

## Topsham Trailriders October Meeting



Date: Monday, October 28th, 2024

Location: Topsham Fairgrounds, Topsham, ME 04086

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little

Tim Williams

Tim Moody

Jessica Emmert

Board of Directors Present: Michael Little

Randy Bickford

Sam Bulmer

Rick Emmert

Charlie Parkinson

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon

James Belanger

Don Curtis

Brad Hoskins

Noah Herrick

Dan Parlin

Anika Emmert

**Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Adjourned at: 7:26 pm**

Approximately 25 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

### **Election Committee**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Welcome to our TTR's 2024 annual meeting! It is during this meeting we will be conducting the elections for club officers and board positions. All of the positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer as well as the 5 Board Positions) received nominations during our last

meeting. Before the elections are completed I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone who the nominations are for each position, perhaps you could raise your hand when it is read.

#### **Executive Board**

**President:** Jenny Little **Vice President:** Tim Williams **Secretary:** Jessica Emmert **Treasurer:** Tim Moody

#### **Board of Directors – 5 Positions Available**

Michael Little / Randy Bickford / Kyle McComiskey / Rick Emmert / Stephanie Burnham / John Bursley / Cindy Sheain

Since there are positions with multiple nominees a ballot was created. In an effort to allow the committee enough time to count them, the elections will be completed now at the beginning of the meeting and the results will be shared later during the meeting.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Jessica Emmert emailed a copy of the September 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 Tim Williams to approve the Secretary's report  
Motion Accepted by Kyle McComiskey  
Was passed with no opposition

#### **President's Remarks**

During the meeting Jenny Little provided updates on the following:

#### **Municipal Grant Update**

Topsham's second run with a municipal grant is now complete. A couple weeks ago the final grant submission was made. Our downtime from the grant process is short lived because we will be heading out with Bursey Enterprises on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to begin our 2025 preparations.

NOTE: During the meeting, Sam Bulmer mentioned that he was never contacted as to when he should remit his along another member's trail work hours. Unfortunately, since we've filled our final expense reimbursement, we will not be able to include those hours. We will work on strengthening our process next year.

#### **Winter Meeting Location**

Once again a reminder to all that beginning with our meeting next month, our monthly meetings are being relocated to a room in either the town office or the public safety building. I have confirmed that our meeting in November is scheduled for a large conference room in the

Public Safety Building located at 100 Main Street in Topsham. I am working with the Town to solidify the remaining locations for the January, February and March meetings. Stay tuned for updates.

### **Trail Closure Date**

A reminder that the trails in Topsham will remain open until the Sunday after Thanksgiving if conditions allow for riding until then. To confirm the trails will be chained by Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We do reserve the right to close them earlier if it is necessary. Continue to check both our website and Facebook for updates.

### **Merrymeeting Trail Update / Multi Use Trail**

I would like to thank all the members who attended the Selectman meeting earlier this month along with all the multi-use town meetings! A reminder that the multi-use town meetings will conclude tomorrow when they host their last meeting in Topsham. The meeting is being held at the Topsham Public Library beginning at 6pm. It would be great if we could fill the room with as many TTR members as possible. Showing them that we truly are advocating for a true multi use trail. Who here is planning on attending the meeting tomorrow evening? Several members raised their hands and did since attend.

### **Treasurer Report**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

A reminder in an effort to streamline the account information that Tim reports to us monthly he and I worked on creating a simple worksheet for Tim to use. The intention of this document is to list out the transactional information that has occurred since our last meeting for all members to see.

Tim provided a copy of the balance sheet that provided a printed treasurer report which will be attached to the minutes when they are sent out.

Motion was made by Tim Williams to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda

Motion accepted by Kyle McComiskey

Was Passed with No Opposition

Tim Moody abstained from the vote

### **Trail Master Update**

Charlie Parkinson provided the following update:

### **East Side**

Trails are open on the east side. Jessica Emmert reported that the trails in some spots are muddy.

### **West Side**

Trails are open on the west side.

### **Upcoming Trail Work Parties**

At this time the club does not have any scheduled work parties.

### **Ride Coordinator Update**

Mike Little provided the following update:

That's a wrap on the 2024 riding season! We had a great ATV season and hosted over 20 events this season! I would like to thank all the folks who joined us during these events and a special thank you to the folks who helped us during these events! We have a good thing going and I believe it is because we all work well together and want to see the club succeed.

