

Topsham Trailriders June Meeting



Date: Monday, June 24th, 2024

Location: Topsham Fairgrounds, Topsham, ME 04086

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little

Tim Williams

Tim Moody

Jessica Emmert

Board of Directors Present: Michael Little

Charlie Parkinson

Sam Bulmer

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon

James Belanger

Don Curtis

Brad Hoskins

Noah Herrick

Randy Bickford

Dan Parlin

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:42 pm

Member Introductions were not completed. Approximately 22 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary's Report

Jessica Emmert emailed a copy of the May minutes to all club members. No one in attendance requested for any additional 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 Pauline McKinney
- Was passed with no opposition

President's Remarks

During the meeting Jenny Little provided updates on the following:

Student Representative

For those who may not know our Student Representative, Evan Curtis, officially graduated earlier this month and we wish him all the best! Rest assured however that Evan isn't going anywhere! He became a TTR member! The Board and I appreciate Evan for being our Student Representative but I am pleased to announce we have found someone to fill that roll! Allow me to introduce our newest Student Representative Anika Emmert! Welcome to the team Anika!

Maine Summer Adventure Race

A reminder that the Maine Summer Adventure Race is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th and will continue through the overnight hours into Sunday, July 14th. This year the races will be starting at Brunswick Landing and eventually will be crossing into Topsham in the late-night hours of Saturday, July 13th before ending in Pownal on Sunday morning. They reached out to us because they will be using the vast majority of our trails and wanted to seek the clubs approval. A letter has been sent out to our landowners in the middle of June making them aware of this event. Is anyone interested in going to the Post Party being held at P-3 Park in Brunswick on Sunday, July 14th? It will have oysters, Flight Deck Beer, and food from Wild Oats. Please let me know so that I can notify the facilitators.

Topsham Fair – Volunteer Sign-Up

Topsham Trailriders has access to the Exhibition Hall and other facilities on the Topsham Fairgrounds because of an agreement that we have with the Topsham Fair. The agreement is during the Topsham Fair we (TTR) cleans the grand stands, pulling ring, and the Exhibition Hall in exchange for using this hall for our monthly meetings. We are once again using SignUpGenius to help coordinate the scheduling for Topsham Fair in large part because it can be remitted to all club members. It is an added bonus that it also handles reminders too. The sign up link was sent out in early June to each club member and again last week so please continue to check your emails. We would greatly appreciate it if you could and sign up for one shift or two. As a reminder the 2024 Topsham Fair is Tuesday, August 6th to Sunday, August 11th.

Please review the available slots below by clicking on the link below and sign up when you can:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A822A0F4C34-49996756-topsham>

Winter Meeting Location

A reminder that last winter we held our monthly meetings scheduled for November, January, February and March in the Community Room at the library in Topsham. The cost for each use was \$20.00 a meeting. Also, since they are not open late on Monday's we opted to move our meeting days to Tuesday for those meetings. I have already asked to have us penciled in for this coming winter season. There is one small hiccup – the library will soon have a new director and will be managed a little differently than it is now so I will follow up in early August for this location. I reached out to the Police and Fire Departments inquiring if they have a community room in their building and I was advised they do. I received a call late Thursday

afternoon (6/20) from Matt Nixon with an update about our inquiry to use a meeting room in the public safety building. The town has a variety of training sessions but has assured us that they will be able to accommodate our request to use a room either in the Public Safety Building or even the Selectman Meeting room.

UPDATE: Prior to the meeting a member reached out to Jenny and offered to cover the cost for the library if we needed to use that location again this winter.

Municipal Grant Update

On June 7 th , I received an email from Pam Leduc, Director of Parks & Recreation for the Town of Topsham to congratulate TTR on having been awarded a \$37,500 municipal grant with \$33,750 as reimbursable expenses. The next step in the process was to return to the Selectman for them to approve our acceptance of the grant. We were able to be added to the agenda on Thursday, June 20 th meeting. Charlie and I attended the meeting along with Pam and we were approved to accept the grant.

