

Topsham Trailriders December Meeting



Date: Monday, December 29th, 2025

Location: Don Russell Conference Room, Town of Topsham Town Hall, 100 Main Street Topsham ME and via GoogleMeet due to ice storm

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little

Ron Carey

Tim Moody

Ashleigh Rolfson (via google meet)

Board of Directors Present: Randy Bickford

John Bursley

Tim Williams

James Belanger

Mike Little

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon

David Sheain

Rick Emmert

Brad Hoskins

Stephanie Burnham

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:32 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:36pm

Approximately 15 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary's Report

Ashleigh Rolfson emailed a copy of the November minutes to all club members. No one in attendance requested any edits to be made to the minutes that were sent out.

Motion was made by Kyle McComiskey to approve the Secretary's report

Motion Accepted by Tim Williams

Was passed with no opposition

Vacant Board Seat Election

During our November meeting, I announced that Rick Emmert and his family were moving to North Carolina, which vacated a board seat. We held nominations and received two names for this position: Marie Carey and Cindy Sheain. Tonight, we'll handle voting a little differently since this is a hybrid meeting. For those attending in person, please collect a ballot and select one name before returning your ballot to our elections committee. For virtual attendees, I'll create an anonymous poll—just select one nominee and submit your response. At the end of the meeting, our elections committee, led by Mr. Little this evening, will tally the votes and announce later during the meeting.

Election Results:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the election this evening. The vacated board seat has now been filled by Marie Carey. We appreciate your involvement in keeping our club strong and active!

President's Remarks

During the meeting Jenny Little provided updates on the following:

West Side Reroute Update

There has been some progress regarding the trail access from our West Side park-and-ride. Currently, we still do not have a trail leaving that location, but efforts to reroute have resumed after a stagnant period. Over the past 30 days, we've worked with Brett, who now has a new team member handling these inquiries at CMP. All documentation has been resubmitted, and while there is no official update yet, we're optimistic. The previous contact had additional responsibilities that caused delays, but with the new person fully engaged and Brett maintaining close communication, we expect an update soon.

Special Collections

Earlier this year, during our November board meeting, we recognized that Topsham Trailriders does a lot of good—and we want to keep that momentum going. Because our riding seasons, whether snowmobiling or ATV, are relatively short, we came up with a unique idea: a rotating three-month community initiative throughout the year.

Starting in January, we'll collect diapers of various sizes at each meeting for three months and deliver them to a local agency in need. After that, we may shift to a food drive for the next three months, or even incorporate a 50/50 raffle during meetings where proceeds benefit a local food pantry. The goal is to keep giving back year-round in creative ways.

Treasurer Report

Tim provided a printed treasurer report which will be attached to the minutes when they are sent out which is an update since our November meeting.

Motion was made by **Kyle McComiskey** to approve the treasurer's report as provided at the meeting

Motion accepted by **Ron Carey**

Was Passed with No Opposition

Tim Moody abstained from the vote

Trail Master

Ron Carey provided the following update:

East and West Side Update:

‘Tis the season snow has started to accumulate, more in some areas than others, and some of these accumulations are quite deep, for it being so early in the season. This is the first time in a long time that our trail system is able to see any snowmobile activity in the month of December. With that in mind and the current groomable conditions on our trail system, it only seems fair that we open them to snowmobile activity, therefore, until further notice Topsham Trailriders are riding again, snowmobiles only of course.

Today’s wet weather was not conducive to stable trail conditions. We will be reassessing the trail system and updating trail status regularly on our club Facebook page. Check in with us to see if the trails are open.

Please respect the trail system and our valuable access granted by our gracious landowners. This can be done by simply staying on marked trails and treading lightly where you ride. Have fun out there, ride safe and remember to report any trail damage on our Facebook page.

Groomer Certification

Jenny Little provided the following update:

A reminder for anyone interested in learning snowmobile grooming: please reach out to me or any of our trail masters, and we’ll provide the certification test. Since our last meeting, one individual has completed the test and another has expressed interest. After passing, the goal is for you to shadow one of our experienced groomers who has been maintaining our trail system for some time.

Grooming Plans

Jenny Little provided the following update:

To keep everyone informed, the club machine is currently being repaired. Authorization was given around December 17, and parts were ordered with an estimated two-week turnaround, which means arrival of the parts should be around December 31. Please note, that date is for shipment arrival only—the repair will not be complete by then. As of now, the machine is still at MOMS and does not have tracks installed. Jim, our primary winter operator, is aware and generously used his personal snowmobile to inspect the trails. The drag is ready to go, and once the machine is back in service and tracks are installed, we’d like to coordinate an exploration run on Trail #5 on the east side—if and when the machine is not being used by Jim on the West side. Ideally, one of our trail masters will ride with Tim Doyle in the club machine with tracks, or if Tim prefers to use his personal snowmobile, the trail master can take the club machine. We will not be bringing the drag; this is strictly an exploratory ride. We anticipate that Trail #5 may have downed trees unless locals have cleared it, so while we’d like this to be a tracked-only run, we may need to adapt as conditions require.