As described in the club's by-laws, part of the ride coordinator's responsibility is to prepare our schedule of in-town events for the year which is to be presented during our annual meeting. Since tonight is our annual meeting, I have prepared the 2025 Topsham Trailriders schedule for the club's review this evening. It has been an added benefit to have our schedule include both events, trail work parties, and community events so again this year I have included them on the schedule. If you have any questions, I am happy to answer them now, otherwise, if there are no questions, I would entertain a motion to approve the schedule as presented.

Motion was made by Tim Williams to approve the schedule as presented by the Ride Coordinator.

Motion accepted by Kyle McComiskey

Was Passed with No Opposition

Thank you! I would like to ask if there are any objections from TTR to continue their partnership with We-Atv 207 to add the out-of-town rides to their schedule. Our plan is to have the We-Atv 207 schedule added to this schedule for our next meeting in November so stay tuned.

If you have any ride suggestions that you would like us to consider, please contact me (Michael Little).

### **Update from the Membership Chair**

Dan Parlin provided the following update about our current membership totals for TTR:

As of October 24, 2024, TTR has the following for club memberships:

Total Number of Memberships: 118

Business Sponsors: 11

Of the 118 Number of Memberships;

They can be broken down to:

100 Regular Members

62 ATV Maine Members

26 MSA Members

10 Honorary Members

8 Associate Members

## **Committee Section:**

### **BBQ Committee**

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

There is nothing to report on from this committee currently. Stay tuned for Spring 2025.

### **Apparel Committee**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

There is not much to report from the apparel committee currently. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gear has just been requested to be removed from our store so if you have not ordered any I would recommend that you do so as soon as possible. If you haven't visited the store recently here is the link: <https://www.gotvinyl207.com/topsham-trailriders!>

NOTE: Since the meeting I've heard from GotVinyl and she will begin on removing the majority of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gear.

I submitted the changes we suggested for the combined shirt during our last meeting but do not have an update at this time.

Image circulated:



Feedback received during the meeting:

Front of shirt: Perhaps make the “who do I ride with?” – into pocket size

Back of shirt: Top of the back add language that reads Together we ride

Make sure we add a variety of color options along with a woman’s v-neck

### **Maine Sportsman Show Committee**

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

The show is scheduled for Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and will continue until on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Augusta Civic Center

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

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

**NOTE:** During the meeting, Cindy S., Jess E., Randy B., Stephanie B., Mike L., Rick E., and Jenny L have stepped up to be part of the committee. A meeting will be scheduled either later in November or early December.

Our first meeting will include discussion on:

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

### **Ride for a Cure**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Earlier this month, the announcement was officially made during the recent Ride for a Cure event in Ellsworth. I am excited that Topsham will be hosting a Ride for a Cure event on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This event is expected to draw a large crowd, and the committee has already begun nailing down the logistics for this event including starting location, parking and assistance from town officials. We hope during our next meeting to have the starting location nailed down. We are hoping to be able to ride our entire trail system during this event, but time will tell.

A reminder to the handful of members who expressed an interest in being part of the committee. It is great to have all of you joining us because it will take all of us to make this event a smashing success. If you are interested in helping or joining this committee, please let me know.

### **Clubhouse Committee**

Jessica Emmert provided the following update:

We have had 2 meetings for the clubhouse committee that meets on the second Thursday each month. Our last meeting which took place on October 10th was held in person and we brainstormed next steps in researching possible options for a clubhouse location, whether it be land or an already available building. It is still very early in the process as we are in the planning and fundraising stage but there is a great group of people working towards this goal and it is very exciting.

We also opened a Clynk account to collect bottles and as of the meeting date we had 6.00 dollars in the account before even really officially passing out bags. We are hoping this will be a consistent, ongoing low involvement way to continue to build funds for the clubhouse project. I will include notes from our last meeting in the email that includes these minutes. Our next meeting is November 14th. Feel free to reach out to Jess if you have any ideas or would like to join the committee.

A reminder that we have plenty of clynk bags available during any of our upcoming events. These bags already have stickers placed on them but please only take them if you will actively fill them and return them back to your nearest clynk location. If you need more bags or assistance with returning them please feel free to reach out to Jess Emmert.

### **Old Business:**

#### **ATVing Santa**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Again, this year, Topsham Trailriders will be helping Mr. & Mrs. Claus help spread Christmas cheer in downtown Bath as well as the local Senior homes. All who participated brought their wheelers which were decorated in holiday gear and some members even dressed up as reindeer and elves. This year Main Street Bath is looking at doing the same type of event perhaps with a few small changes and Topsham Trailriders will once again be spreading Christmas cheer. The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> beginning around 10 am.