Treasurer Report

Tim Moody reported that as of 06/21/2024, we had \$510.00 in the cash box and a balance of \$5,352.20 in the checking account and \$7,797.74 the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance \$1,402.21. He also shared that the food events account currently has a balance of \$2,089.87. The account pertaining to Events/Raffles has a balance of \$1,739.40.

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

Motion accepted by Dan Pellegrini

Was Passed with No Opposition

Tim Moody abstained from the vote

Trail Master Update

Charlie provided the following update:

East Side

Given the significant rain that we recently experienced over the weekend, Isaac Ruehl (member) reported to the group that he went out for a couple of hours on Monday, June 24 th to explore the east side. He had to cut at least 6 trees out of the trail and reported that the trails were very wet. In spots the water was deep and water has certainly eroded some of the soft sandy areas. Charlie will investigate further.

West Side

Sam Bulmer and Isaac Ruehl coordinated an emergency work party for Tuesday, June 25, 2024 to inspect the west side of our trail system. Charlie Parkinson and Tim Williams will be joining

them. The work party is scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm and they hope to ride the entire west side to determine their conditions.

Trailer Tire Repair

The club trailer that needed to be repaired is nearly completely repaired. Thank you to Tim Moody for ordering the tires which kicked everything off for Mike Little and Charlie to do their repairs.

Upcoming Trail Work Parties:

West Side Work Party

When: Sunday, July 14th at 9 am (Ready to work at 9)

What: This work party will include cutting brush back on the entire west side trail system to prepare for our upcoming night ride.

Please arrive well before 9 am to ensure you are ready to work at 9 am. We will be meeting at the dirt parking lot located next to Nouria gas station located near 211 Lewiston Road in Topsham.

Please bring your machine, brush cutters, shovels, and a positive attitude!

The Facebook event and website event have been updated with these additional details.

Jenny Little provided the following update: (Forgot to mention during meeting but wanted to include in the minutes)

I know that I have said it on social media but I would like to once again thank all of the volunteers who came out to help us build the bridge during Father's Day weekend! Your commitment and dedication is next level and we couldn't have gotten it done without you! On a different note, as you can see there is a bit of time till our next upcoming work parties. That should not mean that the trail work stops. I am asking that Charlie, Sam and anyone else who is interested to venture out and ride our trail system in its entirety. There are many face slappers out there and we need to add additional signage.

UPDATE: Also, a reminder that dirt bikes are not allowed on any of the Topsham trails. We've been experiencing many dirt bike sightings so we have contacted the local Warden as well as the local police department.

Committee Updates

BBQ Committee

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

UPDATE: Tim Moody connected with Leon Brilliant, President of the Topsham Fair, about using the Pulling Ring for our BBQ in September 28th. We have been granted permission to use the building to host this event.

Apparel Committee

Jenny provided the following update:

Since our meeting in May the apparel committee has been extremely busy. In the middle of June we were able to officially launch our digital store. Our priority was to get the 25th Anniversary clothing added to the store. Our work will continue because now we will work on creating the traditional TTR shirts with our business sponsors on the back. Those will be added to the store along with a few additional items. If you haven't visited the store yet here is the link: <https://www.gotvinyl207.com/topsham-trailriders>! In talking with Kim at Got Vinyl, she advised that if anyone would like to receive their apparel before our night ride in July to place your orders before July 8th. Please elect to either have the item shipped or schedule a pick up with her. Her business is located in Vassellboro!

With our upcoming 25th Anniversary night ride the committee has prepared a tshirt clothing order to supply ourselves with some TTR swag. We would like to order:

5 – 3XL - \$18 each - \$90 / 5 – 2XL - \$17 each - \$85 / 5 – XL - \$15 each - \$75 / 5 – L - \$15 each \$75

I reached out to Got Vinyl and she advised me that it would cost us around \$325 for the shirts.

To officially place this order we would need a motion from the club.

Motion was made by Pauline McKinney to spend up to \$425.00 to order the shirts and hats from Got Vinyl our 25th Anniversary event.

Motion accepted by Tim Williams

Was Passed with No Opposition

UPDATE: During the meeting it was brought up to add a few hats onto our order of tshirts we were placing. Jenny will investigate hats with Got Vinyl and do her best to avoid netting on the back of the hat. The color of shirts will be ordering will be safety orange and hats will added to the order.

