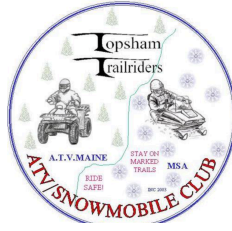


Topsham Trailriders November Meeting



Date: Tuesday , November 28, 2023

Location: Topsham Public Library, Topsham, ME 04086

Executive Board Present: Jenny Little

Tim Williams

Tim Moody

Jessica Emmert

Board of Directors Present: Mike Little

Richard Arsenault

Noah Herrick

Don Curtis (by phone)

Dan Parlin

Mike Little

Evan Curtis

Sam Bulmer

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon

Randy Bickford

Brad Hoskins

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:31 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:28 pm

Member Introductions were not completed. Approximately XX 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 emailed out.

- Motion was made by Noah Herrick to approve the Secretary's report.
- Motion Accepted by Tim Williams
- Was passed with no opposition

President's Remarks:

During the meeting Jenny Little provided updates on the following:

Appreciation Lunch for Topsham PD and FD:

After the tragic events in Lewiston and Lisbon the board chatted about putting together an appreciation meal for both the Topsham Police Department and Topsham Fire Department. As you can imagine both the Topsham Police and Fire departments along with many many agencies offered support in some capacity. The Board voted and approved via our electronic Board group text to facilitate an appreciation lunch up to \$200 in addition to the other treats our club members donated. I am here to share that with Matt Nixon's help Dale, Tim M., Mike and I delivered a meal to the departments on November 17 th and it was very well received and appreciated.

In addition, this meal was generously paid for by one of our business sponsors! A HUGE thank you to Muddy River Farm Aquaponics for their donation! We appreciate your support!

Ski Joring

For the past couple of years, Topsham Trailriders has been invited to help the Topsham Fair with their Ski Joring event. If you are unsure what Ski Joring picture a horse with a rider riding the horse and a participant being towed behind the horse in a competitive nature. For the past two years this event has occurred the second Saturday of February. We have not yet received if they will be hosting another Ski Joring in February of 2024 but the Board has voted if we are invited to help we will once again do our TTR thing. In the past, we have been responsible to prep the track for the race along with working the day of the event with retrieving ropes.

Newsletter – Member Tip of the Month

A couple of months ago we officially launched a new section on our newsletter called Member Tip of the Month. In full disclosure, I look forward to reading this section. In order to keep this section going we need your help with creating some fresh material. In your packet this evening you've been provided with Member Tip of the Month. As the meeting continues, please complete it and don't forget to include your name. I will be happy to collect these at the conclusion of the meeting.

ATV Maine Meeting

Topsham Trailriders has been an active member of ATV Maine for many years now. For those who may not know ATV Maine is an organization that represents many clubs in the State of Maine. They are constantly working with State Officials to advocate for the sport and their most recent adventure is planning an ATV/UTV Expo in May of 2024. On an almost quarterly basis ATV Maine holds meetings in different regions of the State. Their final meeting of 2024 is scheduled for Saturday, December 9 th in Phippsburg beginning at 9 am at the Phippsburg

Sportsman Club. I will be in attendance to represent TTR but please know that anyone else is welcome to join me. Please let me know.

Board Appointed Positions

Last month Topsham Trailriders held their annual elections where we voted in both the Executive Board along with the Board of Directors. It is the responsibility of both the Executive Board and Board of Directors during the November to appoint critical club positions which include the Trail Master, Assistant Trail Master(s), Membership Chair, Ride Coordinator, Landowner Relations, and Student Representative. I am happy to announce that during the Board meeting we held this evening with a motion made by Tim Williams and accepted by Don Curtis followed by a Board vote, the following folks were selected into the following positions:

Trail Master – Charles Parkinson

Assistant Trail Master(s) – Sam Bulmer – West Side

Brad Hoskins – East Side

James Belanger – Winter

Membership Chair – Dan Parlin

Ride Coordinator – Michael Little

Landowner Relations – Matt Nixon

Student Representative – Evan Curtis

I'm sure everyone joins me when I say – THANK YOU! Thank you for stepping into these roles to help Topsham Trailriders do great things! Your help and assistance is greatly appreciated by many including myself.

Member Recognition

A club cannot survive without its members and its landowners. This evening I'd like to acknowledge two individuals who were two longtime Board Members. Their dedication and commitment to helping Topsham Trailriders over the years whether it was helping at events, to facilitating safety courses, to participating in parades or joining us at many social nights. Topsham Trailriders would like to thank Rocky League and Ron Dumont for their years of service to the club. Please accept a plaque as a token of our appreciation. I hope as we enter into our 25th year you will continue to be involved with a club that you were instrumental in for many years.

Continuing the celebrations – When Charlie and I got together to finalize our Municipal Grant for this year we noticed something remarkable this year! We had quite a few folks who had more than 20 hours and also another group with 40 plus hours. Charlie has prepared a certificate for each of those individuals. Gift certificates were presented to volunteers who worked more than 20 hours on our trails.

TTR Schedule for 2024

Not going to take away Mike's thunder by any means but I must say that as we enter into our 25 th year your help is needed during any and all of our events. There are two events highlighted in red that need either a chair or a co-chair. Mike will elaborate in a little more detail about the ride schedule in your packet.

Treasurer Report:

Tim Moody reported that as of 11/24/2023, we had \$510.00 in the cash box and a balance of \$1,531.87 in the checking account and \$12,784.55 the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance \$1,297.84. He also shared that the food events account currently has a balance of \$2,089.25. The account pertaining to Events/Raffles has a balance of \$597.12.

- Motion was made by Dan Parlin to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda.
- Motion Accepted by Tim Williams
- Was passed with No Opposition
- Was passed with Tim Moody abstaining from the vote.

