

## Topsham Trailriders January Meeting



Date: Monday, January 31, 2022

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

Executive Board Present: Matt Abbott  
Tim Moody  
Jenny Little

Board of Directors Present: Randy Bickford  
Ron Dumont  
Charlie Parkinson  
Dan Parlin

Board of Directors Absent: Rocky League

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:13 pm

Member Introductions were not completed. The Secretary circulated an attendance sheet. The attendance sheet had 12 signatures with email address and telephone numbers provided.

### **Secretary Report:**

Jenny Little provided a hard copy of the minutes as well as a verbal overview from the December 2021 meeting.

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

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

#### Meeting Location

- Matt Abbott shared that we are currently scheduled to hold TTR's meetings at Sea Dogs until April.
- He will take into consideration the feedback he heard during the meeting and will work on enhancing the location a little more.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Tim Moody reported that we had \$101 cash on hand and a balance of \$403.40 in the checking account and \$7,466.59 in the savings account.

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

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

Charlie Parkinson shared the following information with the group:

- He reported that TTR recently lost trail permission for McManis property.
  - He along with Matt Abbott are actively working on a trail reroute. On Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> they met with landowner Autumn Johnson to discuss a possible new connector trail. They have received permission from landowner Autumn Johnson but will also need approval from CMP for a portion of the new connector trail. Additional updates will be provided to the club as necessary.
  - Because of the loss of the McManis property TTR is not currently able to open up the West side of the trails for snowmobile use.
- Charlie is also actively working on getting landowner permissions for 2022 ATV season.
- Charlie is currently taking inventory of all of TTR's trail equipment and material and is hopeful to have it completed by May 2022.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### ATV Safety Course

- Ron Dumont provided the following update about the ATV Safety Course
  - He shared that he reached out to the State and they remitted all of the necessary documentation to include instructor forms.
    - The instructor forms need to be completed and remitted back to the state so that they can complete a background check.
  - A gentleman from the State by the name of Steve Barr will assist the club instructors while they teach the course.
  - Date is yet to be determined but we are hopeful for early May.
  - Matt Abbott is going to talk to the Topsham Fair to inquire if we could use the pulling ring so that we can bring ATVs in during the course.
  - Ron suggested that we max the class size to 25 children who will be required to attend with a parent/guardian.

#### Maine Sportsman Show

- Jenny Little informed the board that the Sportsman Show Committee met on Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss the April Sportsman show in detail to include money needed for material, volunteers needed and raffle item(s).

- The committee is trying to keep club expenditures to a minimum.
  - The committee has two requests for club funds:
    - One request is to purchase 200 pens +/- . Although a purchase order was not presented during the meeting Jenny shared that the last pen purchase that she made for another non-profit was for 300 pens and it cost \$114.38.
      - A motion was made by Matt Abbott to allow the Sportsman show committee \$150.00 to purchase 200 pens.
      - Motion was accepted by Dan Parlin
      - Passed with no opposition
    - The other request was club funds to purchase raffle item(s) for the Sportsman show.
      - A motion was made by Randy Bickford to allow the committee to spend no more than \$300.00 on raffle item(s).
      - Motion was accepted by Michael Little
      - Passed with no opposition
- During Jenny's update she discuss a few miscellaneous items about the how:
  - She asked for Dan Parlin's assistance with creating a slide show for the Sportsman show.
    - Michael Little has been pooling pictures together and will connect with Dan to create a finished product.
  - Charlie Parkinson was also asked to provide Jenny with a jpeg format of the club's map and logo.
  - Volunteers will be sought during the February meeting unless they wanted to sign up sooner.
- There was a brief discussion on whether the club should solicit businesses for the Sportsman show. At this time, the club will solicit for the donations that will be added to the raffle that TTR is preparing for the Sportsman show.

### **Old Business:**

#### CMPS Trail Fund

- Matt Abbott shared that the CMPS paperwork has been completed and filed with Craig Anderson.

#### Online Membership

- Matt Abbott provided an update that he has established the Paypal account and is also working with Charlie Parkinson on updating the membership form to reflect the membership changes.

#### State Municipal Grant

- The meeting that was scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> had to be rescheduled. There is no date at this time.

#### Ski Joring Event

- There are no new updates to provide at this time.

### By-Law Revisions

- Matt Abbott inquired with the group if there was any additional discussion on the by-law revisions that were presented during the December meeting.
- He also shared with the group that the TTR board had endorsed the recommendations.
  - A motion to approve the revised by-laws was made by Dan Parlin
  - Motion accepted by Michael Little
  - Passed with no opposition

### Board Appointed Positions

- With the approval of the by-law changes it created three new positions for TTR. Each of them are listed below.
  - Ride Coordinator
    - Matt Abbott appointed Michael Little to this role.
    - There were no club objections.
  - Membership Chairman
    - Matt Abbott appointed Dan Parlin to this role.
    - There were no club objections.
  - Landowner Relations
    - Matt Abbott appointed Matt Nixon to this role.
    - There were no club objections.

### **New Business:**

#### Website Update

- Matt Abbott shared that he recently added a community focus section on the website. He feels it is an opportunity that TTR has to show what we do for the community.

#### Fundraising Meal

- Matt Abbott shared that he had reached out to Bob Sweeney who does barbeques and other misc functions. He was curious if the club would be interested in having Bob facilitate a cook out on a larger scale.
  - Matt will seek additional information with Bob and will report back to the club at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Little  
02/01/2022

Minutes were approved by the club on 02/28/2022 JLITTLE