Jeff and Joyce York live near Got Vinyl and offered to help pick up any orders and get them to us. Also, Tim Moody has offered to pick up our order we've placed along with any other orders that are placed. If you would like to be included you are responsible to contact Jenny. Also, it would seem some items are missing from the digital store that were there earlier. Jenny will reach out to Got Vinyl to get the corrected ASAP.

Also, we will soon be creating traditional TTR shirts that will list all of our business sponsors on the back of the shirt. Furthermore, Timothy Moody made a suggestion that we add Topsham Fair onto the shirts given the amount of support they have extended to the club for the past 25 years. The entire membership was in full support of this suggestion.

Maine Sportsman Show Committee

Jenny provided the following update on behalf of the committee:

There is nothing new to report at this time.

Ride Coordinator Update

Mike Little provided the following update:

We just came back from Lincoln and had a great time. We were able to put on some miles and enjoy the trails in that area tremendously. Here are the other rides scheduled for July:

Saturday, July 6 th – Rumford to the Knotty Moose in Roxbury

Saturday, July 13 th – Moxie Days Parade in Lisbon

Sunday, July 14 th – West Side Trail Work Party

Saturday, July 20 th – TTR's 25 th Anniversary Night Ride on our West Side

Friday, July 26 th to Monday, July 29 th – Out of Town Ride in Madawaska

- Scheduled riding on Saturday and Sunday only at this time.

As a reminder, all of our 2024 ATV events and trail work parties have been posted on our Facebook page and website so please check them out for additional details. If you have any questions these events, please do not hesitate in reaching out to either myself or the club.

Update from the Membership Chair

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

As of June 21st, 2024, TTR has the following for club memberships:

Total Number of Memberships: 103

Business Sponsors: 10

Of the 103 Number of Memberships;

They can be broken down to:

86 Regular Members

58 ATV Maine Members

19 MSA Members

10 Honorary Members

6 Associate Members

Old Business

25 th Anniversary of TTR

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Date of the Event: Saturday, July 20 th

Location: West Side of TTR's trails

Registration Time: Begins at 4:45ish

Ride Leaves at: 6 pm

Cost: \$10 per person

This event stands to draw a large crowd so it is important that as a club we are prepared. To help with this there is a volunteer sign-up sheet circulating around to help coordinate this event. The areas we need help with include: trail preparations, working the registration table, working the apparel table, working the raffle table, working the pizza table, and ride assistants.

Similar to the House in the Woods event I will remit reach out a week or so before the event via email and/or via phone. I hope we are able to fill many of those slots here tonight.

JENNY FORGOT TO MENTION THIS DURING THE MEETING:

In an effort to raise additional funds, the event committee thought of a creative way to do just that. We are putting together a gift card raffle. Earlier this month, I remitted an email to all club members seeking gift card donations that will be used to create a gift card raffle. The gift cards we hope to receive will have a minimum of \$25.00 on them to celebrate TTR's 25th anniversary. In an effort to diversify our gift card collection we've created a donation link.

Please click on the link below to sign up early:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BA4A822A0F4C34-49996781-seeking>

We will be collecting gift card donations until Wednesday, July 10 th . We hope you will consider donating a card or two to help make this event a successful one for TTR! A shout out to the members who have already signed up and delivered their donations.

This event will be a great opportunity to raise funds for TTR to help complete some of our trail maintenance projects. Please help us spread the word of this event by sharing it with all of your friends on either Facebook or by word of mouth.

House in the Woods Benefit Ride

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Earlier this month, Topsham Trailriders and Oxford Trail Ryders held a benefit ride for House in the Woods. We had nearly 50 machines in attendance with around 70 people. It gives me great honor to share with you this evening that we were able to raise \$820 for House in the Woods. Thank you to Tim Williams and Stephanie Burnham for pulling out the red carpet for us! We had a great time raising funds for a great organization. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers who came out and helped us during this event. We are stronger when we work together as a team rather than as individuals and I continue to see that more and more from us! I am still in awe of the communication during this event – it was amazing!