Upcoming Trail Work Parties:

There are no work parties currently scheduled. If any are planned an email will be remitted to everyone.

Committee Section:**BBQ Committee**

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

There is nothing to report from this committee at this time.

Apparel Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update:

There is nothing new to report from the Apparel Committee at this time. However, as a reminder, Topsham Trailriders still has a digital store available for orders. The link is provided below for your convenience

Here is the link: <https://www.gotvinyl207.com/topsham-trailriders>.

Maine Sportsman Show Committee

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

The show is scheduled for Friday, March 27th and will continue until on Sunday, March 29th at the Augusta Civic Center

TTR has a corner booth reserved and paid for by MOMS Topsham! A huge thank you for their generosity.

Are there any individuals who would like to join the Sportsman Show committee?

Our first meeting will include discussion on:

- Money needed (ie materials, and raffle items)
- Volunteers needed during the show
- Free Promotional TTR Item
- Slide Show – A year in review
- Raffle

Ride Coordinator Update

Mike Little provided the following update:

At this time, there is little to report, but I am optimistic about hosting our Bonfire Ride, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 1st, weather permitting. A final decision will likely be made the week of our January meeting, so please check the Facebook page or club website for updates. Looking ahead, I'm excited for the upcoming ATV season and our partnership with We-ATV 207. The combined ride schedule will be available at the January meeting once their schedule is released later in January.

Update from the Membership Chair

Rick Emmert could not attend the meeting so therefore he remitted his report to Jenny Little so that an update could be provided.

TTR Active Member Counts

Membership Type	Total Memberships	Total Members
Associate	11	19
Honorary	15	26
Not Active	1	0
Regular	72	165
Grand Total	99	210

Topsham Trailriders is still actively and urgently seeking a Membership Chair. Ideally, we would love to have someone in place within the next couple of months. This role is a major part of the club's operations. While Rick has agreed to assist remotely from North Carolina, it would be ideal to have someone local who can take the lead. I'm willing to learn the process as well so we can share the workload. The position requires someone organized, efficient, and timely, who can follow our current system using Google Drive.

As a reminder, the board has discussed this need extensively and agrees that filling this position is a top priority for the club's continued success. Most of the membership process will be handled electronically, and physical packets will only be mailed to members who pay for ATV Maine or MSA. Everything else will remain digital.

Ride for a Cure

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Events like Ride for a Cure—or any of our events—cannot rely on just one person or the same small group. You might wonder, “What can I contribute?” The truth is, you never know until you step up and attend a meeting. There’s always a piece you can help with, and every little bit matters. If we want to keep these events successful and avoid volunteer burnout, we need more hands involved. Please don’t just attend monthly meetings—consider joining a committee and being part of something special with TTR. Your passion and drive are what make this club thrive.

Earlier this month, I reached out to committee members who helped plan this year’s Ride for a Cure event and have heard back from a few. This evening, I’d like to ask if anyone in attendance would like to join the planning team for next year’s event, scheduled for October 17th. **Our first committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00 PM via Zoom.**

Clubhouse Committee

Marie Carey provided the following update:

With the holidays the clubhouse committee postponed their meeting that was scheduled for the middle of December and moved it to Sunday, January 4th at 7 pm via Google Meets will be sent out later on this week. We do not have any new updates to report at this time.

Old Business:

ATVing Santa

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Once again, the Santa event in Bath was fun and spirited! The weather was perfect, and the Bath Police Department was fantastic in their support. Visiting the senior homes was truly humbling, and we appreciate their willingness to welcome us—it's a beautiful thing to spread Christmas cheer. We definitely hope to participate in this event again next year.

Ski Joring

Jenny Little provided the following update:

The Topsham Ski Joring event is officially scheduled for **Saturday, February 7th**. Preparations will depend on snow conditions, with track work tentatively planned for either **January 24th or January 31st**. This event relies heavily on natural snow, so major action may not occur until the week prior. Last year, we assisted with clearing the parking lot and moving snow during the week, and it was truly an all-hands-on-deck effort. As of now, we're looking for volunteers who are ready to actively help—not just advise—by participating in tasks like packing down the track, shoveling, and raking. The club machine and drag will be available, and on event day, our primary responsibilities will include packing down the track and hauling skiers back between sessions. **We'll need at least 5-6 machines and drivers to make this happen.**

January 24th and/or January 31st – Major Skijoring Track Prep Work Party

There is a sign-up sheet circulating. We are looking for folks who would be willing to help prep the track for the Skijoring event. Folks should plan on meeting near or around the Exhibition Hall located on the Topsham Fairgrounds at 9 am.

