

Topsham Trailriders February Meeting



Date: Monday, February 27th, 2023

Location: Basement of the St. John's Church on Pleasant St in Brunswick

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little

Devin Favreau

Tim Moody

Board of Directors Present: Michael Little

Randy Bickford

Richard Arsenault

Charlie Parkinson

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon

Ron Dumont

Rocky League

Dan Parlin

Dee Blanchette

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:32 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:40 pm

Member Introductions were not completed. Approximately 17 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary Report:

Dee Blanchette was not able to attend this meeting but asked Jenny to proceed with seeking approval for the January meeting minutes. The January minutes were emailed out 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 Devin Favreau
- Was passed with no opposition

President's Remarks:

Tedford Road Access

- Jenny shared that TTR continues to work with the town on getting approval for road access to Rusty's store on Tedford Road.
- TTR has been added to the March 16th Selectboard meeting agenda and Jenny is hopeful that a decision will be made during this meeting. All club members are invited to attend the meeting at 6:30 pm on March 16th held in the Topsham Town Hall. Please do not hesitate in contacting Jenny with any questions about this.

State Municipal Grant

- TTR will pursue getting a municipal grant this year and took the opportunity when speaking to the Selectboard during the February 16th meeting to inform them that we are opting to apply for this type of grant.
- The municipal grant committee continues to move forward with the application.

ATV Maine Municipal Grant Training

- Members of the TTR board recently attended a municipal training class held in Lisbon that was facilitated by ATV Maine.
- It was evident that after that class TTR does have a pretty good understanding of how the process will work and we now are aware who to contact with additional questions.

ATV Maine Banquet

- Reminder that the ATV Maine Banquet is being held on Saturday, April 15th in Bangor.
- If you would like to attend it is \$20 per person and there is an RSVP ticket that must accompany your form of payment. Please connect with Jenny if you are interested and she will get you the RSVP ticket.

Treasurer Report:

Tim Moody reported that we had \$130.00 cash on hand and a balance of \$1,217.53 in the checking account and \$3,120.00 in the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance of \$685.26. He also shared that the food events account currently has a balance of \$1,701.25.

- Motion was made by Dan Richard Arsenault to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda.
- Motion Accepted by Mike Little
- Was passed with Tim Moody abstaining from the vote.

Tim also shared that he just received the reimbursement check from the State of Maine ATV grant and will be depositing that into the savings account on March 1st.

Trail Master's Report:

Charlie Parkinson shared the following information with the group:

- Trail Conditions:
 - East Side:

- The East is currently closed, however, Charlie will connect with DJ Merrill and Tim Doyle to inquire if they will be resuming the grooming on the east side. With the incoming storms we are hopeful to once again open the East side of our trail system.
 - West Side:
 - Charlie shared that currently cannot get from the West Side Park and Ride which is the parking lot located near the Nouria Gas station to Jim Belanger's house. During the winter months Jim Belanger grooms the West side of our trail system.
 - Charlie and Jim connected on Sunday, February 26th to work on clearing some of the trails of fallen trees. Unfortunately, during their attempt one of the tracks on the 2009 Rhino broke. Charlie wanted to inform us of this because he is looking into the most cost efficient way to repair and/or possibly replace this track.
 - Randy Bickford made a motion to allow Charlie club funds up to \$1,000.00 to repair the Rhino's broken track along with asking him to look into other options for the club to consider when discussing whether to replace all of the tracks or continue to repair the current track system. All of this needs to be completed before our March 27th meeting.
 - Motion was accepted by Michael Little
 - Was passed with no opposition
- Upcoming Trail work:
 - Saturday, March 4th –
 - A west side work party had been scheduled for March 4th but with the incoming winter storm arriving Friday night and continuing until Saturday, Charlie has rescheduled the work party to Saturday, March 18th beginning at 9 am.
 - The Facebook event will be updated for this work party.

Committee Reports:

TTR BBQ Committee

Jenny Little shared with those in attendance that TTR voted during the January meeting to once again host the 2nd TTR BBQ/Ride/ Landowner Appreciation Meal

- All of the details have not been determined but we do know that the date will be on Saturday, September 30th. The time of the event will be advanced so that it shouldn't interfere with any ATV night rides.
- At this time, TTR actively seeking volunteers to help plan and facilitate this event.
 - Tim Moody, Bruce Kaake, Jenny Little and Mike Little thus far have volunteered to help
 - A post on Facebook will be created to seek volunteers to help!

