

Topsham Trailriders June Meeting



Date: Monday, June 27th, 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: Randy Bickford

Ron Dumont

Charlie Parkinson

Dan Parlin

Rocky League

Special Guest: Adam

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:31 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:30 pm

Member Introductions were completed. There were 30 people who attended the meeting.

Secretary Report:

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

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

President's Remarks:

ATV Safety Course

- Matt shared with the group that the club has received a lot of positive feedback on the safety course they held earlier in June.

- He is very appreciative to the folks who volunteered their time to help facilitate this event.
- He said TTR should consider scheduling another safety course later on the fall to include both ATV and Snowmobile.

Membership/Participation Growth

- Matt Abbott shared that TTR is always looking for folks who can help in any capacity. If you are interested in helping out whether it be as a clerical task, website, or trail work please do not hesitate in contacting either himself or any board member.

Treasurer Report:

Tim Moody reported that we had \$106 cash on hand and a balance of \$2,374.00 in the checking account and \$4,516.00 in the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance of \$500.00. He also shared that he has created another account for TTR and has named it the food event account. The food account currently has a balance of \$500.00.

- Motion was made by Darcey Emery to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda.
- Motion Accepted by Ron Dumont
- 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 other than the hill that was recently matted this past spring. The hill could use a little raking. Charlie will look to schedule a trail work party in the near future.
 - While portions of the West Side of the trail system is in need of serious and immediate attention by the club.
 - One particular area is the Brigham's Trail. Charlie has created a weekend work party to work on this trail. The work will include hauling in 3 inch and stone dust.
 - If trail does not get corrected it may result in a trail closure as well as our July 23rd night ride.
- Upcoming Trail work:
 - Saturday July 9th at 9 am
 - Matt Abbott will be creating a Facebook event with additional details
 - This work party is scheduled to work on the Brigham trail.
 - Sunday, July 10th at 9 am
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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 that the exhibition hall 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 will 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 a created a menu and will be using Sign-up Genius to solicit the food and other miscellaneous items hopefully in the middle of July. An email will be sent to all club members so please be on the look out.

Apparel Committee

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

- The committee is in the process of creating a mock up and as soon as we have a formal mock up we will remit it to Matt Abbott before heading to the printer.

Club Membership Update

Dan Parlin reported that TTR currently has about 88 memberships.

Ride Coordinator Update

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

- Friday, July 15th to Monday, July 18th – TTR Heads to Presque Isle
 - Reminder that TTR will be leaving the Topsham McDonald's at 7 am.
 - Please be sure to make reservations early for a motel or campground.
 - This is a multiday trip.
 - TTR will have two special guests leading us around that weekend. The guests are the President of ATV Maine and the President of Star City ATV Club.
 - As a reminder we will be riding on Irving land during our time in the county so everyone is encouraged to join a club that works with Irving.
- Saturday, July 23rd – In Town Night Ride
 - Reminder that the ride will begin at 4 pm.
 - Jenny Little proposed to the group if they would be interested in charging \$5.00 to participate in the ride.
 - Those in attendance were 100% in support of charging a small fee.
 - Dale Rowe and Dale Parlin shared that many clubs charge a small entry fee.
 - Jenny Little will update the Facebook event to reflect the charge.

- Jenny Little also inquired if the group would like to sell pizza during the event.
 - Once again the group was in full support of having pizza available.
 - Jenny will make the appropriate changes to the Facebook event.

Landowner Relations Chair Update

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

Old Business:

Connecting East/West Side

- Matt Abbott and Charlie will be doing some research before connecting with CMP about acquiring permission from them which also includes mapping a new section for CMP.
- Stay tuned for updates.

Central Maine Powersports Trail Fund Questions

- Matt Abbott shared that TTR is a an active participant in this program. He reminded everyone to make sure that your trail hours are tracked with Charlie because those who achieve 40+ hours of volunteer trail work are eligible to receive a \$200 gift certificate to Central Maine Powersports in Lewiston.
- Charlie is working on tracking each individuals hours so they can be included with the monthly minutes.

New Business:

Topsham Fair Involvement

- Matt Abbott inquired if they club was interested in helping with clean up during the upcoming Topsham Fair which is scheduled for August 9th to August 14th.
 - The club was in favor of helping the Fair out on the condition that a schedule was created to seek volunteers.
 - Tim Moody has offered to work on creating a schedule.
- Matt also inquired if the club would like to set up a tent and have folks man the tent or simply set up a tent with some club material.
 - Randy Bickford and Charlie Parkinson thought it would be easiest if the club would just put up a pop up ent along with placing some business sponsors.
 - This would allow the club a place to leave their cleaning material.

Fourth of July Invite from Over the Hill

- Matt Beals, President of Over the Hill Riders reached out to Matt Abbott to invite TTR to participate in the 4th of July Parade in Bath.

Pulpit Trail Blazah's Austism Ride T-shirt

- Dale Rowe shared in the past TTR has added their name to the Austim Ride t-shirts and he wanted to know if TTR would be interested in doing it again for 2022.

- Everyone in attendance was in favor of sending Pulpit Trail Blazah's \$50.00 to have TTR's name added to it.
- Tim Moody just asked to be notified where he should mail the check and to whom it should be made payable to.

Early Trail Closing

- Matt Abbott shared that he is thinking very heavily on possibly closing the ATV trail systems in the middle of October to prevent extreme wear and tear. He has had many conversations with the State Representative, Adam Rice about this and Adam strongly recommends it.
- A lot of TTR's trail work this Spring on the West side was caused by the late riding season. Late October / November with frost and no frost it causes the trails to wear down heavily.
- Matt will keep us informed when the timing is more appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Little

07/04/2022

June 2022 minutes were voted and approved during the July 25th meeting. – JLITTLE 07.26.2022