

Topsham TrailRiders November Meeting



Date: Monday, November 28, 2022

Location: St. Johns Church 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

Richard Arsenault

Mike Little

Brad Hoskins

Tara Crossman

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:30 pm

Member Introductions were not completed. Approximately 23 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary Report:

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

- Motion was made by Tara Crossman to approve the Secretary's report.
- Motion Accepted by Dan Parlin
- Was passed with no opposition

President's Remarks:

- Meeting was held on November 3, 2022 with the town selectmen, into regards to get public access on Tedford Road for ATV's. Next meeting is December 15, 2022 at Topsham Town Hall @ 6:30 for the approval process which is a public hearing. It would be helpful and appreciated if the club can come in numbers and in their blues and support us. 😊 We will meet outside and walk in as a group.
- During the Board meeting Jenny recommended to the Board the following individuals for the following positions for the 2022-2023 year:
 - Membership Chair / Newsletter Editor – Dan Parlin
 - Ride Coordinator – Mike Little
 - Landowner Relations – Matt Nixon
 - Trail Master – Charlie Parkinson
 - A motion was made by Michael Little
 - Motion was accepted Richard Arsenault
 - Was Passed with no opposition
- Brad Hoskin, a landowner and Assistant TTR Trailmaster inquired if the club would be interested in helping to plan a dinner for Tara Crossman.
 - Tara Crossman from Can Ya Catch Me Kennels is heading to Alaska to participate in the Junior Iditarod. They are leaving on January 11th.
 - During the Board meeting Devin Favreau made a motion that TTR help to plan the benefit dinner.
 - The motion was accepted by Randy Bickford.
 - Was passed with no opposition.
 - Jenny will connect with Andrea and Tara to work out the details and if it is possible being close to the holidays as well as Tara's departure date.
 - An update will be provided to the Board with how they can help at the appropriate time.
 - Update: As of December 4th, Brad and Andrea Hoskins reached out and informed Jenny Little that they will not be able to proceed with the benefit dinner that they requested. They appreciate all that TTR has done and continues to do.
- A discussion was held during the Board meeting to send landowners Christmas cards along with a thank you. We have approximately 70 landowners. Tim Moody as agreed to get the postage paid and Jenny will create the letters and get them created for Tim.
- We also discussed funding for next year which will be the Municipal Funding Grant.

Treasurer Report:

Tim Moody reported that we had \$130.00 cash on hand and a balance of \$1,834.28 in the checking account and \$4,059.55 in the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance \$1,435.11. He also shared that the food events account currently has a balance of \$1,701.04.

- Motion was made by Randy Bickford to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda.
- Motion Accepted by Devin Favreau
- Passed with no opposition

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

- Trail Conditions:
 - West and east sides look good. Not too much riding on east side, will remain open till 1st snow fall.
 - Signage will go up at "honey hole" and "TTR double dare" before opening season in 2023
- Club Trailer- Charlie mentioned the club trailer is in dyer need of new tires (4). The old ones are corroded and worn out. After doing some research on tires to get the best deal.
 - A motion was made during the Board meeting by Mike Little to purchase the tires from Moms in Topsham, at a cost of \$455.59.
 - Motion was accepted by Richard Arsenault
 - Passed with no opposition
- Tires will be mounted in the spring time, instead of letting them sit on the trailer during the winter months. Mike Little offered to get them mounted and balanced. Moms lets us hold functions there and are one of our sponsors

Committee Reports:

We have several committees that will kick-off at the beginning of 2023, please considering joining 1 or 2 of them to help us out as well as show your support. It's also a good way to get to know other club members and socialize. We have the barbecue committee, apparel committee and the sportsman show committee.

Barbecue Committee

No committee update was provided during this meeting but the committee will be seeking new members in January of 2023.

Apparel Committee Update

Jenny Little did not provide too much of an update at this time.

- The new TTR apparel and stickers are still available for purchase.
- During the winter months the Apparel Committee will begin working on both the 2023 Business and club shirts.
 - Folks have requested that we look into Camo and shirts with a pocket option.
 - Folks have also inquired about purchasing a heavier duty sweatshirt so that option will be reviewed as well.

Ride Coordinator Update

Mike Little provided the following update:

- He shared that our last ride of the season which was held on Sunday, October 30th in Bowdoin was a huge success. He thanked Bowdoin Outdoor Explorers for allowing us to use their trails and he also wanted to thank Tristian Graviett for leading us around that day.
- He reported that we donated over 120 lbs of food as well as over \$300 to the local food bank. We had 26 machines in attendance.
- He also provided a list of the 2023 trail rides and trail work parties to all of those in attendance which was approved during the board meeting. During the Board meeting Devin Favreau made a motion to approve the ride schedule that Mike Little and We-ATV 207 had created. The motion was accepted by Richard Arsenault and was passed with no opposition by the board.
 - Facebook events will be created for each of the events.

