

Minutes of Monthly Member Meeting July 17, 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 Doane.

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 June 19, 2023 Members' Meeting, as written.

Motion to approve by Mutual Consent.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Mike Cribbin. Our starting balance on April 1, 2023 was \$75.95. Deposits so far for memberships, sponsorships and donations amount to \$8,417.93. Expenses amount to \$7,172.46. The Ending Balance as of July 17, 2023 is \$1,321.42.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report dated July 17, 2023.

Motion to approve by Mutual Consent

The **Secretary's Report** was presented by Allison Applebee. Currently we have 131 memberships of which 5 are business members, and 16 are Premium Sponsors. We have received only one member, a business member, since our June meeting.

President's Remarks:

- The Rocky Mountain Trail Riders official webpage is now operational. The website is **RMTRMaine.org**.
- You can now obtain a club membership, purchase a Downeast Trail map or donate online via Facebook or the webpage.

The Trail Masters Report was presented by Randy Brown and Dave Soucier:

- Trail cleanup — The Will White Road needs a mile or two of the trail trimmed. Maybe when trimming, someone could haul a chipper behind a wheeler and clean-up the trail as work happens. All branches/limbs cut need to be removed from the trails. Pay attention to directional signs that need trimming.
- There are about 10 directional and info sign kiosks up. All trails should be properly signed now.
- Eric Sprague, Maine Recreational Trail Coordinator, attended our meeting. He stated it is very important to log volunteer hours when clearing the trails. Each hour volunteered by a CLUB MEMBER (Associate Members are also club members) is assessed a \$15 per hour reimbursement. There are also hourly charges for use of an ATV, chain saw, tractor, etc. EACH PERSON needs to fill out a volunteer sheet. We will post a copy of a volunteer sheet on Facebook and the website.
- Dave reported that a trail from Bradley to Milford is still in the works. We will share more information as it becomes available.
- "The Big Rock" on the trail from Myra Road to 24-000 was put there, we assume, by the landowner. There is concern that the sides of the trail will be ruined with so many people wheeling through the alders. There was a discussion about contacting owner and moving the rock and putting concrete barriers on either side of the trail so the wheelers will go straight through on trail.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Applebee, Secretary

Unfinished Business:

- **Friday, August 4, from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** Tentative plans: ATV Maine will bring their Safety Trailer with two smaller ATV's and offer a Safety Training for children.
 - For children 10-16 years old ... Limited to around 25 children. **Must sign up beforehand.**
 - Milford School
 - This is NOT a state certified course with a certificate.
- The Bigfoot Hunt on July 2 and 3 was cancelled because of weather. Will be rescheduled.
- The Gun Raffle through Maine Military Supply is on-going. Tickets may be purchased at the Maine Military Supply store in Holden ... or through Club Member Mike Cribbin and _____
- We are in need of door prizes and raffle items. Each member should be reaching out to area businesses and friends for items we can use at club events.
- If you would like to organize a ride, please contact _____. ANYONE can organize a ride.

New Business

- Member Karen Soucier mentioned having a Chili Cook-off
- The "Hunt for Bigfoot" has been rescheduled for **Saturday, August 12**. To participate, the cost is **\$10 per machine**.

REMINDERS:

- **Website** 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.

Next Member Meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Applebee, Secretary