

Topsham TrailRiders March Meeting



Date: Monday, March 27, 2023

Location: Pat's Pizza Pleasant St Brunswick, Me

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little

Tim Moody

Devin Favreau

Dee Blanchette

Charlie Parkinson

Board of Directors Present: Rocky League

Ron Dumont

Randy Bickford

Mike Little

Board of Directors Absent: Richard Arsenault

Matt Nixon

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Approximately 29 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary Report:

My apologizes for not making the February meeting, I was in Florida enjoying the sun. And from my understanding I missed 3 storms but was good to be back home.

In Dee's absence Jenny Little created a Secretary's report for the February meeting and it was emailed out to the club. No edits were needed.

- Motion was made by Bob Sweeney to approve the Secretary's report.
- Motion Accepted by Michael Little
- Was passed with no opposition.

President's Remarks

Jenny Little provided the following update:

Tedford Road Access

- Unfortunately, at this time the Tedford Road access road access was not approved by the Select board meeting which was held on March 16,2023. TTR is considering may recaching out to the landowners to talk with them. At this time we will divert our energy towards reconnecting east and west side.

State Municipal Grant

- The Municipal Grant committee sent our 1st draft to Brian Bronson to review it. TTR is on the agenda with the Town of Topsham towards the end of April. A reminder that the municipal deadline is May 30th. This is a program designed to share the cost of ATV trail development and maintenance between the municipality and ATV club.

ATV Maine Update

- ATV Maine is hosting their Annual Banquet April 15,2023 9:00 AM-2:00 PM @ Jeff's Catering 15 Littlefield Way in Brewer Maine. If you would like to go print out the confirmation sheet on the ATV Maine website or Facebook page, all confirmations need to be received by April 1,2023

Square

- We now have our square and hope to use it at the upcoming Maine Sportsman show.

Treasurer Report:

Tim Moody reported that we had \$130.00 cash on hand and a balance of \$1,218.05 in the checking account and \$9,525.12 in the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance \$697.29. He also shared that the food events account currently has a balance of \$1,701.32.

- Motion was made by Michael Little to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda.
- Motion accepted by Tim Williams
- Was passed with no opposition.

Trail Master's Report: (Charlie Parkinson, Brad Hoskins and James Belanger)

Charlie Parkinson provided the following update:

Trail Conditions:

- All trails are closed at this time.
- The trail work party on March 18th,2023 went well and a lot got done. A huge thank you all that showed up.

Upcoming Trail work:

- Saturday, April 8th at 9 am
 - The work party will be working on the West side of the trails to move bridging along with some additional tree clean up
 - Bring your machine, chain saw, screw gun, water and a positive attitude!
 - A Facebook event has been updated with the location along with additional details
- Sunday, April 23rd at 9 am
 - The work party will be working on the East side of the trails for the first time.
 - Bring your machine, chain saw, water and a positive attitude!
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Committee Reports:

Barbecue Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update about the 2nd annual TTR BBQ

Date of the Event: Saturday, September 30th

Ride: 10 am

Meal: 12 pm

She proposed that TTR consider keeping the cost of the BBR tickets at \$20.00 per person / or \$50.00 per family (2 adults & 2 children) similar to what we did last year.

The event will function very similar to last year in that seek food donations from club members to minimize the cost to the club.

- Jenny will connect with Topsham Fair to find out if we can use the Exhibition Hall or it will be the pulling ring again like it was last year.
 - An update will be provided soon.

The BBQ Committee is seeking \$500.00 to facilitate this event. This will include operating costs and purchasing of some food items such as the pork butts. Please note that last year our operating expenses were around \$310.65 which did not include the cost of the pig. We may need to adjust the \$500.00 should the cost of food and other items continue to rise.

- Motion was made by Dale Rowe to approve the request of keeping the costs of the tickets at \$20.00 per person and \$50.00 per family (2 adults and 2 children) and to allow the BBQ committee the access to spend up to \$500.00 to towards this event .
- Motion Accepted by Michael Little
- Was passed with no opposition.

