

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

April 25, 2023



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

Guests attending the meeting were: Eric Sprague & George Hurteau, State of Maine Recreational Trail Coordinators in our area.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Vinal Applebee, President, welcomed all individuals attending tonight's meeting. The new officers for RMTR were introduced and Eric Sprague and George Hurteau, Recreational Trail Coordinators for the State of Maine were also recognized.

Motion: To approve the April 19, 2023 Special Officer's Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve by: Dave Soucier

Motion Seconded by: Randy Brown

The **Treasurer's Report** was read by President Vinal Applebee in our Treasurer's absence.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report dated 4/25/2023.

Motion to approve by: Mike Cribbin

Motion Seconded by: Randy Brown

There are certain sections of the RMTR trails that are on American Forestry Management (AFM) land. They will provide RMTR with sections of the trails that need to be graded each year. Grading of these sections of the roadways/trails are to be provided by RMTR at RMTR's expense. This is an agreement the State of Maine has made with AFM in order for the Club to use these roads as trails.

Membership Report was stated by Allison Applebee, Secretary.

Trail Master Report:

Over 50+ miles of RMTR trails are on American Forestry Management (AFM) land. No trails on their property may be inspected until AFM unlocks the gates to all roads. Immediately after the unlocking of the gates, the roads/trails must be traveled to look for any signage that needs to be replaced/added plus any repairs that need to be made to the roads before they are open to the public. We would like to see 2 work parties travel the roads when the gates are open.

We would like to see a big sign with a QR code at the beginning of our trails.

Randy Brown has been looking online for signs that the club might use for Club Recognition. He has been looking at "Signs on the Cheap". We would have to decide the color, logo, size, etc.

A question was asked: "Could you work with the snowmobile club on any common trails?" Randy and Dave will look into that.

It was stated to the individuals in attendance that all future meetings will be held on the **THIRD MONDAY** of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

RMTR must obtain landowner permission each year. We are currently working on finding out who the landowners are and getting permissions.

The LANDOWNER determines the width of all ATVs that can ride on their trails. Most of the landowners state 60", but maybe the landowner is not aware the State has allowed wider vehicles on the trails. Vinal will advise landowner that they can OK 65" for trails, but it will be up to the landowner to decide width they will allow. Also, it was requested to ask if dirt bikes can be allowed on some of the trails.

State requires insurance for club members and members working on the trails. Officers looking into this insurance.

Must file Form 990-N for last year.

NEW BUSINESS

The election of the new Board of Directors was taken. Three individuals were elected—one to serve a 2-year term; two will serve a 3-year term.

The Board of Directors elected at this meeting were as follows:

Darrell Gray	Two-year term (2023-2025)
Chad Weymouth	Three-year term (2023-2026)
Mike Cyr	Three-year term (2023-2026)

Motion: To approve the Board of Directors elected by the attendees of tonight's meeting.

Motion to approve by: Randy Ramp

Motion seconded by: Loren Braley

The question was asked if James Reinzo would be continuing to work with the club. The answer is not available at this time.

A question was posed to Eric Sprague. "Is riding on the pavement permissible or do two wheels have to be on the pavement and 2 wheels on the shoulder?" Also, "Who is responsible for the enforcement? The sheriff or the State Police? It was stated that in Milford, it is requested that you stay on the pavement. Towns open the roads and are responsible for enforcing the road use by wheelers. The Club is not responsible for enforcing in-town roads. Game wardens are more concerned about registrations. The State Department of Transportation wants 4 wheels on the pavement. It may not be enforceable. Ride SINGLE FILE.

Vinal wants an Open House on Saturday, June 3, with coffee and donuts...a Meet and Greet. We will talk about Cookouts, Club Rides, and hopefully have an updated map by the next meeting. The Club could also have a fundraiser by selling the Downeast map.

Peter Kenney was asked to speak to the meeting briefly. He will be opening the Swamp Donkey Snack Shack on Memorial weekend. He has great plans for the location in Saponic across from the single room school-house. The original Jack's Shack will not be opening this summer.

The President thanked all attendees for attending the meeting.

The RMTR Officers will meet on Wednesday, May 3, at 4:00 p.m. at the Bradley Town Office.

Next Club monthly meeting will be May 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse on Cross Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Applebee, Secretary