We are limited to only 10 machines and all of the spots have already been spoken for. Additional information will be sent along to the participants as the date draws near.

### **CPR Class for members of TTR**

Stephanie Burnham provided the following update:

Research is still being completed.

### **American Legion Post 202 February Softball Tournament**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

During our last meeting we voted to send in a donation in the amount of \$100. The motion also included that if we are invited to have a table during this event, we would conduct a 50/50 drawing, and the club proceeds would be donated to the Legion. Our \$100 donation has been mailed in and received. We were offered the opportunity to set up a table during this event and I accepted on behalf of the club.

### **Trunk or Treat**

Tim Moody provided the following update:

The Parks and Recreation department was very appreciative that we participated and hope we will continue next year.

### **Last Ride of the Season – Food Drive Benefit Ride**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

TTR's annual food drive ride was held yesterday Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> on the West Side. The event was not only fun but also a huge success. We had over 20 machines join us yesterday and even with cold temperatures everyone left with a smile on their face. I am happy to announce



that we delivered 180 pounds of food along with a \$530.00 donation today to MidCoast Hunger Prevention in Brunswick.

Compared to last year, we had 34 machines in attendance who donated \$480 dollars and 151 lbs in food.

### **Helping the Topsham Fair**

Topsham Trailriders has a great relationship established with the Topsham Fair. They generously allow us the use of their facilities to host our events and our monthly meetings. During our recent conversations the President of the Topsham Fair has made mention of a couple of items they need help with. The board and I would really appreciate it if a couple of members would be willing to step up and help the fair out on our behalf.

The remaining task is:

1. On Wednesday, October 30th – they will need help to start shutting the water down.
  - a. Tim Moody offered to assist them.

In other news, the Topsham Fair will be hosting their annual meeting next Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. During this meeting they will be conducting their election of officers, and it has come to my attention that Leon Brilliant is not seeking reelection for the Presidency. A few members of the club are members of the Topsham Fair so we will be attending this meeting, but it may be time that TTR explore establishing an official agreement amongst the two organizations.

### **New Business:**

#### **Proposed TTR Social Night Schedule for 2025**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Last year we tentatively scheduled our monthly social nights a year in advance, and it seemed to have been well received so we have done it again this year. Everyone has received a copy of the schedule this evening. Take a quick look at it and if no one has any objections we will go ahead and get these events created on both our website and Facebook page.

NOTE: There were no objections noted.

### **Social Night**

Jenny Little provided the following update:

The next social night for the club is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th at 6 pm. The social will be at Pat's Pizza located on Pleasant St. in Topsham. To be fully transparent with everyone, typically on Wednesday evenings Pat's has a musician playing in the bar area, so it makes parking a little tighter and the environment a little louder than usual. The restaurants appreciate receiving a headcount as to how many people 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.

### **Elections Committee**

The results from tonight's annual election are as follows:

President: Jenny Little  
Vice President: Tim Williams  
Secretary: Jessica Emmert  
Treasurer: Tim Moody

Board of Directors:  
Michael Little  
Rick Emmert  
John Bursley  
Cindy Sheain  
Stephanie Burnham

Congratulations to both the nominees and the winners! Thank you all for your willingness to step up for the club.

NOTE: I would like to thank the board members who stepped up for the club this past year. We couldn't do what we do without you so thank you!

Over the next month the board will be considering names for the board appointed positions which include the: trailmaster, assistant trailmaster(s), ride coordinator chair, landowner relations chair, and membership chair. If you are interested in any of those positions please reach out to me as soon as possible.

### **Open Member Comment**

- John Bursley inquired if we might consider doing a potluck meal in April before our meeting when we returned to the Exhibition Hall. Thank you for the suggestion, John! It has been added.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at \_7:26\_\_pm was made by Kyle McComiskey  
Motion was accepted by Tim Williams  
Was passed with no opposition

**Upcoming Topsham Trailriders and WE ATV 207 events**

November 13th - 6pm - November Social Night- Pat's Pizza in Brunswick

November 25th - 6:30pm - Regular Membership Meeting- Winter Location!

Submitted

Jessica Emmert

11/4/2024

October 2024 minutes were approved during the November 25th, 2024 meeting. JLL