

## MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES - 7 October 2015

### Freedom Cycle - Concord

Presiding President Tom Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm with approximately 40 members present. There was a prior meeting of the Classic Committee which ran long.

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

Last weekend a bridge on Hang Glider trail was demolished and a 70 foot long replacement was completed. An amazing fete accomplished in just two days - included removing construction debris and the old bridge from the job site. Before this project, MVTR had expended over 1800 man-hours in the area this year. Bureau of Trails has expended 500 hours this year in the area.

A one year agreement has been signed the new landowner to continue River Loop on his property where the trail strays outside the riding area. There are some piles of old bridge-building material adjacent to the property line that MVTR wants to remove. Hopefully, this and other acts of good neighborship will encourage the new land owner to extend the River Loop agreement.

#### **Rocky Mountain Hare Scramble**

Recently Tucker and Andy Anthony had a work party to clean up the property. Tucker is optimistic that the land owner will allow MVTR to return to host an event in 2016. In the mean time MVTR members are encouraged to continue to look for an alternative venue for 2016. If you think you might have a venue with 6-7 acres of parking and 200-300 acres for trails, let Tom know.

#### **Bear Brook State Park**

The venue still requires repairs. Although the Classic was blamed for the damage, in reality the damage was from 4 wheel drive trucks entering the park illegally. MVTR will repair to maintain good relations with Bureau of Trails. Tucker will lead a work party.

#### **Jericho State Park**

Tom Levesque and Andy Anthony will lead a work party on Saturday 17 October to complete bridges that were started on the single track. Time permitting, additional new trail that was previously flagged will be cleared. A campground owner adjacent to the riding area has offered free camping to trail workers in this and future work parties.

#### **Grant in Aid**

It is hopeful that additional money could be available to replace the Grizzly. The Grizzly is completely worn out and further money spent on its repair is a waste.

### **Hawk Ride.**

Boo reports the 12th annual event will be 1 November at Jay McGrath's in Deerfield. Admission is \$50 for food and riding, or \$30 for ride but no food, or \$30 for food but no ride. Pre-register for food by 19 October. Proceeds benefit hospice.

### **Mont Vernon Posse Challenge**

Will be held 17 October. Three and a half miles of tough technical terrain. See details on the MVTR facebook page.

### **J-Day.**

Tom Simeon reported 120 riders in his class at Southwick and 105 at Crow Hill.

### **Hare Scrambles**

Hoot Owl will be the last of the season. The Rhode Island event was cancelled.

### **Buckfield Two-Day Trail Ride**

Jim Pidgeon reported that it was very dusty, with bad visibility. The event was limited to 50 riders; broken up into 5 groups. In his group there were 7 flat tires.

### **Race into Winter**

The snowmobile grass drags will be in Freemont next weekend. Admission is \$20.

### **ISDE Slovakia**

Art Pepin reported on his two week long trip as an official photographer and aide to the US team. Each day it took 2-3 hours to walk the test sections before riding. His days were very long: After getting the riders off he took photos, then after the event he was a team chauffer. He didn't get to review the photos he shot each day until 9:00 pm. A few quick winks and it was off to do it again the next day. He is very much looking forward to attending next year's event in Spain!

### **Noble Woods Turkey Run**

JD pre-road it and reports it will be a an easy flowing ride that should be fun and not beat anybody up.

### **Seacoast Trail Riders Challenge**

Open to both MVTR and SCTR, it will be 24 October at the Boivert's. The 5.1 mile loop is from their enduro. The number of riders will be limited to 75. The cost is \$20 per rider plus \$5 parking.

## **NETRA**

The event sanctioning meeting is in December. If you want to hold an event in 2016 you need to finalize your plans now.

### **MotoZ Mountain Hybrid Tire**

A tire that combines the features of a trials tire in the center and knobbies on the side wall, it is supposed to offer the best of both. Tucker swears by his; Tom doesn't like it. Tucker runs 6-7 PSI in his with a tubliss system, but says you can go as low as 0 PSI with the stiff sidewall. Tom is using a HD inner tube and running 12 PSI.

## **NHOHVA and other Politics**

- The Association is still working towards the Club Assistance program of OHRV registration. Similar to the present system for snowmobile registration, where there will be a discount to club members. Non-club members will pay a higher fee with the difference going directly to Grant in Aid.
- The mechanics of the program, and online registration, need to be worked out. The state snowmobile association just spent \$67K on software development for their online registration system.
- Tom is proposing that the state raises the OHRV registration fee for trail bikes to match that of quads and side by sides. This will effectively halve the number of different registration types, and take away from Bureau of Trails their argument that trail bikes are restricted from most of the state's trail systems due to lower registration fees. The membership at this meeting backed Tom's proposal.
- Harry Brown was forced to resign as President of the North Country Coalition, not NHOVA as erroneously reported on Facebook. Harry was going to accept a \$2.5 million grant from Northern Pass, which the general population interpreted as a bribe to support Northern Pass. As a result three major landowners in the north country have shut down access to ATVs and snowmobiles to their land. This has crippled Ride the Wilds and snowmobiling in the north country.

There was no 50:50 raffle or new members.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.