

## MVTR Monthly General Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: 6 November 2013, at Freedom Cycle

From: John Mesick; reviewed and corrected by Tom Levesque and Glenn Harvey

President Tom called to order at 7:15 pm with approximately 30 members present.

**Props to volunteers.** Josh Tessier had thanked all MVTR volunteers on Facebook. Tom specifically thanked Tucker, Harjula. They are the lifeblood of the club.

On another note Dave Lynch mentioned on Facebook that if you needed a work group, Tom Levesque would be the person to contact for drumming up support. Tom responded his success was all attributed to those folks who sponsor various events such as the Rocky Weekend committee and the Classic committee and all the dedicated Club members who pitch in during the events.

**Hawk Ride.** Jay McGrath's charity ride was held in Deerfield. Duane described it as a nice recreational ride with excellent weather and trail conditions. Jeff Noyles said it was fast and flowing, with approximately 50 riders. Boo said they had excellent catered food, and the 6.2 mile course had been cleared with leave blowers. It is expected to occur again next year.

**Tom's Get-Off.** Prez Tom told a story of a get-off in the roots at Hop-Ev: pain, crutches, doctor visit... Not being able to hold his bike up to get on at the next race. His doctor's observation was; "Trail riders never seem to give it up regardless of bike or body damage."

**NETRA Fun Ride** recently held at Hodges Dam in Oxford, MA. Art said they had over 250 riders. He rode 48 miles. Due to an event permit, a Mass OHRV sticker was not required. A number of MVTR members attended and shared Art's view of having a good time with a variety of terrain.

**Mass OHRV Stickers** for non-residents cost \$30 and possibly sales tax on the vehicle depending where you get the sticker. After a couple years of confusion Mass still hasn't clarified or gotten consistent on the sales tax requirement for non-residents.

**Side-by-Sides** cannot be registered for the street in NH with a farm plate. Fish and Game has coordinated this with all town hall registries. Other than private property, the only legal place they can be used is Jericho State park and on the State Trail systems (Ride the Wild) in the North Country (not Hop-Ev).

**Ride the Wilds Kiosks.** Brian Harjula reported that 15 post assemblies and one roof assembly have been delivered. Four more roofs have been completed but not delivered. Starting next week work parties will switch from Monday to Wednesday evenings at Tucker's. Volunteers are encouraged to show up at 6:00pm, or a little earlier.

**Hop-Ev.** Brian Harjula reported the park is solid; has not, and does require much work this year. Blurred Vision, an ATV club out of Mass has worked on several projects. They are soon to incorporate in NH so they can apply for Grant-in-Aid funding.

**Grant-in-Aid** funding. The state turned down our request for a new six-wheeler and enclosed trailer. For the next few years the state's focus will be building out the Ride the Wilds, the Jericho project and leasing properties that abut Ride The Wild so as protect past and present progress with land owners. In two weeks Brian will be meeting with Clint Savage of F&G at Jericho regarding more single track.

**John Ruffo Memorial Windham Challenge** will be held at the Landry Ranch on Saturday 30 November. Members of the Windham Conservation Commission and Town Planning Board will be spectating; so Jeff asks for continued good behavior. A \$25 donation for the Good Sheppard Food Pantry and MVTR or Seacoast membership is required of riders. Leaf blowers needed Friday. Jeff asked if some can supply a tent to cover the food. Jeff will have a work party this Sunday 10 November to finish up the last section of the 7 mile course.

**Seacoast Trail Riders.** JD Mott will inquire at their 7 November meeting if they will continue reciprocity with MVTR at their events where club membership is required. Club reciprocity will not be in place at the upcoming Chips Chili Ride due to circumstances that were not the decision of SCTR. It will be likely confirmed at this same meeting that they will not be putting on their Winter Hare Scramble :- ( MVTR will not put on the event if Seacoast doesn't.

**MVTR Secretary.** Bruce is heading to Florida for the winter. He is not planning to continue as secretary when he returns in the spring. We need a replacement. I will fill in for the short term.

**NHOHVA** Tom, Andy, Tucker, and Bob Fitzhenry recently attended a meeting in Bethlehem. This is an umbrella organization of 13 ATV clubs (and growing) and two trail bike clubs (MVTR and Seacoast). The trail bike clubs will not be driving the organization; but they will have a voice and will not be left behind. Annual NHOHVA dues will increase from \$5 to \$10 for each club member; hence MVTR dues will increase by no less than \$5. Prez Tom asked VP Glenn to review MVTR general finances (A committee has been assembled to review the adequacy of MVTR's current membership dues structure) This money will be used to establish a professional office in Concord to administrate a proposed scheme whereby club members will receive a \$30 discount off of OHRV stickers. Non-club members pay the extra \$30 which will be used for Grant-in-Aid funding. There will be a meeting next Friday with Fish & Game, Bureau of Trails and interested legislatures regarding this proposed bill.

**NETRA 2014.** MVTR will be asking to sanction the Classic 14-15 June and Rocky Mountain the last weekend in July. Proposed rule changes must be to Andy Anthony in two weeks.

The meeting ended at 8:20 pm with Mark Stock winning \$42 in the 50:50 raffle.