

Topsham Trailriders September Meeting



Date: Monday, September 26th, 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

Ron Dumont

Randy Bickford

Richard Arsenault

Board of Directors Absent: Matt Nixon

Rocky League

Brad Hoskins

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:44 pm

Member Introductions were not completed. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary Report:

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

- Motion was made by Dale Rowe 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 nominations for both the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. Later on when we complete the nomination process Matt will read aloud the expectations of each position.
- He also shared which positions TTR is looking for includes the President, the Vice President and the Secretary.

Treasurer Report:

Tim Moody reported that we had \$130.00 cash on hand and a balance of \$2,039.61 in the checking account and \$3,358.04 in the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance of \$867.13. He also shared that the food events account currently has a balance of \$1,067.94.

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

Trail Master's Report:

Charlie Parkinson shared the following information with the group:

- Trail Conditions:
 - Both the West and East side are in fair shape.
- Upcoming Trail work:
 - Saturday, October 1st – Ride before the Pig Roast
 - Charlie is planning on riding the East side of the trail system from the Topsham Fairgrounds on Saturday at 9 am to make sure trails are passable for the Pig Roast ride.
 - Sunday, October 16th – Working on the West Side – 9 am at the Park & Ride
 - There is a pile of material at Dave's that Charlie would like to spread before the season is finished. Will be adding crusher dust onto the hill that was worked on earlier this year.
 - Dee Blanchette is planning on bringing her tractor to load trailers that will be hauling the material. Vertical Excavation will be there with equipment to load trailers.
 - Those who wish to help should plan on meeting at the Park & Ride located on the West side where from there everyone will head to Dave's property to begin the work party.
 - Matt Abbott will create a Facebook event for this work party.
- Misc:
 - The MSA Snowmobile show is scheduled to occur from Friday, October 21st to Sunday, October 23rd.

- The MSA club safety course is scheduled to occur on Saturday, October 22nd and Charlie is planning on attending.
 - An invitation will be extended to Brad Hoskins as he is the Assistant Trail Master.
- Matt Abbott asked for the trail work hours be added up as soon as possible so they can be remitted to Central Maine Powersports before their 10/15 deadline.
- Matt Abbott shared that hopefully we will have signs next to the two bad mud holes that we recently named.

Committee Reports:

Pig Roast Committee

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

- As a reminder the fundraising event and ride is scheduled for this coming Saturday, October 1st and it is being held in the pulling ring at the Topsham Fairgrounds. The ride will occur on the East side at 2 pm and the food will be served a little before 4 pm.
- Cost of Tickets:
 - Tickets at the event:
 - \$30.00 per person
 - \$60.00 per family defined as 2 adults and 2 children
- Supplies:
 - Thank you to everyone who has donated an item(s) for the Pig Roast. It is because of your generosity we do not need to purchase too many items.
 - A reminder that all donations need to be at the Fairgrounds before 2 pm on Saturday, October 1st.
 - Please contact Jenny Little if you need to make arrangements to get your item(s) to your food.
- Cooking:
 - Bob Sweeney is purchasing our pig this week. The pig is a little over 250 lbs and because of the size of the pig Bob will begin cooking the pig at his house on Thursday night. He is planning on moving to the pulling ring on the Fairgrounds around 11 am on Saturday.
 - Matt Abbott will bring his gas grill and has offered to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs.
- Set-up:
 - As a reminder those folks who have offered to bring folding tables please bring them with you and if possible get them to the Pulling Ring by 11 am.
 - For those interested in helping the Pig Roast Committee will be completing a portion of the setup for the Pig Roast on Friday night. We will meet at the Pulling Ring at 6 pm and will be setting up some of the tables as well as picnic tables.
 - Matt Abbott will confirm with the Fair that we can do a Friday night setup. He will also ask that the bathroom will be unlocked, and if we can spray the Pulling Rings to help with the flies.

- Registration:
 - Jenny Little is planning on working the registration table.
 - Jenny inquired if the club would have any objections if during the registration process a TTR club sticker could be given to those who purchased tickets.
 - A motion was made by Dan Parlin to give out the orange and green club stickers at the registration table during the pig roast.
 - Motion accepted by Michael Little
 - During the discussion of the motion Bob Sweeney suggested that TTR might want to consider making stickers specifically for the Pig Roast.
 - Passed with no opposition
- 50/50 & Door Prizes:
 - Linda Parlin has made and donated a homemade Patriots blanket.
 - Moms has donated two helmets – 1 child and 1 adult
 - Door Prize donations are still being accepted.
- Serving the Food:
 - Need 3-4 volunteers maybe more to help serve food to folks.
- Clean Up
 - Hopefully we will have many hands after the event to help with clean up.
- Expenses thus far for the Pig Roast:
 - Total: \$780.55 (pig/tickets/flyers)
 - Income: \$1,230.00 from tickets sales.

