

# Minutes of Monthly Member Meeting May 15, 2023



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

**Guests attending the meeting were:** Daryl Friedman, ATV Maine

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

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

**Motion: To approve the April 25, 2023 Members' Meeting and May 3, 2023 Special Officer's Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion to approve by:** Melissa Dow Doane

**Motion Seconded by:** Dave Soucier

**Motion: To approve the Bylaws, as amended, dated April 19, 2023.**

**Motion to approve by:** Melissa Dow Doane

**Motion Seconded by:** Randy Brown

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Melissa Dow Doane. Our starting balance on April 15, 2023 was \$75.95. Deposits so far for Memberships, Sponsorships and Donations amount to \$6,686.00. Expenses amount to \$2,010.29. The Ending Balance as of May 15, 2023 is \$4,751.66.

**Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report dated May 15, 2023.**

**Motion to approve by:** Randy Brown

**Motion Seconded by:** Mike Cribbin

The **Secretary's Report** was presented by Allison Applebee. Currently we have 85 Memberships with 17 Businesses and Sponsors.

**Motion: To approve the Secretary's Report dated May 15, 2023.**

**Motion to approve by:** Dave Soucier

**Motion Seconded by:** Randy Brown

## **Trail Master Report:**

- The AFM gates opened today.
- The Trail Masters and helpers will start to assess AFM roads as early as tomorrow. No AFM roads could be checked out until the gates were open. We will be working hard on the trails, clearing debris, cutting downed trees, etc. and our target "open the trails date" will be May 22.
- There will be NO ACCESS from the Crocker Turn Road at the church right onto the Greenfield Road to the Will White Road. There is a narrow one-truck bridge on this section. The Penobscot County Commissioners will not allow this to be an access road.
- Hawk Hollow Road through the Prentiss and Carlisle land is NO ACCESS.
- Randy is looking for a week-day work crew with chain saws needed. Randy will take names & contact numbers at the end of the meeting.
- Very important to remind everyone to keep their lights on while riding. Stay on payment...stay to the far right and let cars pass.

## **Municipal Grant Application—Department of Conservation (Reimbursement Program)**

Melissa has put together the application paperwork for the Municipal Grant. We are applying for \$42,990, and the paperwork has been completed and given to the Penobscot County Commissioners. They will meet tomorrow (May 16) and sign the paperwork. Once the paperwork is signed, RMTR will put together remaining items needed for the Grant and mail to the State of Maine by May 30.

- The Municipal Grant process is only a Reimbursement Program for work that has been done. Once work is done, RMTR will submit contractor invoice and/or Volunteer Hours plus Equipment Usage to the State for reimbursement from our Grant.
- The Municipal Grant money is only for Trail Maintenance. We expect grading for the AFM trails to be in the vicinity of \$25,000. Rock Bridge repair is estimated at \$7,000. We have other issues on the travel that need repair and maintenance also.
- Rocky Mountain Trail Riders MUST match 10% of any monies either in dollars or in-kind labor. We have Volunteer Worksheets and Equipment Usage Worksheets for volunteer work. Each volunteer hour labor is accrued at \$15 per hour. Brush and Chain Saws are \$5 per hour. ATVs are \$10 per hour of use. Dump trucks are \$45 per hour.

Melissa is working with the Penobscot County Commissioners and Hancock County Commissioners to get signatures to ride the access roads on our trails.

Vinal is working with landowners to get permission sheets signed.

ATV speeds on Penobscot County access roads will be 25 mph. Milford roads will stay at 15 mph. Hancock County is keeping their access road speeds at 15 mph.

Per the State of Maine, RMTR needs Liability Insurance on the trails. Vinal has been checking with ATV Maine, the Maine ATV Coalition, the American Income Life Insurance and Independent Insurers to meet this coverage. After much calling and gathering information, it was decided to obtain this insurance through ATV Maine. The cost to join is \$30 per club, the \$2 million Umbrella Policy insurance is \$550 per year, and there is a membership fee of \$10 per membership, not member. The \$10 fee includes \$3,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy for each household and is in effect 24 hours day/7 days week NOT just when riding.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Vinal will be reaching out to members who stated they would like to help the club in certain areas — Party Planning, Rides, Business Relations, etc.

There will be an Open House at the RMTR Clubhouse on June 3. Will need help organizing plus people on-site throughout the day.

### **New Business**

There was a discussion about creating a new trail connecting Milford to Bradley. This trail would entail asking 3-4 landowners plus building a bridge over a stream. More details in the future.

**Next Member Monthly Meeting will be JUNE 19 at 6:30 p.m.**

Vinal asked Daryl Friedman, ATV Maine, to speak on ATV Maine and answer any questions the members might have.

- Daryl is the Eastern Rep of ATV Maine from Bangor to Calais. He does all the office work, manages both the Facebook pages and website, updates the event calendar and can upload Club App and Minutes onsite as a PDF.
- ATV Maine and Lobbyist John Raymond has been very active in Augusta. John was very active on the Gas Tax Bill revamping. Without the Gas Tax, the organization would lose \$700K.

ATV Maine does not offer an approved Maine ATV Safety Course but is working on the getting approved.

ATV Maine does, however, offer a Safety Event for Children. This event gives young children a chance to ride a small ATV and practice maneuvers. The ATVs have a top speed of 10 mph, and an adult holds a remote with a kill switch in case a child gets frightened. This event can be held for a maximum of 25 children at no charge. Vinal will work with Daryl on an available date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Allison Applebee, Secretary