

**MVTR MEETING NOTES 4 August 2021**  
Freedom Cycle, Concord, NH

Summertime,  
and the livin' is easy.  
Dust hasn't been a problem,  
'cause it ain't been dry.  
Oh, your Daddy is rich,  
and his new bike is good lookin'.  
So hush little baby, don't you cry.

Vice President Chip Fredette presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:07 pm with approximately 45 members present. The meeting was held outdoors to take advantage of the nice weather.

**New Members**

- Tory Nordstrom from Northfield rides a 250 XC and a KLX. He wants to volunteer at Hop-Ev and was directed to Andre's contact info.
- Mark Pied from Tewksbury, MA rides a 300 XCW.
- Father and son Chris and Masson ride KTMs.
- Sean from Manchester rides a Sherco.
- Fabian from Bedford rides a Beta and a dual-sport.

**Recent Mohawk Hare Scramble**

Several members reported on the event which occurred a week and a half ago out in western MA. It was an extreme mud fest: Vehicles had to be towed in and out of the parking area. Some good riders took 2 hours to complete a single 4-mile loop. There were many overheated and blown-up bikes.

**Rock Crusher**

The Competition Committee reported on this MVTR event that was held 10-11 July. There were 386 competitors spread across youth, Jr Enduro, and Hare Scramble classes.

- Profits were down this year in part to a porta-potty cost increase and long term infrastructure investments in the property. That is okay; the club treasury can afford it and if clubs don't host events there would be no competitive series.
- The heavy rains took a toll on both the volunteers working and on the venue. Some lines were re-routed almost every lap. Pulling bikes out of the mud all day was tiring. The venue will heal. Mud stays put filling in the holes, whereas dust floats away to be lost forever.
- MVTR has a deep field of volunteers. At the end of the event when the crews were completely spent, a new wave of volunteers rolled in to say "we are here to clean up."
- The landowner was fabulous. Recognizing the impact of rain, he shut down part of his quarry operation to permit campers to park on roads rather than in his hay field. He offered an excavator and a bulldozer to tow vehicles through the mud. He still wants us back next year!

- MVTR still needs to repair and re-seed the hayfield. The landowner recognizes that we need to let the ground dry out first, and that for now we will only do more damage.

### **NHOHVA Quarterly Meeting**

Tom Lévesque and John Mesick representing MVTR attended the meeting on 23 July.

- For the 2021 year only, GIA projects will be funded by the State at 90% of the total cost, with clubs contributing 10%. Next year it will return to 80% State funding.
- State GIA funding has almost doubled this year; \$1.2M up from \$600k last year.
- Total OHRV registrations are up 25% over last year. Last year saw total registrations increase 25% over the previous year. Last year trail bike registrations doubled. No breakdown yet on this year's numbers.
- Tom Lévesque asked the State Bureau of Trails Chief if our Hop-Ev agreement with him can be modified to permit winter riding and maintenance on our trails (apparently we were always prohibited, but it never got enforced until last winter). Tom further asked if we can use GIA funds to snowplow the parking lot. The Chief said he would look into it.

### **Member Complaints regarding lack of legal Riding Opportunities**

- Hop-Ev has been closed due to flooding this summer, and closed all last winter. Bear Brook was open only a couple of days last winter. Rockingham Rail Trail is boring. What are trail bike riders getting for their registration fees?
- Allegedly Jericho State Park has recently closed some trails on State owned land to bikes, making them ATV only. If this is true, how are they justifying this?

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

- Is still closed due to flooding by the Army Corp of Engineers.
- The flooding was shallow, allowing the roads to remain open to car traffic throughout the area. Bridges on our trails have not floated away.
- Last week volunteers cleared the single-track trails of debris.

Chip adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.