

Minutes of Monthly Member Meeting June 19, 2023



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

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 May 15, 2023 Members' Meeting, as written.

Motion to approve by: Randy Brown

Motion Seconded by: Melissa Doane **Motion carried.**

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Melissa Dow Doane. Our starting balance on April 1, 2023 was \$75.95. Deposits so far for Memberships, Sponsorships and Donations amount to \$8,090.50. Expenses amount to \$5,637.51. The Ending Balance as of June 19, 2023 is \$2,528.94.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 19, 2023.

Motion to approve by: Randy Brown

Motion Seconded by: Mike Cribbin **Motion carried.**

The **Secretary's Report** was presented by Allison Applebee. Currently we have 130 Memberships of which 5 are Business Members, and 16 are Premium Sponsors.

President's Remarks:

- The Rocky Mountain Trail Riders official webpage is now operational. The website is **RMTRMaine.org**.
- The Insurance Inspector visited the Clubhouse today and didn't note any concerning issues.
- Memberships are now online. You can now donate online also...either via Facebook or the webpage.
- We received Municipal Grant approval. We received most of what we asked for grading the 50+ miles of AFM trails. \$40K was approved, so the roadway grading on AFM-managed land will be starting shortly.
- The Rock Bridge project on Steve Madden's land was not funded. The State only has so much money and will not be paying for bridges to be built/rebuilt.

Trail Master Report:

- The Trail Masters have put up directional and informational signs. Additional/missing STOP signs will be put up soon.
- Trail Master Dave and wife Karen will be going out on Saturday to put up more signage.
- THE ROCK — Without landowner permission, the large rock in the middle of one of our trails will stay put. We assume the rock was put there by the landowner to discourage motor vehicles from using the trail.
- Trail Master Randy and President Vinal attended a Milford Town Meeting and received permission to up the speed limit on County Road at the end of Pine and out Call Road to 25 mph.
- There is not much trail maintenance needed as it has been done, but now is the time to brush the trails.
- We did not receive funds to rebuild Rock Bridge (Steve Madden). State will not pay for bridges as funds are limited this year.

Member Tim Pelletier asked question: “What can you share about the rumor of connecting Bradley and Milford to our trails?”

- Melissa attended a meeting with the Department of Conservation. Brian Wilcox has been working on this project for many years.
- Property is Cram Street to Great Works Stream. 1,000’ up from dam onto Department of Conservation land.
- There will probably be Environmental Permits needed.
- The proposed trail is multi-purpose use, which would also include biking, dirt biking, and walking.

Unfinished Business:

- **Friday, June 30, at 5:30 p.m.** Tentative plans: ATV Maine will bring their Safety Trailer with two smaller ATV’s and offer a Safety Training for children.
 - Limited to around 25 children.
 - Location to be determined

New Business:

- **Website RMTRMaine.org**
- “Looking for Bigfoot” — July 2 and 3 — \$10 per ATV — parking Alexander’s Solutions on **Sunday only**.
- 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.

Melissa encouraged everyone to think of moneymaking/fundraising ideas and help implement them:

- Contribute 4-wheeler items that you no longer use ... or swap them.
- Poker Run
- 300 Club raffle — 6 months for \$30
- Cash Calendar
- Cookouts or Cookoffs

All this needs to be done as a Club, with volunteer club members pitching in where they can.

VP Mike Cribbin introduced Mike, Manager at Maine Military Supply. We will be raffling off a Maine-made AR-15 through Maine Military Supply with the proceeds benefiting Rocky Mountain Trail Riders.

- Windham AR-15 with carrying case, shoulder strap, magazine with 75 ammo
- 400 tickets will be sold **thru Maine Military Supply at their business at 179 Main Road, Holden**. Tickets are \$20 each.
- Winner will undergo a background check and must be 18 years or older..

Next Member Meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Applebee, Secretary