

MVTR GENERAL MEETING NOTES 1 August 2018

FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD

President Tom Levesque presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:06 pm with approximately 60 members present.

Rock Crusher Weekend Recap

- The MVTR Competition Committee held a review meeting just before this general meeting. The review included what worked well and what didn't work well for the recent Rock Crusher Weekend.
- Should there be a discount, or no parking donation required for volunteers working the event or discounts for other activities? Historically for this and all other MVTR events there has not been. The trail bosses discussed the mechanics of keeping track of who has volunteered and suggest that it would be tough to manage. After discussion it was decided to not change the policy, individual members will make their own choices.
- People sneaking into the event without paying has always been a minor issue, but now may require a deterrent such as wristbands or a colored dot on the parked vehicle windshield. Identify Saturday only, Sunday only, and both day.
- Props to Kim Bergeron to actively managing the pits with both gentle and firm persuasion, which produced an efficient and safe operation. Many compliments from the competitors' pit crews were received.
- There were more new competitors this year. Hare scramble numbers were down slightly from last year; probably due to the forecast for rain. The rain did improve the course conditions for both traction and dust control.
- Food sales for the Weare Winter Wanderers were up 30% from last year, which they really appreciated considering they could not hold their hill climb event this year (their club revenue generator) in support of Camp Sno-mo (Easter Seals).
- Tribute was paid to Frank Colon at the beginning of the 11:00am hare scramble.

Hop-Ev

- We ask that members do not post photos on social media of OHRVs stuck or wallowing in mud bogs. There are "greenies" out there looking for ammunition to use in their "they are destroying my wilderness, we must stop all motorized trail use" campaign.
- Several members asked how to report trees down and other problems at Hop-Ev. There is question regarding the ta@mvtr.org address. Tom will check on it for contacting Andre. Posting on Facebook is probably the best avenue to advise of Hop-Ev needs.

Other trail Situations

- Large landowners in northern Maine are closing trails and woods-roads to plated trail bikes and UTVs greater than 62 inches wide. We expect this to creep into northern NH.

- The Androscoggin Valley ATV club has attracted several new members with trail bikes due to the club incentive program. These members working with Seacoast Trail Riders in maybe developing and maintaining single track at Jericho State Park.

Rides and Events

- Seacoast Trail Riders will be hosting an enduro in two weeks. A quality event, Tom encourages people who just want to go on a good trail ride to enter and ignore the time keeping.
- Several members went to the 24-Hour Challenge in Andover, NY. The 12-mile loop was run from 10:00am to 10:00am. It was a greasy hardpack course.
- J Day held their largest sprint enduro to date in Maine. Art said spectator control was lacking and lead to some safety issues.
- Jeff Noyles wants to host a series of Friday evening rides, but he has been laid up with illness. Look for e-mail notification. Do not post these rides on social media.
- The hare scramble at the ski area in Southington, CT was fast. It is suspected that it might not occur again due to the very close proximity of houses.
- The Mt Southington hare scramble was very fast with several flat tires without rocks. Excellent traction yielded heavy acceleration and braking loads that overwhelmed rim-locks and sheared the inner tube valve stems.
- Sarah Starrer had fun at the Rhode Island enduro. She wants Bruce to set up logs in their yard.

Miscellaneous

- MVTR voted to donate \$250 to the Antrim Fire Dept. in memory of Frank Colon. They were the first responders to his accident. His family asked for this in lieu of flower for his funeral. His memorial service is scheduled for 5:30pm Friday 14 September at the Dublin Community Church in Dublin next to Yankee Magazine.
- MVTR needs a webmaster – please help!
- There were three new members present: Andrew Nicolas from Chester, Dan Grant from Goffstown, and David Raymond from Allenstown.
- There was no 50:50 raffle.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm