

# Minutes of Monthly Member Meeting

## September 18, 2023



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

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Vinal Applebee welcomed all individuals attending tonight's meeting. Thank you for coming. He also welcomed newlyweds Jeff & Feleshia Harrell (married 9/16) who are also our newest members.

**Motion: To approve the August 21, 2023 Members' Meeting, as written.**

**Motion to approve: Mike Cribbin**

**Seconded by: Dave Soucier**

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Melissa Doane. Our starting balance on April 1, 2023 was \$75.95. Deposits so far for memberships, sponsorships, donations, map sales, fund-raising & grant reimbursement amounted to \$16,369.31. Expenses amounted to \$9,631.78. The Ending Balance as of September 8, 2023 is \$6,813.48.

**Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report dated September 8, 2023.**

**Motion to approve by Mutual Consent**

The **Secretary's Report** was presented by Allison Applebee. We currently have 17 Associate Memberships, 67 Primary Memberships, 35 Family Memberships, 5 Business Memberships and 19 Premium Sponsors. We received one Family Membership at tonight's meeting.

**The Trail Master's Report** was presented by Dave Soucier:

- Lots of trail maintenance has been done in the past month. Thank you to all the volunteers who have joined us on the trails. The Trail Numbers are on all directional signs.
- The damaged bridge has been fixed by AFM. All signs for the bypass trail have been removed.
- We have hired Tony Madden to grade trails on AFM land. Tony is aware of our budget. Everyone be careful on the trails as you might encounter a grader.
- Bush hogging by tractor by Dave Soucier will be done as Dave's time permits. This will enhance our ride by widening some of the existing trails.

**President's Report** by Vinal Applebee:

- We have received our first grand money in the amount of \$5,573.26. This amount represents 90% of the total amount we sent in for processing. RMTR must cover the additional 10% in work or in-kind activity.
- Vinal wrote a letter to the Town of Milford Select Board asking for a \$1,000 sponsorship. The Selectman will hold a meeting tomorrow (9/19) and vote on this non-profit entity request. Vinal will attend the meeting.
- Facebook update: We currently have 1,299 followers. In the last 28 days, there were 2,725 reactions/comments/shares with 18 new page Likes. 11,812 Facebook followers have been reached.
- We had a small turnout for our Blue Moon ride on August 31, but it was an enjoyable time. We stopped and socialized at the designated stop for about 30 minutes as the very bright moon rose over the "meadow".
- There is a new ATV club in the area — the Cold Stream Cruizers. Former Trail Master Justin J-R from PORR is the club organizer. He hopes to create trails from Lincoln to Morgan's Beach in Enfield and the over to Howland. He has exciting plans for the Club.

### President's Report (continued):

- A Bigfoot/Sasquatch Scavenger Hunt was held on Saturday (9/9) and Sunday (9/10). We would have liked a better turnout, but weather was once again a factor, nonetheless everyone who came out had a great time. Many took pictures with "Bigfoot" on the trail and emailed their pics to RMTR to win a prize. At the end of the ride, attendees enjoyed beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, soda/water, and eatable Bigfoot Droppings.
- And the WINNERS were:
  - 1st place Mitch & Jennifer Stone \$20 Dunkin's card, Bigfoot Wall Plaque & Bigfoot statue
  - 2nd place Loren Braley \$10 Dunkin's card, Bigfoot statue
  - Selfie w/Bigfoot Debbie & Randy Ramp \$25 gas card
  - Found Lifeflight Emergency Landing Zones Karen & Dave Soucier Bigfoot statue

### Unfinished Business:

- The gun raffle through MAINE MILITARY SUPPLY will close on September 30. Winner will be drawn at MAINE MILITARY SUPPLY that date. Tickets will be available at Riverfest and through contacting an officer of the Club.

