andy went over this year's event schedule and discussed the fact that the enduro the club is putting on requires five times as many workers as a hare scramble does. The Jr Enduro at the Rocky on 7-24 is an excellent opportunity for club members to get the training needed to successfully put on the Rocky Mountain Enduro in October. In a NETRA pole the 2010 Rocky Mountain Jr. Enduro and Pee Wee Race were voted BEST EVENTS in their respective series for 2010. Congratulations to the Trail Boss's and all the workers who put on such a great event. Andy said that at last years Rocky the Hare Scramble, Jr. Enduro and the Pee Wee were run on three separate courses and that the number of members that showed up race weekend to help in any way they could was great.

The layout used in the pits last year worked well. Bikes got in and out of the pits quickly and safely. Andy as a member of the NETRA Competition Committee will work to improve pit safety at all events.

Members who plan on competing in NETRA races should check with Art to make sure their club affiliation is correct and up to date.

Tom, although not able to attend the meeting, wanted to update the club on the NOVA situation. After looking into the work NOVA is doing it appears they are not working for our interest. It may serve MVTR better to break ties with NOVA and take our seat back on the Parks & Recreation Board. Tom is willing to sit on the board until another member steps forward.

Several members reported that winter riding at Bear Brook has been good with large number of riders taking advantage of the conditions. There are so many riders at Bear Brook that one member saw 15 dirt bikes and just 2 snowmobiles in the parking lot.

Andy thinks members should try helping each other this season. With gas prices on the rise and the cost of riding or racing getting very expensive in this economy we should try pool our resources when going to events. No matter what event you go to you see truck after truck with just one bike in it and maybe a club member sitting home because gas money was not in the family budget that week. If you are going to an event and have room in your vehicle post it on the MVTR Forum @ NEDB.com or MVTR Face book.

The Classic

NETRA has full schedule this season with at least one event planed on most weekends. The Classic is the only event on the schedule the weekend of June 11 and 12. In a year when another event was on the same weekend as the Classic fundraising was noticeably down.

John is in the process of putting together the maps of the Classic route for the State. He also mentioned that any members interested in working on the classic should contact the trail bosses early and reminded us that some of the best early riding is at the work parties. Matt Belanger reported on the Kids Classic he needs a A or B rider to lead the fast kids, Matt did it last year but it seems age has caught up with him. He also needs people to help with other riding groups, moving the bikes from Loudon to Hop- ev on Saturday and Loudon to Alton on Sunday. Matt amused the meeting with the story of the Mud Hole at last year's event. We had 30 or so bike and kids in the pouring rain complete with thunder and lightning and half the bike stuck in knee-deep mud and water cascading into the hole from all directions. I know it was a sight I will never forget.

Ray is looking for someone with a pickup truck that on the Thursday before the Classic can, with Al Tuckers trailer, bring the equipment from the Cystic Fibrosis office in Nashua to the track in Loudon and a trip to Coke for supplies. He also needs 2 other volunteers to help with the move. Ray and Chip had been doing this in the past but Chip is now the southern loop trail boss and Ray has other responsibilities. Chip will have a complete list of the jobs we needs to fill for the Classic at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 R Sousa