February 4th, 5th, or 6th – Touch Up Skijoring Track Prep Work Party

There is a sign-up sheet circulating. We are looking for folks who would be willing to help prep the track for the Skijoring event. Folks should plan on meeting near or around the Exhibition Hall located on the Topsham Fairgrounds at 5 pm.

February 7th – Skijoring Event

We are looking for folks who would be willing to help during the event itself. On the sheet circulating please write your name down and if you are able to bring a machine.

At this time, all volunteers who will be helping during this event should plan on arriving between 9:00-9:15 on February 7th. You will be parking in the infield closer to the finish line. Please do not be alarmed if you are asked to sign a waiver at the gate. A word of caution to those folks who are bringing their machine please exercise caution when approaching the finish line area as there will be horses around. And finally, the event does not begin until 10 am and should be done around 2:00 – 2:30 pm

I will email volunteers when the event gets a little closer.

New Business:**February 1st Bon Fire Event**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

As a very tentative reminder, TTR may have a *possible* Bonfire Ride scheduled for Sunday, February 1st. Everything needs to line up perfectly for this event to happen. At this point, there's no need to discuss details since it's still far off and subject to change. More information will be shared as we get closer if it looks feasible.

Addiction Recovery Benefit Ride

Jenny Little provided the following update:

As mentioned earlier, our events do not happen by themselves, and we have a collaborative opportunity coming up. Our June benefit event will support Operation Hope, an addiction recovery ride that promises to be a major success. The date has been moved from Sunday, June 14th to Saturday, June 20th, so planning needs to begin immediately. **Ron and Marie Carey will be leading this event, and tonight they'd like to know who is willing and able to assist.** Every little bit helps—there's no reason all of us shouldn't be involved in some way. A sign-up sheet is available, or you can let Ron, Marie, or myself know so we can add you to the planning list. They are aiming to hold a kickoff meeting within the next couple of weeks, as this is one of our first events of the year. Details on the when, where, and how will follow soon.

!! China Four Seasons Needs our Help !!

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Both Central Maine ATV and China Four Seasons truly embodied the mantra “clubs helping clubs” during our Ride for a Cure event—Central Maine assisted with parking, and China Four Seasons handled food. This evening, I want to focus on China Four Seasons because they need our help in February.

China Four Seasons, like us, is a four-season club, and they host a huge annual event during Presidents Day weekend: their Ice Fishing Derby, which has grown year after year. This February, they're adding snowmobile drags on Saturday, February 14th, and they need volunteers for tasks such as kitchen help, registration, and time trials—likely early morning to early afternoon. Then on Sunday, February 15th, they'll need help all day for the Derby itself, which includes selling tickets, running 50/50 raffles, serving food, and assisting with various activities across multiple locations.

There is a sign-up sheet circulating tonight, and for those attending virtually, please add your name in the chat for which day you can help on or better yet email me so I can include you. Let's show them the same support and love they showed us in October! 

Social Night

Jenny Little provided the following update:

The next social night for the club is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th at 6 pm. We will be dining at Margaritas restaurant located in Brunswick. The restaurant appreciates receiving a headcount as to how many folks will be coming. Please let Jenny know if you will be coming by either updating your status to going within the Facebook event or by contacting her personally.

Open Member Comment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm was made by Mike Little

Motion was accepted by Randy Bickford

Was passed with no opposition

Upcoming TTR Events 😎

January 14th – **TTR Social Night** – 6 pm Margaritas Mexican Restaurant – 147 Bath Road
Brunswick ME

January 24th – **SkiJoring Prep Track (?)** – 9 am – Topsham Fairgrounds

January 26th at 6:30 pm— **Monthly Club Meeting** – Don Russell Board Room in the Municipal Building— 100 Main St. — Topsham  **Winter Location** 

January 31st – **SkiJoring Prep Track (?)** – 9 am – Topsham Fairgrounds

February 1st – **Possible Bon Fire Ride** – West Side – This will not be confirmed until the last week of January!

February 4th – **SkiJoring Prep Track (?)** – 5 pm – Topsham Fairgrounds

February 5th – **SkiJoring Prep Track (?)** – 5 pm – Topsham Fairgrounds

February 6th – **SkiJoring Prep Track (?)** – 5 pm – Topsham Fairgrounds

February 7th – **SkiJoring Event** – 8:30 am – Topsham Fairgrounds

Submitted,
Ashleigh Rolfson
1.1.2026

The December 29, 2025 were voted and approved during the January 26th, 2026 with no edits requested. JLL 01.27.2026