- Richard inquired if we should begin advertising this event and ride!
 - Jenny will explore options and will create the facebook event with some of the details we know at this time.

Apparel Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update on behalf of the Apparel Committee:

- During the January meeting Jenny reported that TTR still has over 70 t-shirts available for purchase. Because the shirts have the year 2022 on the shirts the price of the shirts were reduced to \$12.00.
 - This year TTR will sell club apparel during the Maine Sportsman Show.
- She also reported that TTR has a nice supply of sweatshirts to purchase. A reminder that they include hoodies and zippered hoodies.

Sportsman Show Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update on behalf of the Sportsman Show Committee:

- Dates for the show are: Friday, March 31st to Sunday, April 2nd
- Where: The Augusta Civic Center
- TTR Sportsman Raffle
 - A huge thank you to all of the club members who donated items to the TTR Sportsman Show Raffle
 - Jenny will be following up with these folks to collect the items
 - The committee will review the collected items and will purchase additional items with the funds that were approved during the January meeting.
- Volunteer Slots:
 - All of the volunteer slots have been filled.
 - Thank you to everyone who stepped up.
 - You are absolutely always welcome to pay and visit with TTR!
- Table material continues to be made to include club membership forms, business sponsorship forms, maps, and event schedules.
- Devin had the new American flag TTR stickers made with Banana Banners and they look AMAZING!
 - Thank you Devin!

Ride Coordinator Update

Michael Little provided the following update about the clubs' events:

- TTR does not currently have any ride events scheduled for March, however, if mother nature continues to send us snow we may be able to coordinate a last minute adventure so continue to check Facebook.
- Also, Mike reminded folks to make reservations to any of the out town overnight rides early because he was recently contacted through We-ATV 207 (Co-hosting the out of town rides with TTR) that some of the hotels only have one room left.

Club Membership Update

Dan Parlin was not in attendance therefore did not provide an update during this meeting.

- However, Jenny did remind everyone in attendance that annual TTR memberships will due beginning April 1st, 2023.

Safety Course

Tim Moody provided the following update about the upcoming TTR ATV/Snowmobile Safety Course:

- Date: It is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st
- Location: It will be held at the American Legion Hall in Lisbon
- TTR instructors will be Randy Bickford, Ron Dumont, Tim Moody.
- The registration will soon be posted on the State of Maine site since they handle the registration process – so continue to check the website
- Tim connected with MOMS in Topsham and they have offered to help cover the cost of the lunch for the participants
- Tim hopeful that once the Grange Hall opens on the Topsham Fair TTR might be able to do another class in May and MOMS expressed an interest in bringing over a couple of new machines for folks to check out.

Landowner Relations Chair Update

Matt Nixon was not able to join us tonight so therefore we did not receive an update.

Old Business:

House in the Woods Benefit Ride

- Bob Sweeney shared with the group that he has visited with a little over 6 clubs thus far and in his opinion, they seem to be onboard with facilitating an event to benefit the House in the Woods either on Saturday, June 17th or near or around that timeframe.
- House in the Woods is getting excited and is very much looking forward to all of this support from the ATV community.
 - They've made flags for the first rider to hang on their machine during this event.
- TTR will begin planning the details for this event during our April meeting.
 - Jenny will reach out to the local boy scouts to inquire if they would be interested in presenting the flag during the June 17th event.
 - She will also try and reach out to the American Legion to ask for their help to find someone to sing the National Anthem.

New Business:

Open for Member Comment:

- Can Ya Catch Me Kennel – Tara Crossman
 - Bob Sweeney wanted to give a personal shout out to Tara Crossman (TTR's Student Rep) on her grand achievement for having participated in the JR Iditarod and coming in 9th Place and also winning a Special Sportsman award.
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 - Jenny shared that she is going to reach out to Tara and invite her to speak during our next meeting.
 - UPDATE: Since the meeting Jenny connected with Andrea Hoskins and Tara Crossman and they said they would be happy to speak about her grand adventure.

A motion was made by Michael Little to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The motion was accepted by Bob Sweeney.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Little

02/28/2023

Next TTR Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27 at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Saint John's Church located at 37 Pleasant St in Brunswick.

The February 2023 minutes were approved during the March 27, 2023 meeting. JLL