

Topsham Trailriders July Meeting



Date: Monday, July 25th, 2022

Location: Exhibition Hall at the Topsham Fairgrounds (54 Elm St, Topsham, ME 04086)

Executive Board Present: Matt Abbott
Dale Rowe
Tim Moody
Jenny Little

Board of Directors Present: Rocky League
Ron Dumont
Charlie Parkinson
Dan Parlin

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon
Randy Bickford
Brad Hoskins

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:30 pm

Member Introductions were completed. Approximately 25 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary Report:

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

- Motion was made by Dale Rowe to approve the Secretary's report.
- Motion Accepted by Darcey Emery
- Was passed with no opposition

President's Remarks:

July Evening Ride (July 23rd)

- Matt shared with the group that the club had another successful event.
- We had a total of 40 machines in attendance with roughly 60 plus people.

- This was one of the first events that TTR collected a registration fee of \$5.00 along with selling pizza dinner bundle at \$8.00 and both of the changes implemented were very well received.
 - We collected \$240.00 in registration and made \$214.00 in food sales along with \$85.00 from the 50/50

Apparel

- Matt is very happy to report that TTR has NEW club apparel and it was officially released during our July night ride.
- For anyone interested TTR does have t-shirts, hats and stickers immediately available.
- Matt is working on finalizing the apparel google doc with Darcey so the link can be added to Facebook and people can place orders electronically.
 - The google doc will include the ability to order sweatshirts.
 - Important to note that we need to acquire 12 sweatshirt orders before we are able to proceed with the order. This helps to keep the costs down for the sweatshirts.

Planning & Organization Fall/Winter 2022/2023

- Matt is planning on staying busy this winter working on seeking out and/or looking into new grant opportunities for TTR to include but not limited to Yamaha Grants, Polaris Grants, Municipal Grant, and Federal Grants.

Topsham Trailriders Board Update

- Matt shared that during the Board meeting that occurred prior to the regular meeting the board had a couple of individuals that were interested in stepping up and becoming a member of the TTR board. It was voted during the board meeting to accept the resignation of two positions on the board.
 - We would like to thank Dan Parlin for his years of service on the TTR Board but rest assured Dan will continue to take care of the TTR monthly newsletter along with TTR's membership.
 - We also would like to thank Charlie Parkinson for allowing his board position to be taken but Charlie is definitely not leaving his position as TTR trailmaster.
- The two positions that were vacated were immediately filled by Devin Favreau and Richard Arsenault. Welcome to the TTR Board gentlemen!

Treasurer Report:

Tim Moody reported that we had \$130.00 cash on hand and a balance of \$1,722.10 in the checking account and \$3,732.72 in the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance of \$50.05 but did share that we have paid off the shirts completely. He also shared that the food events account currently has a balance of \$630.02.

- Motion was made by Dale Rowe to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda.
- Motion Accepted by Rocky League
- Was passed with Tim Moody abstaining from the vote.

Trail Master's Report:

Charlie Parkinson shared the following information with the group:

- Trail Conditions:
 - East Side of the trail system looks good.
 - West Side of the trail system looks good for the most part. There are a couple of small things that need to be attended to include tree removal and bridge repairs.
- Upcoming Trail work:
 - There are no current work parties scheduled but if Charlie does wish to schedule one Matt Abbott will create a Facebook event with all of the information.
- Charlie did provide a document with the totals of all of the volunteer's hours.
 - The Secretary will have an attached copy with a copy of her minutes.

Committee Reports:

Pig Roast Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update on behalf of the Pig Roast Committee:

- As a reminder the fundraising event and ride is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st to be held at the pulling ring at the Topsham Fairgrounds. The ride will occur on the East side at 2 pm and the food will be served at 4 pm.
- Cost of Tickets:
 - We still need to continue to push push push for pre-order tickets to ensure we get a pig that is sized accordingly.
 - Pre-order Tickets Costs:
 - \$20.00 per person
 - \$50.00 per family defined as 2 adults and 2 children
 - Establish a pre-order cutoff: Propose Friday, September 16th
 - Tickets at the event:
 - \$30.00 per person
 - \$60.00 per family defined as 2 adults and 2 children
- The committee has created a menu and will be using Sign-up Genius to solicit the food and other miscellaneous items very soon. An email will be sent to all club members so please be on the look out and please consider donating.
- Jenny will create the Landowner letter and send it to Matt Abbott for his approval before sending it to the landowners.
- Matt Abbott shared with the group that the board has approved during the meeting this evening an increase of an additional \$200.00 to help cover the cost of the pig. During our February 2022 meeting a motion was made by Randy Bickford and accepted by Michael Little and Bob Sweeney shared that at that time the cost of a pig was \$3.00 a pound and thought the club would need a 125-200 pound pig.