Club Membership Update

Dan Parlin provided the following update on our club memberships

As of 11/28/2022, we have:

104 members

- 55 Regular members
- 54 ATV Maine members
- 29 MSA Members
- 11 Associate members
- 11 Honorary members
- 9 Business members

Safety Course Committee Update

Ron Dumont reported that he will be connecting with the State of Maine to work on getting a safety course in motion for Spring of 2023.

Landowner Relations Update

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

Old Business:

CMP Permission to Connect East and West Side

- During the winter month's Jenny will work with Charlie Parkinson, Devin Favreau, and Matt Nixon to hopefully get the east and west side reconnected.

Trunk of Treat

- The trunk or treat was held at the Topsham Fairgrounds on Halloween. Tim Moody extended a big thank you for all those that came and showed their support and helped.

Christmas Party (December Social)

- Dale Rowe reminded everyone in attendance that the December Social Night is being held at the FairGround Café on Wednesday, December 14th at 6 pm.
- A reminder that we will be doing a Yankee Swap during our December social night so if you would like to participate please bring a gift no more than \$20.00. You do not need to participate to join us. All are welcomed to join us.
- The club voted and approved to purchase two visa gift cards for the server and cook that will be serving us during the Christmas Party December 14th.
 - Tim Moody will purchase the cards and get them to a board member who will be in attendance.

New Business:

Sportsman Show Committee

Jenny Little provided the following update on the Maine Sportsmen Show:

- Once again the show will be held at the Augusta Civic Center Friday, March 31, 2023 to Sunday, April 2, 2023.
- Topsham Trailriders will once again have a booth.
 - Jenny reached out to Peter from MOMS to inquire if they would help pay a portion of our Sportsman Show booth. Peter offered to pay the entire cost of the booth and immediately mailed a check to TTR in the amount of \$385.00.
- We will be putting a committee together in January. Please contact Jenny if your interested joining the committee.

Ski-Joring

During the board meeting Jenny inquired if TTR's assistance is requested to help during the Ski-Joring event being held on February 11 at the Topsham Fair is TTR on board.

- If we are asked TTR is once again happy to help with the event.
 - Areas that we can help with include creating the track and pulling participants during the day of the event.
- Update will be provided during the January meeting.

December Meeting

Jenny wanted to remind everyone that there will be NO December meeting. Our next meeting will be on January 30th at 6:30 pm in the basement of the St. Johns Church. Thank you Tim Moody for coordinating this.

Open for Member Comment

- Mike and Jenny Little have put together a 2023 Club Events and Meetings Photo Calendar. If anyone would like to purchase one please contact Jenny Little. The cost for the calendar is \$30.00 and the deadline is Wednesday, December 14th.

- If you would like to order a calendar after December 14th please contact Jenny.
- Bob Sweeney inquired with TTR if the group would be interested in doing a benefit ride to raise money for “House in the woods” in Lee, Maine. House in the Woods is a non-profit organization for veterans to go and be at peace. Bob will be attending other club meetings in hopes to drum up additional support for House in the Woods.
 - Ideally in the future Bob is looking for other ATV clubs to hold a ride on perhaps the same day and for each of their rides to benefit House in the Woods.
 - Dan Parlin was very excited to hear this mentioned as we have a lot of members who are Veterans.
 - Jenny Little mentioned that the June 17th, 2023 in-town club ride is slated to be benefit ride but we did not an organization singled out at this time.
 - Ron Dumont made a motion that the in-town club ride in June benefit House in the Woods.
 - Motion was accepted by Rocky League.
 - During the discussion before the vote was completed Richard Arsenault mentioned that perhaps we make this an annual ride every year.
 - We will discuss that at a later time.
 - Was passed with no opposition.

Upcoming TTR Events

- Christmas Party - December 14th , at Fairground Café, starting at 5:00 for those who can arrive early and others should plan on arriving by 6 pm.
 - A reminder that we will be doing a Yankee swap, limit of \$20.00. You don't know need to participate in the Yankee swap.
- January Social Night - January 11, 2023 @ 6:00 at Buffalo Wild Wings in Topsham
- Monthly Meeting - January 30th, 2023 – Basement of St. Johns Church on Pleasant St in Brunswick

Respectfully Submitted
 Dee Blanchette
 12/04/2022

Minutes were voted and approved during the January 30th meeting. JLL