

## Topsham Trailriders October Meeting



Date: Monday, October 24th, 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: Devin Favreau  
Rocky League  
Randy Bickford  
Richard Arsenault  
Brad Hoskins

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon  
Ron Dumont

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:32 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:27 pm

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

### **Secretary Report:**

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

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

### **President's Remarks:**

Elections

- Matt Abbott reminded everyone that tonight's meeting includes the annual election for next year's board.

- Since last meeting Matt had reached out to a local student, Tara Crossman, to inquire if she would have any interest in filling the Student Representative on the Board.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Tim Moody reported that we had \$130.00 cash on hand and a balance of \$1,653.00 in the checking account and \$3,723.18 in the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance of \$1,268.15. He also shared that the food events account currently has a balance of \$1,700.97.

- Motion was made by Dan Parlin to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda.
- Motion Accepted by Richard Arsenault
- Was passed with Tim Moody abstaining from the vote.

Tim also shared that prior to tonight's meeting he had received a couple of checks which included one from scrap metal pile located near the West Side Park and Ride in the amount of \$22.77. And the other check was a donation from the Woolwich Rough Riders hand delivered by Kenneth Safford. The amount of the check was \$2,355.33. The Woolwich Rough Riders was a club that existed in Woolwich but reached out to Michael Little about donating their funds to Topsham Trailriders. We truly do appreciate their very generous donation.

### **Trail Master's Report:**

Charlie Parkinson shared the following information with the group:

- Trail Conditions:
  - West Side:
    - The West Side is currently closed.
  - East Side:
    - The East Side is holding up fairly well.
    - The tentative closing date for the East Side is November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming Trail work:
  - Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Continue Cleaning Up the Field Near the West Side Park and Ride
    - Charlie is seeking volunteers to help strip some of the existing bridges to prep for the moving of the i-beams. Hopefully they can move the i-beams on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with the use of Bob Sweeney's tractor.
    - A Facebook event will be created for this work party.
- Brad Hoskins – Assistant Trailmaster
  - He asked Charlie during the meeting about getting ½ stone delivered to the East side so that he can work the area between Lover's Lane and Staples Property.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Pig Roast Committee**

Jenny Little provided the final update on behalf of the Pig Roast Committee:

- The event on October 1<sup>st</sup> was a huge success. Below is a summary of the calculations from the Pig Roast:

**Total of Ticket Sales:** \$1,850

**Total of Expenses that I was aware of:** \$310.65

**Cost of Pig (with Bob's Discount):** \$700.00

**Proceeds from the door prize raffle:** \$50.00

**Proceeds from the 50/50:** \$143.00 (We received \$53.00 back from the winner which is included in the total.)

**Grand Total for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual TTR Pig Roast:** \$1,032.35

#### **Attendance Numbers:**

6 Landowners attended

We officially sold 88 tickets and had 73 of those tickets in attendance

- Hopefully the club will consider doing this event next year. We will discuss further at the beginning of 2023.

#### **Apparel Committee**

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

- The new TTR apparel and stickers is still available for purchase.
- During the winter month's 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.

#### **Club Membership Update**

Dan Parlin did not provide an update during this meeting.

#### **Ride Coordinator Update**

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

- He provided a brief overview of the events that occurred since the last meeting which included the TTR Pig Roast ride, the Onawa Trestle ride, and the West Bath night ride.
  - He is very excited with all of the participation that he has seen at each of the rides.

#### **Next Year's Ride Schedule**

- Before we began to discuss the 2023 Riding Schedule Matt Abbott shared with the group that before the meeting the TTR Board and Ride Coordinator spoke. It was

apparent that the 2022 ride schedule was very well received by fellow riders with the amount of attendance that TTR has had at each of their events. This year TTR is going to shift things just a little bit all the while still having a full ride schedule.

- In 2023, the TTR Ride Coordinator will focus on planning 2-3 local intown rides only.
- During the Board meeting **WE-ATV 207** (Michael and Jenny Little) approached Topsham Trailriders and inquired if TTR would be willing to co-host the out of town rides they are planning in conjunction with **WE-ATV 207**. The Board was in favor of their proposal.
- Mike circulated a form that he created which was called Areas of Interest to Ride in 2023. With the replies he's receives tonight along with the suggestions received over the 2022 riding season he will begin working on creating a 2023 riding schedule.
- Jenny Little shared that she is actively working on creating a 2023 TTR Photo Calendar. On this calendar she will be adding all rides, meetings and ATV social events they become aware of before December 1. She is trying to think of a way that folks could purchase them along with having it be a fundraiser for the club.

#### Landowner Relations Chair Update

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

#### **Old Business:**

##### Access Road Permission

- Matt Abbott was contacted by Mark Waltz, the Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Topsham. Mark shared that the Tedford Road ATV access was originally scheduled to be presented to the Board of Selectman on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> but if the club was okay it would be moved to Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Board prefers that the Tedford Road ATV access be presented on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Matt Abbott will convey that to Mark after the meeting.

##### Trunk or Treat

- TTR will once again be participating in the Trunk or Treat event being put on by the Topsham Parks & Rec department.
- Set-Up for the event will begin at 3 pm with children coming around 4:30 pm.
- At this time no additional volunteers are needed.

#### **New Business:**

##### Christmas Party

- Dale Rowe reached out to the Topsham Fairgrounds to see if they would be willing to host the TTR Christmas party in the backroom of the restaurant. The restaurant will have a waitress and a cook stay past their 6 pm closing time. It is during this event that we typically do a yankee swap with a limit of \$20 as well.
  - A motion was made by Michael Little to have the Christmas Party at Topsham Fairgrounds beginning at 5:30 pm
  - Motion was accepted by Darcey Emery

- Was passed with no opposition

Open for Member Comment:

#### Winter Meeting Location

- Matt Abbott reminded everyone that beginning in November the Exhibition Hall is converted to a vehicle storage unit. We are not able to hold our meetings in the Exhibition Hall from November till March.
- Beginning in November, the meeting location will be in the basement below the Saint John's Church (37 Pleasant Street Brunswick).

#### Grill:

- Dale Rowe has donated a nearly brand new grill to Topsham Trailriders.
  - Thank you again for your generous donation and we only hope that this means you will be cooking some good food on the grill for us!

#### Elections:

- The nominations for the 2022-2023 Board of Directors and Executive Board are as follows:
  - Board of Directors:
    - Randy Bickford
    - Ron Dumont
    - Michael Little
    - Richard Arsenault
    - Rocky League
  - Executive Board:
    - President: Jenny Little
    - Vice President: Devin Favreau
    - Secretary: Dee Blanchette
    - Treasurer: Tim Moody
- Since none of the positions were being contested Matt Abbott suggested that the Secretary file one ballot to complete the election process.
  - A motion was made by Dan Parlin to grant the Secretary the permission to file the one ballot.
  - Motion was accepted by Darcey Emery
  - Was passed with no opposition
- All of the names listed above will be the 2022-2023 Board for Topsham Trailriders.

With elections completed the new President Jenny Little will be added to the Topsham Trailriders with full authority and Matt Abbott will be removed from the account.

A motion was made by Dale Rowe to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. The motion was accepted by Darcey Emery.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jenny Little  
10/25/2022

Next TTR Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28th at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Saint John's Church located at 37 Pleasant St in Brunswick.

October minutes were voted and approved during the November 28th meeting. JLittle