On Friday, June 21 st , TTR was given a tour of the House in the Woods facility. To see the building first hand was a pretty amazing event. We were able to present our donation check to them first hand and they were extremely appreciative of it.

Everyone should be proud of this event!

Landowner Appreciation

Jenny Little provided the following update:

I know that everyone went home after our meeting last month and gave some serious thought as to what might be able to do to acknowledge our generous landowners. ☺ Did anyone come prepared with a suggestion for us to consider?

UPDATE: Since our last meeting Jessica Emmert contacted Rusty Lanterns to inquire if they offer any corporate discounts to a company who purchases a high value of their gift cards. Jess

needed to know just how many cards we would be purchasing. Jenny estimated around 70 cards but she and Charlie will confirm the amount of landowners before we purchase. Tim Moody suggested that we consider those landowners who live out of state perhaps we might get a different gift card for those landowners.

Cici Eberle made a great suggestion of adding something unique such as the TTR logo and perhaps have it signed by club members and add into their packets to add a personal touch to our token of appreciation.

Motion was made by Timothy Moody to spend up to \$750.00 to order the appropriate number of \$10 gift cards for all of TTR's landowners.

Motion accepted by Phil Rawl

Was Passed with No Opposition

Moxie Days Parade

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Last month a sign-up sheet was circulated to determine how many were interested in joining us during the Moxie Days parade. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 13 th . We had 20 machines sign up to join us and we are still able to add a few more. For this event the club needed to provide proof of insurance so we could officially register Topsham Trailriders for the parade. In order to be able to participate with us you will need to be a member of Topsham Trailriders. We are planning on parking at the Left Hand Club located on Wagg Road in Lisbon. We do not have a meeting time established at this time but once we have additional information an email will be sent to those who participated. If there are any additional TTR members that are interested in joining us please contact me as soon as possible.

New Business

TTR Tent Set-Up for the Topsham Fair

During the Topsham Fair each year we put a up a tent to serve as a meeting point for nightly clean up. Tim Moody chatted with Leon Brilliant from Topsham Fair and they have agreed to allow us the same location as last year.

The plan is to set up the TTR tent on Sunday, August 4 th . We will need a couple of volunteers to help with this.

Social Night

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Join us for a pot luck social night at the home of our long time members, Randy and Marcia Bickford. They have once again opened up their backyard and have offered to host TTR's July social night on Wednesday, July 10th at 6 pm. The address is 96 Summer St Lisbon ME. It is important to note to everyone who is planning on attending that you will need to bring a dish ready to serve and share. The host does have a grill ready to use too. Suggested food items include but not limited to: pizza, wings, kielbasa, salads, buffalo chicken dip, finger sandwiches,

chili, and meatballs. Please make a post within the Facebook event sharing what dish you will be bringing to the event. This event is outdoors so it is weather dependent. Check the website or Facebook for updates.

Open Member Comment

Webmaster / Facebook Services:

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Last year at this time TTR paid the webmaster \$250.00 for website services rendered from May to May of the following year for TTR.

Motion was made by Dan Pellegrini to pay the Webmaster a total of \$250 on an annual basis for services rendered from May to May of the following year.

Motion accepted by Cici Eberle

Was passed with no opposition

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm was made by Heather Benson.

Motion was accepted by Tim Williams.

Was passed with no opposition

Upcoming TTR Events

July 6th - TTR & WE ATV 207- Out of Town Ride Rumford to Roxbury (check facebook for updates)

July 10th- TTR July Social Night - Randy and Marcia Bickford's house - 96 Summer St in Lisbon- Potluck (Check facebook for signup)

July 13th - TTR Rides in the Moxie Day Parade- Lisbon (Look for informational email)

July 14th - TTR Trail Work Party – West Side– 8:45am - Ready to work 9am

July 20th - TTR's 25th Anniversary Night Ride - West Side - Registration begins at 5pm

July 26th - July 29th -TTR & WE ATV 207 Out of Town Overnight Trip to Madawaska

July 29th - Regular Monthly Meeting- Topsham Fairgrounds at 6:30pm

Submitted

Jessica Emmert

06/30/2024

The June 2024 minutes were approved with no edits during the July 29th meeting. JLL