

## Topsham TrailRiders January Meeting



Date: Monday, January 30, 2023

Location: St. Johns Church Pleasant St Brunswick, Me

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little

Tim Moody

Devin Favreau

Dee Blanchette

Charlie Parkinson

Board of Directors Present: Rocky League

Ron Dumont

Randy Bickford

Richard Arsenault

Mike Little

Board of Directors Absent: Brad Hoskins, Tara Crossman, Matt Nixon and Dan Parlin

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:31 PM

Approximately 17 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

### **Secretary Report:**

Jenny Little emailed a copy of the November minutes to all club members. No one in attendance requested for any edits to the minutes that were remitted.

- Motion was made by Bob Sweeney to approve the Secretary's report.
- Motion Accepted by Michael Little
- Was passed with no opposition

## **President's Remarks**

### Tedford Road Access

- TTR continues to pursue seeking road access from our trailhead to Rusty's store.
- Stay tuned for additional updates.

### State Municipal Grant

- The Municipal Grant committee met on January 16<sup>th</sup> and created a plan of action to ensure we make the deadline of May 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a program designed to share the cost of ATV trail development and maintenance between the municipality and ATV club.
- TTR will be attending a municipal grant training class in Lisbon on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The session is being put on by ATV Maine.

### Multi-Use Trail Update

- Another committee meeting was held in late January and a shout out to DJ Merrill for standing up and speaking during that meeting.

### ATV Maine Update

- ATV Maine is hosting their Annual Banquet April 15, 2023 9:00 AM-2:00 PM @ Jeff's Catering 15 Littlefield Way in Brewer Maine. If you would like to go print out the confirmation sheet on the ATV Maine website or Facebook page, all confirmations need to be received by April 1, 2023

### Square

- Tim Moody and Jenny Litte have completed some research on creating a Square account which will allow us to expand our capabilities in receiving money to include using a debit card. It requires using an adapter which is connected to a cell phone.

## **Treasurer Report:**

Tim Moody reported that we had \$130.00 cash on hand and a balance of \$1,597.53 in the checking account and \$3,094.87 in the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance \$685.23. He also shared that the food events account currently has a balance of \$1,701.04.

- Motion was made by Michael Little to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda.
- Motion Accepted by Ron Dumont
- Was passed with no opposition

## **Trail Master's Report:** (Charlie Parkinson, Brad Hoskins and James Belanger)

### Trail Conditions:

- All trails are closed at this time. Looking at potentially opening part of the east side.
- Charlie shared with the group that Tim Doyle inquired if TTR would consider paying to register his side by side as a snowmobile since he volunteers his time to maintain our trails.
  - Randy Bickford made a motion that TTR pay to ONLY register his machine and any maintenance that is needed Tim is responsible for.

- Motion was accepted by Rocky League
- Was passed with no opposition

### **Committee Reports:**

We have several committees that will kick-off at the beginning of 2023, please considering joining 1 or 2 of them to help us out as well as show your support. It's also a good way to get to know other club members and socialize. We have the barbecue committee, apparel committee and the sportsman show committee.

#### Barbecue Committee

No committee update was provided during this meeting but the committee will be seeking new members in during the February meeting.

#### Apparel Committee

Jenny Little said we have 71- 2022 club t-shirts remaining. We will sell them at a reduced price (\$12.00) at the sportsman show and at other times through the year. It was suggested no ordering new t-shirts this year, till we sell 2022 stock. We also have surplus in sweat-shirts.

#### Sportsman Show Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update on the Maine Sportsman Show:

- The show will be held at the Augusta Civic Center Friday, March 31, 2023 to Sunday, April 2, 2023.
- Topsham Trailriders will once again have a booth.
- During the Board meeting a motion was made by Randy Bickford to allow the club to spend up to \$300 on a club raffle as well as purchasing American flag theme TTR stickers as a giveaway item at the Sportsman Show and the June Benefit ride.
  - Motion was accepted by Richard Arsenault.
  - Was passed with no opposition
- Devin Favreau will connect with Robin from Banana Banners to get the stickers made.
- TTR has a great opportunity to sell some of leftover apparel during the sportsman show.
- A volunteer sheet for the show was circulated to solicit volunteers.
- A slide show is being created similar to last year.
- Additionally, TTR will be soliciting items to be donated to the sportsman show raffle until late February. After that inventory will be taken of items collected before the club orders the remaining items for the raffle.
  - Please consider donating an item. Check Facebook for updates.

### Ride Coordinator Update

Unfortunately, Mike Little was not able to attend the Out-of-Town Snowmobile ride on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January he is hopeful that those who went enjoyed themselves and that he will be receiving photos soon.

### Club Membership Update

Dan Parlin provided the following update on our club memberships prior to the meeting:

As of 1/30/2023 we have:

106 members

- 66 Regular members
- 53 ATV Maine members
- 28 MSA Members
- 10 Associate members
- 12 Honorary members
- 9 Business members

### Safety Course Committee Update

Ron Dumont reported that he will be connecting with the State of Maine to work on getting a safety course in motion for Spring of 2023. They have a hall picked out in Lisbon. They need to make sure it will work to hold the course and check with the State as to when they are available.

### Landowner Relations Update

Matt Nixon was not present so no landowner relations update was completed during this meeting.

### **Old Business:**

#### TTR Spreads Christmas Cheer In Downtown Bath

- TTR had a great time and it seems as the Seniors and community enjoyed our company.
- Thank you to all of those who came and helped during this event. We went to several long care homes. The residents were greeted with the Santa gang, including 2 reindeers, a Christmas tree, 2 elves and Mrs. Clause. We danced, smiled and passed out Christmas cards!!

#### Connecting East & West Side

- A letter is being remitted to CMP in early February to start this conversation about getting permission to connect the East and West sides once again.

#### Ski Joring Event

- The Ski Joring Trail Setup Work Party is Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Topsham Fairgrounds.

- The official Ski Joring event is Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and TTR will once again be helping during this event. For those interested in helping out reach out Jenny Little

### **New Business:**

#### Central Maine Powersports Trail Fund

- During the Board meeting Devin Favreau made a motion that TTR continue to participate in the CMPS Trail Fund.
- Motion was accepted by Randy Bickford.
- Was passed with no opposition

#### 2023 Pig Roast/TTR BBQ

- During the Board meeting it was approved to once again pursue doing a BBQ Landowner / Fundraiser and Ride in late September. Everyone agreed that the pig roast was big hit last fall following a ride in Topsham. It was suggested we do this event yearly.
- Volunteers are needed for this committee.

#### Open for Member Comment

- Bob Sweeney mentioned that House in the Woods is having a fundraiser including a live auction and music on April 29, 2023 at the Elks Club in Bangor. All are welcomed to come and support the Veterans. The more the merrier!
  - A reminder that the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in-town club ride is a benefit ride for House in the Woods.

### **Upcoming TTR Events**

- February 8, 2023 Social night @ 6:00 PM China Rose 45 Old Bath Road in Brunswick. This is a good time to gather, reminisce, meet ATV enthusiasts, and eat!!
- February 11, 2023 Ski-Joring at Topsham Fairgrounds. This is a popular event which draws big crowds.
- February 27, 2023 Monthly Meeting - Basement of St. Johns Church on Pleasant St in Brunswick

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Blanchette

02/08/2023

The January 2023 minutes were voted and approved during the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. JLL