

Topsham Trailriders May Meeting



Date: Monday, May 30th, 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: Randy Bickford
Ron Dumont
Charlie Parkinson
Dan Parlin

Board of Directors Absent: Rocky League
Matt Nixon

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:31 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:25 pm

Member Introductions were completed. There were 26 people who attended the meeting.

Secretary Report:

Jenny Little emailed a copy of the April 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 Ron Dumont
- Was passed with no opposition

President's Remarks:

Busy ATV Riding Season

- Matt Abbott spoke of the club's established ride schedule and how it will be kicking off this coming weekend with the Pittsfield to Greenville ride with day trips to multi-day trips. He wished everyone a safe and fun riding season.
- As always if continue to pay attention to the club's facebook site for updates on the events as well as checking for any upcoming trail work parties.

Membership/Participation Growth

- Matt Abbott shared that TTR is always looking for folks who can help in any capacity. If you are interested in helping out whether it be as a clerical task, website, or trail work please do not hesitate in contacting either himself or any board member.

Treasurer Report:

Tim Moody reported that we had \$106 cash on hand and a balance of \$48.32 in the checking account and \$43.43 in the savings account. Tim also provided an update of the apparel account which now has a balance of \$250.01.

- Motion was made by Dale Rowe 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.

Tim also shared that the reason the accounts are very low is because of a lot of recent trailwork that has been completed. He is expecting our reimbursement from the snowmobile grant hopefully in the next week or so and that will help to increase the balances of the accounts.

Trail Master's Report:

Charlie Parkinson shared the following information with the group:

- Trail Conditions:
 - Trails are all open. There is still some work to be completed on the West side.
 - The club was recently made aware of a hole located on the trail near the tractor place on Rt. 196. The hole is significant and will require immediate attention.
 - A Facebook post will be created to make riders aware so they can be cautious when riding in that area.
 - There is a go around the hole option available but a work party will be scheduled in the near future to work on that hole.
 - Stay tuned on Facebook for updates.
- Upcoming Trail work:
 - Sunday, June 5th at 9 am
 - A Facebook event will be created with additional details
 - Sunday, June 12th at 9 am
 - A Facebook event will be created with additional details
- Assistant Trail Master:
 - During the May TTR Board meeting Matt Abbott inquired with the Board if they would approve his nomination of Brad Hoskins as Assistant TrailMaster. He would work alongside Charlie but would concentrate on the East side of the trail system. The Board was in favor of the nomination so during the regular My club meeting Matt Abbott officially offered the position to Brad and he has accepted.

Committee Reports:

ATV Safety Course

Ron Dumont had nothing new to report other than a reminder that the safety course is this coming Sunday, June 5th.

Pig Roast Committee

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

- As a reminder the fundraising event is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st to be held that the exhibition hall at the Topsham Fairgrounds.
 - Matt Abbott is clarification with Topsham Fair about the cost associated to using the hall for the event.
- The committee proposed that an ATV ride be held in the early afternoon of the Pig Roast. The ride would depart at 2 pm and for those who will not be riding the pig roast would officially kick off at 4 pm.
- Cost of Tickets:
 - We will need to push push push for pre-order tickets to ensure we get a pig that is sized accordingly.
 - Pre-order Tickets Costs:
 - \$20.00 per person
 - \$50.00 per family defined as 2 adults and 2 children
 - Establish a pre-order cutoff: Propose Friday, September 16th
 - Tickets at the event:
 - \$30.00 per person
 - \$60.00 per family defined as 2 adults and 2 children
- The committee has a created a menu and will be using Sign-up Genius to solicit the food and other miscellaneous items. An email will sent to club members in the near future.
- Possible costs associated to the event include but are not limited to:
 - Cost to Print Tickets (hope to complete more online sales than actual paper ticket sales)
 - Raffles for Less website – committee is recommending that we purchase 250 tickets for \$30.00
 - Envelopes
 - Postage
 - Table Clothes
 - Tins for the burgers / dogs / pork
 - Serving Spoons
 - Drinks – possibly
 - Condiments (ketchup/mustard/barbecue sauce) – possibly
 - Hamburger / Hot Dogs – possibly
 - Promotional Signs for the pig roast to use during events
 - To be hung at local shops in Topsham
 - I will print these at BSI
- Using the list of possible costs the Pig Roast Committee is requesting approval from the club to spend up to \$500.00 to facilitate this event.

- Motion was made by Devin Hewson to grant the Pig Roast Committee the permission to proceed. The motion includes the cost of the tickets as presented, scheduling a ride during the pig roast, and the request of funds for the event.
- Motion Accepted by John Hibbard
- Was passed with no opposition.

Club Membership Update

Dan Parlin did not have anything new to report at this time.

Ride Coordinator Update

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

- Saturday, June 4th – Pittsfield to Greenville
 - Reminder that TTR will be leaving the Topsham McDonald's at 7 am.
 - It will be an all day ride so plan accordingly.
- Saturday, June 11th – Pulpit Trail Blazah's Benefit Ride
 - Reminder that TTR will be leaving the Topsham McDonald's at 7 am
- Saturday, June 18th – Tara Crossman Benefit Ride
 - Numerous folks in attendance offered to help so an email will be remitted to formalize volunteers.
 - John Hibbard will work on finding someone to donate the pizza for the event.
 - 50/50 will be facilitated as well.
- Friday, July 15th to Monday, July 18th
 - A reminder that those who will be joining us in Presque Isle they are strongly encouraged to register as an associate member with a club located in Aroostock County.
 - Will a multiple day ride.

Landowner Relations Chair Update

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

Old Business:

Municipal Grant Update

- Matt Abbott shared that this year was a big learning curve for TTR when applying for a municipal grant. The deadline for the municipal grant was the end of May. TTR needed to receive approval from the Topsham Board of Selectman before submitting their grant application. Unfortunately, we missed the window of opportunity to get TTR's municipal application on their agenda for May's meeting. Both Matt Abbott and Matt Nixon tried to find a way to get it approved but were not successful.
- Matt did share that this was a great learning opportunity and they are already working on 2023.

- In the meantime, Charlie is actively working the state grant which is due at the end of June.

Connecting East/West Side

- Matt Abbott and Charlie will be doing some research before connecting with CMP about acquiring permission from them.
- Stay tuned for updates.

New Business:

Apparel Committee

- Matt Abbott would like to form a TTR Apparel Committee. Their responsibility will be to design a club t-shirt with the businesses listed on the back.
 - Jenny Little offered to represent the board on the committee
 - The other committee members include Andrea Hoskins, Darcey Emery, and Jessie Chartier.
- Order club gear has already been approved in previous meetings.

Respectfully Submitted

Jenny Little

05/31/2022

These minutes were approved during our June 2022 meeting. 7/4/2022 JLL