### New Business:

- RMTR will have a booth at Riverfest on Saturday, September 23. There will be a "Scratch Ticket Raffle", sponsor board, local and Downeast trail maps, ATV safety sheets, Membership Information, and Signature Requests from Milford and Bradley voters to show support of connecting Milford and Bradley trail systems via Route 178, the Bradley Rd. Please visit our booth if attending Riverfest.
- The BBQ and "Joker Run"/ride raffle scheduled for Saturday, October 7, has been **CANCELLED**. It takes up to 30 days to register with the State to run a 'Game of Chance', and then up to 10 days to get a license. We WILL have a Poker Run once or twice next year and will work on licensing this winter. Instead, we will have a BBQ and night ride tentatively scheduled for 10/7/23
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** A LANDOWNER Appreciation/SPONSOR Appreciation dinner will be held on Saturday, October 21, at the Milford Town Hall. The Burlington Store owners, Rick and Laurie, will provide a BBQ meal of pulled pork, chicken, beans and slaw. Many attendees of tonight's meeting have enjoyed the BBQ from these caterers and very much enjoyed it. We will be inviting the Reinzos, Davis and others who kept the Club going for the previous 18 years. Members are invited to the meal at a cost of \$15 per person.
- Vinal has met with Wight's Sporting regarding Club Merchandise. He has also talked with other vendors and found Wight's to be the most convenient for merchandise WITHOUT buying "anticipated sales". Wight's will run an "Online Store" for 1-2 weeks. There will be NO obligation to us and they will handle all sales/shipping etc from start to finish. Members will be asked what 8-10 items they would like to buy from this "store", and then will be given the opportunity to buy around the first of November. If ordered in November, items should be ready for Christmas giving.

### REMINDERS:

- **Website** [RMTRMaine.org](http://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.**
- You can now obtain a club membership, purchase a Downeast Trail map or donate online via Facebook or the webpage.

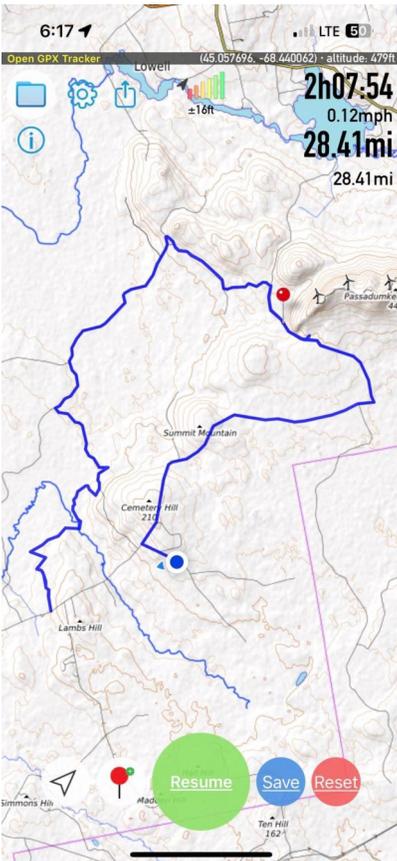
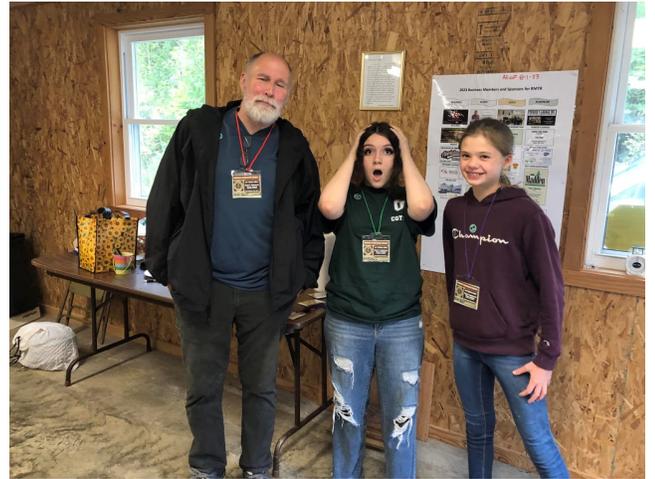
**Next Member Meeting and last for 2023 will be held on Monday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Allison Applebee, Secretary



Rocky Mountain Trail Riders [RMTR] had fun on their Hunt on Saturday and Sunday. Would have loved a better turnout, but those who came had a great time! **THANK YOU** to all who came out and supported us!

Sometime between Saturday & Sunday, two Evidence markers were stolen [no evidence was found of the signs]. Luckily, eagle-eye attendees spotted the shovel at the "Playing in the Sandbox", but nothing was found at "Beaver Used to Live Here".]



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