

Topsham Trailriders February Meeting



Date: Monday, February 28, 2022

Location: Sea Dogs Brewing Company (1 Bowdoin Mill Is Ste 100, Topsham, ME 04086)

Executive Board Present: Matt Abbott
Dale Rowe
Tim Moody
Jenny Little

Board of Directors Present: Randy Bickford
Ron Dumont
Charlie Parkinson
Rocky League

Board of Directors Absent: Dan Parlin

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:31 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:42 pm

Member Introductions were not completed. There were 14 people who attended the meeting.

Secretary Report:

Jenny Little provided a hard copy of the minutes as well as a verbal overview from the January 2022 meeting.

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

President's Remarks:

Ski Joring Event

- Matt Abbott offered appreciation to Charlie Parkinson, Michael Little and Jenny Little for their participating in the Ski Joring event.
- He heard that there were over 1,000 people so therefore that was 1,000 people who heard the Topsham Trailriders name.
- If TTR is asked to participate next year we just want to make sure that we have at least three machines for the actual event.

Annual Club Memberships

- Dan Parlin asked Matt to remind everyone that 2022 club memberships are due in April of 2022.

State Municipal Grant

- Matt was able to meet with the Town of Topsham and they have agreed that the next step in the process to acquire quotes from landscapers and contractors for work that needs to be completed.
- Matt will work with Charlie Parkinson on getting the quotes.

Treasurer Report:

Tim Moody reported that we had \$101 cash on hand and a balance of \$1,124.90 in the checking account and \$5,466.91 in the savings account.

- Motion was made by Randy Bickford to approve the treasurer's report as provided on the agenda.
- Motion Accepted by Michael Little
- Was passed with Tim Moody abstaining from the vote.

Trail Master's Report:

Charlie Parkinson shared the following information with the group:

- Trail Conditions:
 - Trails are currently closed.
- Upcoming Trail work:
 - Matt Abbott has requested trail work dates along with a summary of the work Charlie would like to complete. Matt would like get Facebook events created so the club can seek volunteers to help with trail work.
 - We are hopeful that the trail work dates can be created before the Sportsman Show so that they can be added to the event calendar.
 - Charlie suspects that the East side of the TTR trail system will open first.
 - Mr. Merrill has asked from TTR that his property be reinforced accordingly to prevent ground erosion. He would prefer that the work is completed before the trails open.
 - Matt Abbott suggested to Charlie that perhaps he consider scheduling an East side trail work party.
- Trail Master Task Update:
 - Inventory of TTR material-
 - Charlie has reported that this has been started and should be completed by May 1st.
 - Plan for Municipal Grant Due March 31st, 2022-
 - Once again it was stated that Matt Abbott and Charlie Parkinson will be acquiring quotes from local contractors.
- Landowner Permissions:

- Charlie shared that he has not yet connected with Matt Nixon to begin working on this.
- The Landowner permissions need to be completed by early June 2022.
- Misc:
 - The group was informed that Charlie was able to register the groomer with a lifetime registration.
 - Charlie also informed the group that CMP had approved the reroute caused by the loss of Trail 1A.

Committee Reports:

ATV Safety Course

- Matt Abbott provided the following update about the ATV Safety Course:
 - The club was presented with the following dates to hold the ATV Safety course: Saturday, May 14th or Sunday, May 15th
 - The club all agreed that the date of the course would be Saturday, May 14th.
 - The Topsham Fair also has offered the use of the exhibition hall to host the meeting as well as a pulling ring for demos.
 - The club discussed offering the students and instructors with a free meal during the course.
 - Michael Little made a motion that TTR provide lunch to both the instructors and students.
 - Motion was accepted Dale Rowe.
 - The group stated that they would decide the meal at a later time.
 - The motion was passed with no opposition.

Maine Sportsman Show

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

- Informed the group that we have made our initial purchases to include the pens, table cover, and map backdrop.
- Mike will be dropping off the collection of photos to Dan Parlin this week so Dan can begin working on the slide show.
 - We need a 32 inch or smaller tv for the show that has an hdmi capability.
 - Matt Abbott offered a TV for TTR to use.
- Help was requested to begin soliciting for our sportsman show raffle. Michael Little is happy to do some requests but needs help from other club members.
 - Jenny has created a solicitation letter that could be used. The thought is that businesses could be listed out and divided amongst club members.
 - Matt Abbott asked if anyone interested to contact either him or the Sportsman Show committee.
- Reminder to club members if they would like to donate a new item to the raffle please let Jenny know before Friday, March 18th

- A reminder that the club approved spending \$300.00 of club funds to create the Sportsman show raffle. Mike and Jenny are happy to facilitate the purchases but would be happy for any additional assistance.
- The committee is also seeking volunteers who be willing to work during the show.
 - A sign-up sheet was circulated.
- Some of the Committee members will be meeting at Bodwell Motors on Saturday, March 5th, 2022 at 10 am to assemble the PVC pipes that will be used as the backdrop for the show. Anyone is welcome to pop in to assist.

Old Business:

Fundraising Meal

- Matt Abbott inquired if the club would be interested in having Bob Sweeney facilitate a pig roast on behalf of the club. Matt's thought is that the club could sell tickets for the meal.
- The club's discussion all leaned towards having the pig roast.
- Bob Sweeney attended the meeting and was able to provide a date that he would be available. The proposed date was for Saturday, October 1st.
- Bob also offered to cook the pig for free if the club purchased the pig. Bob provided a rough estimate of what a pig might cost the club. He said it could be around \$3.00 a pound. He suggested to get a pig that weighs 100-125 lbs. He did ask if the club would like to hold this event to receive a deposit to hold the date.
 - A Motion was made by Randy Bickford to pay Bob Sweeney for a pig for the October 1st pig roast.
 - Motion was accepted by Michael Little
 - Was passed with no opposition
- The club also discussed possibly seeking donations for the salads and other items.
- We also mentioned the possibility of doing a ride the same day as the pig roast. Further discussion will be done at a later meeting.
- TTR shouldn't miss the opportunities to advertise for this pig roast at our other club events.

New Business:

Written Partnership Document with Topsham Fair

- Matt Abbott is in the early stages of create a proposed written agreement between TTR and Topsham Fair.

Facebook Members Only Group

- Matt Abbott reviewed the members only Facebook page and he noticed that a lot of the followers were not yet members of Topsham Trailriders.
- He also reported that this page had very little activity.
- He asked if the club would agree to consolidating the public Facebook page and the members only Facebook page.
 - Everyone in attendance was in agreement to consolidated the two pages.

Open for Member Comment

- Bob Sweeney offered the use of his tractor for possible trail work.
 - The club thanked Mr. Sweeney for his offer and are hopeful to begin as soon as late April / early May.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Little

03/01/2022

Approved during the March meeting on Monday, March 28th. Jenny Little