

4 November 2009

November MVTR Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 19:18. Tuck needed to get to another appointment so he was given the floor to bring up issues for consideration at the upcoming Comp. Committee Meeting.

Competition Committee

Several items were brought up for discussion; the most talked about was the issue of throw-aways/number of events. The consensus of members present was clearly that the number of events, (Hare Scrambles, not so much Enduros) was becoming burdensome on recreational riders who still wished to be competitive. The time and money needed to compete in the series was taking a lot of the fun out of it, particularly when events are scheduled on 4, 5 or more consecutive weekends. It was clearly understood that there are a number of riders who are at a point in their lives where they can and wish to race every weekend. In that respect, there was little desire to try and cap the number of events held. There were several throw-away options discussed, in the end, the most popular was that if a riders scores from 75% (rounded off to the nearest whole) of the events held (not scheduled or sanctioned) were used to calculate final ranking, it would allow for more flexibility. In this way, a rider could ride every event (except the one worked) and have his best scores count while another could choose to compete when and where he (or she) desired and if he rode 75% he would not be summarily eliminated from year-end contention.

Other items brought forward included, possibly changing the number from the current 10 to instead allow the top 20 finishers to receive championship points in an event. The question was raised as to whether there needed to be a NETRA rules change in order for an Enduro run under National rules to qualify for NETRA points. The issue of the Work Rule and use/need for a letter of intent was brought up, there currently appears to be no NETRA oversight, it falls to the individual Trail Bosses as to when and under what requirements a Work Credit is issued. Also brought up was the number of classes in Enduro events. Should engine

displacement really the determinant for classes? Should there be less displacement ranges, i.e. combine 200 and 250 classes?

The Sea Coast Trail Riders have been successful in their bid to hold a National Enduro in 2010. In order to fit into the National schedule it will be held on 22 August 2010 instead of their traditional second weekend of August. If we follow tradition, MVTRs events for 2010 will be the Classic on 5 & 6 June (dictated by the New Hampshire Motor Speedway pretty much immovable) and Rocky Mountain Weekend on 24 & 25 July. There had been some preliminary talk last year about perhaps swapping dates with Sea Coast to allow more time between the Classic and the Rocky as well as breaking up the current run of a month of HS followed by a month of Enduros. We will have to wait and see if this looks like a reasonable adjustment during the Sanctioning Meeting.

MVTR members having an issue they would like to see discussed or changed should get it written up and forwarded to Tuck or Rick before the Comp. Meeting!

Events Ridden

At the **Black and Blue**, Cody was awarded video fame, if not for his technique in negotiating the tires, certainly for his recovery. Rick finished 9th OA and described the course as awesome, Art had a great time while finishing 3rd B Senior, Mike reported that some Cs missed the A-B cutoff and Andy just had a ball.

Steves fall adventure ride out of Henniker got rave reviews, all hoping that it is on the 2010 schedule.

Trail Work

[Jim](#) organized a work party at Hop-Ev in the rain last week. Gary brought over a tractor and the group hauled screen and riprap out onto the Stark Pond trail to fill some of the severely eroded sections. Still work to be done out there, [Jim](#) is currently pretty tied up on weekends and looking for a few good men to head up some weekend work parties, contact [him](#) if you can help out.

Peter recently rebuilt a section of trail on Caverly Mtn. From the pictures on NEDB, it would appear that it would now stand up for quite some time.

Upcoming Events

The **Endurocross** in Winchendon and the **A1A Connector** dual-sport ride were both upcoming at the time of the meeting, being scheduled for what is now, last weekend.

Still to come is the **PSTR Toys For Tots** ride on the 15th, which will include a dual-sport ride and two available Adventure Bike loops. In addition to gathering toys for those in need, this ride raises \$\$\$ which become part of the donation brought annually by PSTR to the **Classic**. MVTR riders who make the trip down should remember to let them know where you came from and how much we appreciate their efforts.

Also on the list for upcoming events is the re-rescheduled **Dan Salomone Memorial Enduro** (formerly the Gypsy Moth) on the 22nd of November. Another of the events for a really good cause, try to support this one as well!

Other Stuff

Progress continues in the Jericho Lake Park area, connections to surrounding trails are coming along. If not already, there should soon be links to Success Pond and the Berlin-Gorham-Randolph rail trail.

Ray has discovered some route sheet holders, which allow for opening and adding notes while on the trail. He asked for and received permission to order some for use by our Trail Bosses.

There was an OHRV death during a charity trail ride in Pawtuckaway State Forest. Details were limited at meeting time, it was reported that she was trying to avoid others stopped in the trail and struck a tree. It is a tragic reminder that we rarely know what may be around the next corner.