Trail Master's Report:

Charlie Parkinson shared the following information with the group:

- All trails are officially closed until the first groom-able snow.

Committee Reports:

TTR BBQ Committee:

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

- This will hopefully return in January / February of 2024.

Apparel Committee:

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

- I have not forgotten about the clearance tshirt sale we are doing. A social media post will be
- made soon! Please share it when you see it.

Sportsman Show Committee:

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

The show is scheduled for Friday, April 19 th and will end on Sunday, April 21st at the Augusta Civic Center TTR has a corner booth reserved and paid for by MOMS of Topsham! A huge thank you to their generosity.

During the October meeting Stephanie B., Mike L, Charlie P., and Jenny L. volunteered to become part of the Sportsman Show committee. Are there any additional individuals who are interested and would like to join the Sportsman Show committee?

NOTE: No one signed up during the meeting.

We will be scheduling our first meeting in either December or early January.

Our first meeting will include discussion on:

- Money needed (ie materials, and raffle items)
- Volunteers needed during the show
- Free TTR item for the booth
- Slide Show – just this past year or 25 years of TTR?
- Raffle

Ride Coordinator Update:

Michael Little provided the following update about the clubs' events:

In your packet you've received, you will find a copy of the 2024 TTR ride schedule. Earlier, during the Board meeting it was presented and approved by the Board provided that we are able to find someone(s) to help with the events highlighted in red. If we are not able to find someone to help with either of those events they stand to possibly be cut from the schedule.

During the Board meeting we also voted to continue co-hosting out of town events with We-ATV 207 similar to what we did this year. So having said that the schedule you have now will be updated to add in the We-ATV 207 out of town events we have scheduled. If you join us during the Christmas Party, I should have printed copies available then.

If you are interested in helping during any of these events, please do not be shy and reach out to me. I am always looking for folks to help.

And finally, I always love hearing any suggestions that you would like us to consider please

Update from our Membership Chair

Dan Parlin provided an update about TTR's memberships:

Total Number of Memberships: 123

Business Sponsors: 10

Of the 123 Number of Memberships they can be broken down to:

103 Regular Members

68 ATV Maine Members

24 MSA Members
10 Honorary Members
8 Associate Members

Safety Course:

On behalf of the following Safety Course committee, Ron Dumont provided the following update:

Ron Dumont went to Augusta to pick up the paperwork needed to possibly kick off a snowmobile course in either January or February. Stay tuned for more updates.

Landowner Relations Chair Update:

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

Old Business:

ATVing Santa

We have officially arrived to the holiday season. A reminder that Topsham Trailriders will be spreading Christmas cheer in downtown Bath as well as the local Senior homes on Saturday, December 16 th beginning at 11 am. We have a total of 10 spots available for this grand event and I happy to share that those spots have filled. I will soon be emailing those folks to provide them details about the day.

Please know that all are welcomed to come and visit downtown Bath to do a little shopping scoping out Santa and elves that day.

Trunk or Treat – Town of Topsham

Tim Moody provided the following update:

The Parks and Recreation department was very appreciative that we participated and hope we will continue next year.

25th Anniversary of TTR

Jenny Little provided the following update:

2024 is the 25th Anniversary of TTR. Big plans for next year especially our July 20 th , 2024 ride! I'd like to create a committee to help plan special things for 2024 especially the July 20 th , 2024 ride. The committee will be instrumental seeking a food truck for our July 20 th , 2024 night ride along with creating uniqueness to next year. A reminder that the committee will be established in January 2024.

Veterans Day Event

Jenny Little provided the following update:

On Saturday, November 11 th , TTR was welcomed with open arms at MOMS Topsham. They allowed us to grill up some good food all while collecting donations for House in the Woods. Thank you to all of the folks who joined us that day! Because of you and our chef Dale Rowe's

delicious chili we were able to collect \$136 dollars in donations.

Also, Peter and have tentatively scheduled another TTR meet and greet in the Spring at the kick off our ATV season. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 th .

New Business:

Christmas Party / Social Night

Jenny Little provided the following update:

The next social night for the club is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th at 6 pm. This is the 16 th year we will be hosting our Christmas party at Fairground Cafe in Topsham. Thank you to Joyce York for helping to make this event happen! The restaurant appreciate receiving a headcount as to how many folks will be coming. Please let Jenny know if you will be coming by either updating your status to going within the Facebook event or by contacting her personally. I am sure if wish to arrive earlier than 6 pm there would be no objection by Sarah.

During this social night we will be doing a classic Yankee swap. The cap for the swap is \$20.00. If you would like to join in the swap, please bring a wrapped gift no more than \$20.00.

Similar to previous years I would like to ask for a motion to purchase two \$50.00 Visa or Mastercard gift cards. One of the cards will be for the waitress who takes care of us during the social night and the other will be for the chef who cooks for us. This is a small token of appreciation we can do for hosting our Christmas party.

- Motion was made by Dan Parlin to allow the club to spend up to \$100.00 to purchase two \$50.00 Visa / Mastercard Gift Cards for the TTR December Social Night.
- Motion Accepted by Dale Rowe
- Was Passed with No Opposition

A motion was made by Richard Arsenault to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. The motion was accepted by Noah Herrick.

Submitted by Jessica Emmert
11/30/2023

Upcoming TTR Events:

December 13th – TTR Christmas Party- Fairground Café, 49 Topsham Fair Mall Rd, Topsham, ME at 6pm

January 30th – TTR Regular membership meeting, 25 Foreside Road, Topsham, ME at 6:30-8pm

November 2023 minutes were approved during the January 30th meeting. - JLL

