

Minutes of Monthly Member Meeting

August 21, 2023



Officers attending the meeting were: President Vinal Applebee, Secretary Allison Applebee, Trail Masters Randy Brown and Dave Soucier. Absent were Vice-President Mike Cribbin and Treasurer Melissa Doane.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Vinal Applebee welcomed all individuals attending tonight's meeting. Thank you for coming. He stated one of the purposes of the meeting was to share information and answer questions members may have.

Motion: To approve the July 17, 2023 Members' Meeting, as written.

Motion to approve: Randy Brown

Seconded by: Dave Soucier

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Vinal Applebee. Our starting balance on April 1, 2023 was \$75.95. Deposits so far for memberships, sponsorships and donations have amounted to \$10,658.50. Expenses to date are \$9,170.16. Thus the current balance as of August 10, 2023 is \$1,488.34.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report dated August 10, 2023.

Motion to approve by Mutual Consent

The **Secretary's Report** was presented by Allison Applebee. Currently we have 137 memberships of which 24 are Business Members or Premium Sponsors. We have gained four members since last month.

President's Remarks:

- The Rocky Mountain Trail Riders very basic 'official webpage' has been operational for a month or two now. The website url is www.RMTRMaine.org
- You can now obtain a club membership, purchase a large comprehensive Downeast Trail map and even donate online via our Facebook page or the links on the webpage.

The Trail Masters Report was presented by Randy Brown and Dave Soucier:

- A lot of work has been done by our Trail Masters and many volunteers since our July meeting. An old trail, now designated as 702A has been re-opened connecting 702 near Rock Bridge to 703. This old trail was found with many downed trees and overgrowth. RMTR's previous Trail Master Dan Davis and his wife Kate and their sons came out and helped us clear the way on a recent work day. Thanks everyone!
- There is a bridge on 512 in Grand Falls that has been closed. A bypass trail has been established along an old ATV trail which is now temporarily open. AFM is responsible for the repair of the bridge.
- Trail numbers will be posted on all signs in the coming days/weeks.
- We are no up to speed on most trails including 703 north to Route 188 and beyond to Webb Cove Road
- We ride on some trails in cooperation with AFM to accommodate ongoing logging operations.
- Dave recently purchased a used brush hog that will be used to clear our trails. Looking forward to that.
- Easement at end of Cram Street has been stalled and might continue.
- Update Bradley/Milford connector: Dave has "Bradley resident" and "Milford resident" sign-up sheets to pass around at Riverfest. DOT is going to get back to Melissa the second week of September.
- Randy — Requesting week-day work days. He will not be available weekdays in September, but will be on the weekends. Members are welcome to go out and clear trails anytime, anywhere of need.

President Update:

- Liability, Fire and Theft Insurance has been provided by another company after the first insurer cancelled us because of our receipt of funds from a gun raffle. The premium has been paid.
- July/August newsletter is now out.
- We have created a single-sheet map noting our trails are now numbered as 701, 702, 702A, 703, 703A, 703B, 704, 705 and 512. This will help us all better locate ourselves when out there.
- Paperwork for our first reimbursement request for the Municipal Grant has been sent and we hope follow through and payment will be quick.
- Gun raffle — Ticket sales are still much slower than first anticipated. We will sell raffle tickets at Riverfest on September 23. Drawing will be held about September 30.
- Our first annual Sasquatch/Bigfoot Scavenger Hunt will be held on August 19 & 20 if all goes well. We will have advertising on various Facebook groups.
- Riverfest (September 23): We can't sell food if a vendor is selling same item(s). Will clean up our existing banner as new banner would cost \$60+. Hopefully, we'll have clothing merchandise to sell and more.
- Member Randy Ramp informed us of that The Penobscot Ridge Riders ATV Club (Bradford) will be hosting a ride starting at the Airline Park and Ride (just before the Airline Dinner) starting at 9:00am. Riders will travel to Helen's Restaurant in Machias for lunch. We are invited, as is everyone.
- If you would like to organize a club ride, please contact an officer. ANYONE can organize a ride.

New Business

- We will be hosting a "SPONSOR/BUSINESS APPRECIATION DINNER" in October.
- A discussion was held on the possibility of a BINGO or Cornhole night this winter to stay an active Club.
- Maybe a Poker Run of sorts.
- Suggested maybe we consider hosting a Christmas Party.

REMINDERS:

- **Website** RMTRMaine.org
- Alexander Solutions — Park and Ride location approved on **weekends only**.
- Encourage friends and family to get Business and Premium Sponsors for the Club. ***Encourage everyone you know to donate door prizes, raffle gifts, gift cards, etc.***

Next Member Meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Applebee, Secretary