

Rocky Mountain Trail Riders ATV Club PO Box 183 Bradley ME 04411

President-Vinal Applebee Vice President-Michael Cribbin Secretary-Allison Applebee Treasurer-Melissa Dow Doane

Annual Meeting April 15, 2024

- **1. Welcome:** Club President Applebee welcomed all members and expressed appreciation for a great turnout.
- **2. Recognition of Special Guests:** President Applebee recognized members from the Cold Stream Cruzers.
- **3. Recognition of Platinum Sponsors:** President Applebee acknowledged the Platinum Sponsors:

AW MADDEN, AVERY SAW SHOP, MAIN ROAD REDEMPTION, POIRIER'S GARAGE, WEYMOUTH'S GARAGE AND WILCOX ELECTRIC

- **4. Board of Director Report**: Board director Mike Cyr reported that he and Darrell Gray met before the meeting and discussed:
 - a. The changes in the bylaws that are to be presented.
 - b. The need to expand the board of directors from 3 to 5.
 - c. The 2024 budget.
 - d. Application to the State of Maine for Gaming and the additional bank account needed for reconciliation.
 - e. Will work on creating a path for more member participation
- **5. Recap of 2023:** President Applebee stated that 2023 was a great year, all officers were new to their roles, and a lot was learned and accomplished in a short time.
- **6. Bylaw Update Approval:** Motion made by Randy Ramp to approve the bylaw updates as presented, seconded by Gary Martin, approved.
- **7. Board of Director Appointments:** As presented in the updated bylaws 2 additional board of directors are needed. Darrell Gray made a motion to nominate Dustin Ketchen and Gary Martin, seconded by Randy Brown, and approved.
- **8. Approval of Minutes 10/16/2023**: Randy Ramp made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/16/2023 as presented, seconded by Randy Brown, approved.
- **9. Treasurer Report:** Treasure Melissa Doane reported the activity in club's general fund since 1/1/2024. President Applebee noted that he and Melissa had used last year's amounts and worked on creating a budget that was reviewed by the Officers earlier in the year. Treasurer Doane also noted that she has submitted the grant application to the Penobscot County Commissioners; she expects approval on 4/16/2024. Randy Brown made a motion to approve the treasurer report, seconded by Dan Davis, approved.
- **10. Secretary Report:** President Applebee, substituting for Secretary Allison Applebee, reported that to date 45 memberships, 2 business sponsors, 3 silver sponsors, 3 gold sponsors, and 6 platinum sponsors have supported the club.

- 11. Trailmaster's Report: Trailmaster's Randy Brown and Dave Soucier reported that it is anticipated that gates to the AFM land will be open the first week of May; it will be necessary for the club to inspect the trails to ensure they are safe and useable. They also anticipated that additional grading and culvert replacement would be needed throughout the year. Trailmaster Soucier noted that the trails would be open as soon as possible. He also noted that they will be looking for volunteers to help with the trail maintenance and work that is needed around the clubhouse. Trailmaster Brown stated that there has been discussion about mile markers being placed on the trails as well as additional signage noting the Rocky Mountain Trail Riders trail system. President Applebee reported that there has not been any update from the State of Maine regarding connecting the Town of Bradley to the trail system via Route 178. Also discussed was the desire to have Greenfield Road open from the Myra Road to the Whitehill Road. Treasurer Doane reported that she had spoken to Penobscot County and the commissioners have approved the use, however, DOT approval would be needed as well because of the bridge.
- **12. President Report:** President Applebee stated that the clubhouse is an asset and needs routine maintenance to continue to be usable. He has scheduled a heat pump servicing, will have the septic tank pumped out, and has spoken to Wilcox Electric about additional parking lot lighting. President Applebee also discussed the calendar of events in which he requested volunteers. The events will be posted on the Facebook Page and the newsletters which are available online. President Applebee also noted that included in the budget was the addition of Officer Liability Insurance for Board of Directors members and Officers.
- **13. New Business:** President Applebee reported that the Game of Chance license had been submitted to the State of Maine, this will allow the club to have events such as Poker Runs.

Trailmaster Brown informed the members that a roadside clean-up has been scheduled for April 20th. Members who would like to participate are to register at the County Road Store. The event will be from 9 am to Noon and will focus on cleaning up County Road and Call Road. Lunch of pizza and drinks will be served to those who help. There was discussion from club members as to whether the work could be used towards the trail maintenance cost share. It was determined that this work was not eligible within the grant guidelines and the club wished to do community events. President Applebee stated that another community event is the Community Food Drive, in which members will collect non-perishable food for donation.

Also discussed was the state-certified safety course that is scheduled for May 11th, interested members were encouraged to sign up, the event is for children aged 9-16.

14. Old Business: President Applebee stated that the online store has been successful; a profit of \$3.00 per item is obtained.

Jacques Matthews from G&C Trailblazers Snowmobile Club informed members that they had done work on Rock Ridge Road and it is known that a restoration is needed. They would like to work with the ATV club on that project.

Trailmaster Brown also noted that the large rock on the crossover trail off Myra Road has been moved.

- **15. Next Meeting:** The next meeting was set for May 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm
- **16. Adjourn:** Randy Brown made a motion to adjourn, so moved.