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 upcoming events:

- He provided a brief overview of the events that occurred since the last meeting which included Western Maine Toy Run, Rangeley, and Bridgton.
 - He is very excited with all of the participation that he has seen at each of the rides.
- Saturday, October 1st – Pig Roast Ride on the East Side
 - The ride will be departing from the Topsham Fairgrounds at 2 pm.

- Saturday, October 8th – TTR Heads to the Onawa Trestle
 - TTR will be leaving the Topsham McDonald's at 6:30 am and we will be heading to the Irving gas station in Dover Foxcroft. We will be leaving as close to 9 am from the Irving gas station.
 - Please bring a bagged lunch and plan on a full day of riding.
- Saturday, October 22nd – TTR Heads to West Bath
 - We will be meeting at 4:30 pm in the parking lot located on the right side of the West Bath Fire Station.
- Sunday, October 30th – TTR's Last Ride of the Season on the West Side
 - Registration begins at 9:15 am and there will be a driver's meeting at 9:45 am and the ride will leave at 10 am.
 - A reminder that we will be collecting food donations as well as monetary food donations for the local area food bank.
 - All are welcomed to ride in a costume too.
- Saturday, December 10th – TTR Spreads Christmas Cheer in Downtown Bath
 - Mike and Jenny Little still have a few spots left to ride around in downtown Bath to senior homes as well.
 - Contact either Mike or Jenny if interested.
- As always all are welcomed to join on these rides.

Landowner Relations Chair Update

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

Old Business:

Meeting with Town

- Matt Abbott shared that the September 7th meeting between Topsham Trailriders and all of the department heads with the Town of Topsham went extremely well. He is very optimistic about TTR's future.
 - Items discussed included: Tedford Road Access as well as possibly working with the Parks & Rec department to acquire a parcel of land and store TTR's club material.

New Business:

MSA Snowmobile Show Tickets

- Tim Moody has the packet of tickets that TTR received to sell. Half of the proceeds sold is returned to the club.

Trunk or Treat

- TTR will once again be participating in the Trunk or Treat event being put on by the Topsham Parks & Rec department. Tim Moody shared that he has not heard too much from Pam at this time but anticipates that the event will be very similar.
- Tim will purchase candy for the event and is also looking for folks who would like to help during this event.

Safety Course

- Tim Moody is still working on finding a location for the Safety Course. He is currently talking with Peter at Moms on the possibility of doing the course at their location on a Sunday.

Nominations:

- The nominations began with the Board of Directors after Matt Abbott provided a high overview of what is expected from a Director.
 - Dan Parlin nominated:
 - Randy Bickford
 - Ron Dumont
 - Michael Little
 - Richard Arseneault
 - Rocky League *** Need to confirm that he is interested.
 - As of 9/27, Rocky has accepted the nomination if no one else steps up.
- For each of the the Executive Board positions Matt Abbott read their job descriptions from the TTR By-laws and the following nominations were made:
 - Secretary – Dan Parlin nominated
 - Marcia Bickford (Randy Bickford is going to check with her if she will accept the nomination) as of 09/27 she did not accept the nomination.
 - Denise Blanchette was nominated by Jenny Little.
 - Dee (Denise) accepted the nomination.
 - Treasurer – Matt Abbott nominated
 - Tim Moody
 - Tim accepted the nomination.
 - Vice President – Dale Rowe nominated
 - Devin Favreau
 - Devin accepted the nomination.
 - President – Michael Little nominated
 - Jenny Little
 - Jenny accepted the nomination.
- As a reminder if anyone is interested in stepping up and helping TTR additional nominations will be taken at the start of our annual meeting.
- Matt reminded everyone that the TTR annual meeting is coming up on October 24th. It is during this meeting that we will complete the elections as well as begin planning rides for 2023 so please come prepared with an area that you would like to explore in 2023.

Open for Member Comment:

October Social Night

- This month TTR will be visiting 104 Main Public House for their Social Night which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th.
 - A head count was taken so that Dale Rowe can make a reservation.

Winter Meeting Location

- Matt Abbott inquired if anyone had a suggestion for a meeting location during the winter months. Similar to last year the Exhibition Hall at the Topsham Fairgrounds will be utilized as a storage facility.
 - Tim Moody has offered up the basement of the St. John's Church.
- TTR meetings during the winter months (November to March) will be held in the basement of St. John's Church on Pleasant street in Brunswick.

Christmas Party

- During the Board meeting the location of the Christmas party was discussed. It was proposed that TTR consider returning to the Fairgrounds Café for the Christmas party.
 - Dale Rowe will look into this and will report back to us during the next meeting.

A motion was made by Randy Bickford to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. The motion was accepted by Matt Abbott.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Little

09/27/2022

Next TTR Meeting is our Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Monday, October 24th at 6:30 pm at the Exhibition Hall on the Topsham Fairgrounds.

September minutes were voted and approved during the October 24th meeting. JLittle