Apparel Committee

There isn't anything to report at this time. However, we are very excited to have gear to sell this year at the Maine Sportsman Show.

Sportsman Show Committee

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

As a reminder the dates for the show are: Friday, March 31st to Sunday, April 2nd and the hours vary day to day

Volunteers

- Thank you to the volunteers who have volunteered to help man the booth. If you are not a volunteer and still plan on attending the show wear your TTR colors and stop by and visit with us!
- A volunteer packet pertaining to the Maine Sportsman Show was passed out to the volunteers.

Raffle

- The committee is very excited by all of the goodies that were collected for the TTR Sportsman Show raffle.
 - List the items:

Milwaukee Compressor

Milwaukee Battery for Compressor

Milwaukee Battery Charger for
Compressor

Tire Plug Kit

Valve Stem Tool

Tow Strap

Custom Made American Flag

UTV Rearview Mirror

Winch Stopper Cable

UTV Storage Bag

Flashlight

First Aid Kit

Battery Booster Pack

Compass

Cargo Net

Ratchet Straps

Fancy Olive Oil

Goggles

Gaiters

Digital Tire Pressure Gauge

Custom Made Blanket

- Reminder that tickets will be sold all during the show and they cost \$5.00 for 1 or \$20.00 for 5 tickets
- TTR only spent : **\$124.74** of the \$300 dollars that were allocated to the raffle and the rest was donated by club members
 - We will collect our expenses back and upon doing that the proceeds will be divided between House in the Woods and TTR Trail Maintenance

Setup for the Show

- Those who are helping on Friday morning please meet at check in using the volunteer entrance which is on the side of the Augusta Civic Center at or around 10 am. Please call me if you have any issues.
- The booth setup needs to be done by 12:30 pm!

During the Show:

- Square is setup and TTR is ready to accept cards 😊
 - Anyone here that is working the show and is willing to download the Square App onto your phone please see Jenny.
- We will also be selling sweatshirts and t-shirts and other items!
- There will also be a heavy push TTR but will be speaking about our benefit ride for House in the Woods on June 17th

Ride Coordinator Update

Mike Little did not have anything to report during this meeting. He just reminded folks about the upcoming trail work parties that Charlie mentioned earlier.

Club Membership Update

Dan Parlin provided the following update on our club memberships prior to the meeting:

As of 3/27/2023 we have:

110 members

- 69 Regular members
- 54 ATV Maine members
- 29 MSA Members
- 10 Associate members
- 11 Honorary members
- 9 Business members
- Thus Far 13 Paid 2023 dues

As a reminder your annual club dues for 2023 are due April 30th.

Safety Course Committee Update

Ron Dumont provided the following update:

- TTR instructors are Randy Bickford, Ron Dumont, and Tim Moody.
- Date of the Course: Saturday, April 1st
- Location: The American Legion Hall in Lisbon
- Class has been registered with a few extra folks. The State handles the registration.
- Tim Moody connected with MOMS in Topsham and they generously helped cover the cost of the lunch for the participants.

Landowner Relations Update

Matt Nixon was not present so no landowner relations update was completed during this meeting.

New Business:

Can Ya Catch Me Kennel:

- TTR was happy to have Brad, Andrea, and Tara in attendance during the meeting. They provided a short summary of their grand adventure to Alaska!

Open Member Comment:

- As a reminder TTR's April Social is being helpd on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00 pm at our business sponsor – 104 Main Public House.
 - Please RSVP appropriately on the Facebook event

Upcoming TTR Events

- March 31st to April 2nd-TTR heads to **The Maine Sportman Show**
- April 8th **TTR Trail Work Party**, West Side Work Party at 9 am
- April 12th @ 6:00 PM-**TTR Social** -104 Main Public House- Topsham- Please RSVP
- April 23rd **TTR Trail Work Party**, East Side Work Party at 9 am
- April 24th @ 6:30 PM **Monthly Meeting**- Exhibition- Topsham Fairgrounds

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Blanchette

04/02/2023

March Minutes were voted and approved during the April 24th meeting. JLL