Apparel Committee

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

- The new TTR apparel and stickers has officially been released.

- As Matt said earlier we will soon have a google doc that folks can use to place orders in the event that you are not able to attend our meetings or our events.
 - Again a reminder that when we do order the sweatshirts we do need to meet a minimum of 12 to reduce the costs.
 - Keep checking Facebook for an apparel post.
- Please message the Facebook page if you have any questions about getting new TTR apparel.

Club Membership Update

Dan Parlin did not provide an update during this meeting.

Ride Coordinator Update

Michael Little provided the following update about the club's upcoming events:

- Saturday, July 30th, 2002 – TTR Heads to Thorndike/Unity
 - TTR will be meeting and leaving from the Topsham McDonalds at 7:30 am and it will be a prompt departure.
 - Greg Batey the Vice President from Thorndike Trail Blazers will be providing us with a tour of their trail system. He is expecting TTR to arrive around 8:45-9:00 and be ready for a 9:15 departure.
 - We will leaving from Spanky's on Route 139 (225 Depot St, Unity) and covering 53ish miles and should be returning to the park and ride around 3:30.
 - Please bring a bagged lunch to this ride.
- Friday, August 12th – Sunday, August 14th—TTR Heads to New Hampshire
 - As a reminder if you have not yet made your reservations for New Hampshire it is advised to do it soon. A few members are staying at the River Edge Inn & RV Sites. The physical address is 151 Main St in Colebrook NH.
 - This will be the starting point each day that we ride in New Hampshire.
 - The first day of riding we are planning on heading to Pittsburg, NH.
 - The second day of riding we are planning on going to Errol, NH.
 - If you have ridden in Topsham than you will have no issues navigating these trails.
 - Final reminder that joining us in NH does require being registered in NH.
 - Checkout Facebook for more information.
- Saturday, August 27th – TTR Heads to Limington
 - As a reminder TTR will be meeting and leaving from the Topsham McDonald's. We will be leaving promptly at 7:30 am.
 - Checkout Facebook for more information.

Landowner Relations Chair Update

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

Old Business:

Topsham Fair Involvement

- During the June meeting TTR voted and approved to continue assisting with clean up during the Topsham Fair week.
 - Tim Moody offered to help facilitate a schedule for TTR to ensure that each night was appropriately sufficiently staffed.
- As a reminder the Fair begins Sunday, August 7th and continues until Sunday, August 14th. The nights that TTR is needed to clean up the grand stands, exhibition hall, and pulling ring are:
 - Sunday, August 7th
 - Tuesday, August 9th
 - Wednesday, August 10th
 - Thursday, August 11th
 - Friday, August 12th
 - Saturday, August 13th
 - Sunday, August 14th
- The clean-up does not typically begin until late in the evening. If you are interested and able to help Topsham Trailriders please either contact our Facebook page or contact Tim Moody.
- Charlie Parkinson and a few others will be setting up the TTR Pop-Up tent on Sunday, August 7th at 8 am.

New Business:

Open for Member Comment:

ATV/Snowmobile Course

- Tim Moody is contacting the State Maine to inquire if they have any available dates for a ATV/Snowmobile Safety course sometime in October.
- Stay tuned for additional information.

Early Trail Closure

- During the June meeting Matt Abbott mentioned that he is considering closing the TTR trails earlier this year. He is thinking of sometime in October.
 - Because of this possibility Darcey Emery inquired if TTR might consider scheduling a night ride for Saturday, October 29th.
 - Members in attendance seemed interested but Matt Abbott said if TTR does consider this it must be dependent of weather (frost).
 - We will discuss this a little more at our next meeting.

Troubled Areas

- Richard Arsenault mentioned that TTR has a couple of holes that if you are not made aware of could damage your machine or possibly tip your machine and he's noticed that folks have even gotten stuck because of the these areas. He inquired if TTR has

considered naming these holes/areas so that when someone is stuck and needs help they can reference the name of that area.

- Everyone thought it was a great idea.
- A Facebook post will be created for each of these areas and the top three will be voted on at the next upcoming TTR meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Little

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Next TTR Meeting is Monday, August 29th at 6:30 pm at the Exhibition Hall on the Topsham Fairgrounds.

Minutes were voted and approved during the August 29th meeting. JLL