

## **MVTR MEETING NOTES 2 January 2019**

### **FREEDOM CYCLE - CONCORD**

President Tom Levesque presided over the meeting, calling it to order at 7:05 pm with approximately 40 members present.

#### **Election of Club Officers**

Our current slate of officers have offered to return for the coming year:

- President: Tom Levesque
- Vice President: Steve Semuskie
- Treasurer: Ron Sousa
- Membership: Art Pepin
- Secretary: John Mesick

Elections will be held during the March meeting. All of the above candidates are willing to step aside if someone else wants to take on that position and responsibilities.

#### **Ice Box**

Mark Stock spoke about the event he is hosting. Sunday 20 January is the date set, with the location off of Rte. 89 exit 7 in Hopkinton. The event is a non-competitive charity ice ride on a lake benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The focus this year will be on kids, with several 50cc and 80cc bikes available. The Seacoast Trail Riders will be providing riding gear for the kids. Adult riders must be MVTR members; all are strongly encouraged to renew their membership beforehand. A laptop will be available for signups (payment via credit card only). A pot-luck event, there will be a tent with sufficient receptacle outlets for slow cookers. Currently the ice conditions are ideal. The day of the event Mark may be looking for volunteers to use their ATVs with snowplows to clear the courses. Please utilize the ample roadside parking beyond Mark's cottage, where there is better lake access. Please be respectful of the neighbors by not leaving any form of trash behind.

#### **Seacoast Trail Riders Winter Hare Scramble**

Will be held on Sunday 13 January in Lyman Maine. The event (called Cold Stones) will utilize a section of MX track and sweet woods trails. A track preview video has been posted on the MVTR Facebook page that looks really fun.

#### **New Members**

- Link and his son Henry live in Loudon. They don't own bikes yet. Link is a returning rider who wants to introduce his young son to the sport.

#### **MVTR Website**

- Art Pepin, Steve Moltisanti, and Paul Gallagher have moved the old MVTR website over to the new software platform. It looks much like the old website at the moment.
- The new website will receive a complete overhaul in its content. We need to bring our mission statement up to date. The Hopkinton-Everett riding area needs prominence, as it is our justification to the world that we are deserving of the increased Grant-in-Aid funds received through the Club Incentive Registration program.

- Last year, not a single picture was taken of a Hop-Ev work party and very little coverage of other MVTR events and activities. We need to step up our game in promoting ourselves. Take pictures and write up a paragraph for the MVTR.org site of what you did.

### **MVTR Membership Renewal**

- All memberships expired 31 December 2018. The website for membership renewal has been working flawlessly, please use it. Even if you don't plan on registering an OHRV before May, you need to renew to get the parts discount at Freedom Cycle, and to participate in MVTR events.
- OHRV registration Club Incentive Discount. An unexpected consequence turned up with the mandated club membership dates running January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>: A new membership obtained before May cannot be used to receive the registration discount until after May (this year's membership numbers have a "20" prefix). You need to have an expired 2018 membership ("19" prefix membership number) to register a machine between now and May 1. The club membership dates and OHRV registration dates are not going to change. It is possible to receive a 2018 voucher as you renew for the new year should you need to register a machine prior to May 1 (further details are on the registration site).

### **Safety and First Aid Training**

Chip Fredette spoke about the event

- Sunday 10 March 2019 was selected for the training date at Freedom Cycle.
- Registration will be limited to the first 24 MVTR members (don't forget to renew).
- Members will pay \$30 to register, with MVTR picking up the balance of the tuition and providing breakfast and lunch.
- Students should bring all of their riding gear, including tool belts, camelbacks, and anything else they normally wear.
- Some bikes will be required, the number of which will be determined later.
- It is expected that this class may be repeated next year due to popular demand.

### **Chester Turnpike – Hooksett Selectmen Meeting**

- A petition was made to the selectmen to revoke an easement that had been issued in 2001 to an ATV club for ATV use on the turnpike. The ATV club had abandoned their attempt to open the Chester Turnpike as a feeder to Bear Brook State park when legislation ruled against allowing the State Park as a year round OHRV riding area.
- Chip Fredette and Bob DeRose attended the meeting to represent MVTR's interest in keeping the road open for use by the NE Classic Charity Trail Ride. Because the road is a legally designated a Class IV road, it cannot be closed by the selectmen to plated trail bikes (hence, no threat to the Classic).
- About 60 civilians attended the meeting, with two speaking for closure, and the rest wanting to keep ATV access open. Although the selectmen had initially intended to vote on the closure that evening, the vote was delayed until a further study could be made.
- A New ATV club (S & H) has offered to take over Turnpike trail maintenance and the Range Roads in Pembroke. Chip introduced Chris and Jesse from S & H to our meeting and they spoke of cooperation with MVTR. They hope they can learn about trail maintenance from us.

### **Kids Classic Update**

Tom read a portion of a letter he received from Lisa O'Conner that clarified the national Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's position of youth riders or youth participation in all CFF activities deemed 'extreme sport'. They will not budge on allowing riders less than 14 years of age. This unfortunately eliminates half of the riders or more from the Kid's Classic. There is no compromise, we must accept it and move on.

### **Bullet Proof Designs Guards**

Tom presented several different guards for radiators, brake rotors, swing arm, rear shock, etc. A little pricy, Bullet proof guards are high quality CNC machined in America. The replacement cost of the parts they protect are far higher.

Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:37. His pizza got cold because he didn't eat it until after the meeting.