

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES 3 May 2017
FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD

Presiding President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:14pm with approximately 60 members present.

Hopkinton-Everett Riding Area

MVTR Trail Master Andre Marois recently met with Shawn Violette, Bureau of Trails (BoT) Regional Manager to plan maintenance activities for the year.

- BoT will be working extensively on the four ATV trails; removing blown down trees, grading, and replacing signs.
- The Stark Pond trail direction of travel is being reversed.
- The Long Bridge on the Stark Pond trail is being raised and rebuilt by BoT after suffering heavy damage this past winter. The Army Corp of Engineers (ACE) denied the BoT plan to replace the bridge. Due to wetlands impact, ACE wants to permanently close the trail when the long bridge can no longer be repaired.
- This past winter Andre ribboned the new “Tuck’s Trail” single track; but it is on hold by ACE. Shawn Violette is commandeering a section of the trail as a replacement section of the Stark Pond trail to go around the whoops adjacent to the sand pit.
- BoT wants MVTR to install 500 concrete blocks on the Bassett Mill trail. This will require an excavator. Funding has not been approved for this project (Andre and Steve will work on emergency GIA funding under Shawn’s recommendation and assistance for fast tracking).
- BoT wants MVTR to reverse the direction of travel on the River Loop and BT trails. This will require us to pull down all of the mile marker signs and their backing boards and re-install them. The trail map that MVTR updated last year will require another revision.
- Andre will have his first work party this Sunday 7 May; meet in the parking lot at 8:00am. The mission is to remove numerous blown down trees on River Loop and BT, and removing mile marker signs. Bikes may be used only if they are actively carrying tools – no joy riding! All work parties will require a ‘Letter of permission’ from BOT to be on the property prior to May 23. Andre has copies)
- BoT has brought it to the attention of Andre that MVTR/GIA equipment (which was paid for with Grant in Aid funds) has been seen illegally used on non-state trails. BoT has repeatedly told MVTR Trail Administrators that equipment purchased with GIA (the enclosed equipment trailers, etc) cannot be used for non-State approved trails. Tom Levesque believes he has been told otherwise, and will ask Chris Gamache for confirmation of this.
- Tom Levesque needs to define MVTR’s tasks with Chris Gamache for the NOHVCC ride on 24 August. Reversing his previous position, Tom would like to include the NH ATV club in hosting the event at our riding area.
- Mark Stock displayed the new material hauling trailer his company designed and built (a GIA paid project). Tom would like to display it at the NOHVCC ride, and with Mark’s permission and market and sell copies to other clubs or agencies.
- Ron Sousa will begin hosting club rides on Wednesday 24 May, 5:00 pm.

Massachusetts OHRV Police and NETRA Events

- Legally, all trail bikes ridden in competitive or recreational events and personal use require a Mass OHRV sticker. For the last several years NETRA has had a gentlemen's agreement that this would be waived.
- Andy Anthony had a long telephone conversation with the Mass OHRV police. In 2017 they will not issue event permits waiving the sticker requirement, they plan to make a major enforcement personnel presence at events, and may start writing tickets to those without stickers.
- If tickets are issued, NETRA will boycott Massachusetts based events in 2018.

New Rider Training camps

- Jeremy Anthony, Hunter Preve and Shawn Levesque joined other NETRA advanced riders as instructors at the NETRA Rummel's Ride Camp. Lynne and Andy assisted as administrators and cooks at the two-day event held in Stafford, CT 22-23 April; there were 47 students aged 6-14, and approximately 25 instructors. Six stations were set up: Hills, sand, rock gardens, etc.
- The Seacoast Trail Riders will be hosting a one day new rider training day at J.D. Mott's house in Rochester on 13 May (MVTR members are invited).

NE Classic Charity Ride

- There will be absolutely no admittance to pre-registered riders before 3:00pm on Friday.
- MVTR members may reserve sites with electric/water hookups for \$25/night. To reserve hookup sites contact Deb at the NH Motor Speedway, 603-513-5726. Art will send out an E-mail with contact information to make reservations.
- Primary parking will be in lot S5. Only after this is filled will overflow parking in lot S9 be permitted.
- Classic participants may visit the motorcycle swap meet being held at the Speedway

Club Incentive OHRV Registration

- NHOHVA had a third meeting 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 anticipated for November 2017.
- Software is scheduled to go online for registrations in May 2018.

Miscellaneous

- There was one new member: Jesse with a KTM 300 XCW.
- Several Weare Winter Wanders members attended the meeting to thank MVTR for its assistance in their Hill Climb event and to become more involved with trail bike riding.
- There was no 50:50 raffle.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm