

Minutes of Monthly Member Meeting

October 16, 2023



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

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the President. Vinal Applebee welcomed all individuals attending tonight's meeting.

Minutes of September 18, 2023 Members' Meeting approved as written with no doubts.

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 \$20,385.81. Expenses amounted to \$9,520.73. The ending bank balance as of October 16, 2023 is \$10,466.10.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report dated October 16, 2023.

Motion to approve by Mutual Consent

Secretary's Report was presented by Allison Applebee. No change in current memberships or sponsorships.

Trail Master's Report was presented by Randy Brown:

- Randy Madden has been out grading AFM roads. He's waiting for some rain before more work.
- Signs all up, kiosks all up
- Will do up a local RMTR map revision with distances between waypoints
- State has said no information to be written on yellow arrow signs, so don't!
- Planning on removing kiosks on 10/29
- Enthusiastic discussion was had on when our trails should be closed for the season. Randy recommended end of October to limit damage caused by soft fall soils. Some officers and members thought a later date in November or when 'groomable' snowfall occurs should be the rule. After much discussion, President called for a motion, made by Melissa Doane and seconded by Dave Soucier. Motion carried by vote of members present to not close trails until first 'groomable' snowfall.

Trail Master Report on Route 178 access road update and by Dave Soucier:

- Dave will present at Town of Bradley's Selectman meeting Tuesday at 6:30pm. He suggested that Bradley residents should attend to show their support. A similar meeting is scheduled before the Town of Milford Selectboard on Nov 21. All Milford residents are encouraged to attend that meeting.
- RMTR to meet with Jacques of G&G Snowmobile to discuss mutual help on common trails. They may have rec'd reimbursement money from state for Rock Bridge replacement.

President's Report by Vinal Applebee:

- Noted that after totaling up hours on volunteer sheets to date, to date we've accumulated 315 manhours and 150 equipment operating hours
- Second grant request for \$6,600 and change has been submitted, awaiting approval
- Planned landowner's appreciation dinner was cancelled from apparent lack of interest. Discussion was held on what we should do to recognize land owners and sponsors. Next year and subsequent after additional funds are available, we will issue nice plaques. This year however, we will just send very nice letters of acknowledgement and appreciation.
- Avery's Saw Shop has donated another used chain saw. Decided that we will raffle that off next year.

President's Report (continued):

- A discussion was held amongst the members present on special recognition of James Reinzo for starting RMTR club and the Reinzo family for so many years of combined service. Suggested was to name clubhouse building after James—like “The Reinzo Building”. A second suggestion was offered in that we could name our longest trail, which is 512, after them. Further discussion resulted in the later mentioned option as the way to proceed.

Unfinished Business:

- Still working with Wight's Sporting Goods on a RMTR apparel online store. Suggestions were taken on what to offer. T's, sweatshirts hooded, zip up T's, hats were suggested—basic typical, standard apparel. Nothing fancy.
- Insurance company is sending inspector on Thursday to review building and grounds and report on concerns. President will meet with them.

New Business:

- It was mentioned that a used helmet was donated for raffle or whatever. Discussion was presented by Randy Brown that we could start a helmet program where people whose kids have outgrown their helmet, would donate it in exchange for a better fitting one. If we get enough donations of good used helmets, this program will be self-sustaining. Idea was well received and accepted. Program announcement will be this winter.
- We will start next year by having an open house in April.
- Discussed having some get-togethers over the winter. Maybe a Christmas party in December.? Randy Brown offered to dress as Santa and hand out parent-provided presents to their children. Thought being it would be cool coming from Santa himself.

REMINDERS:

- **Website** RMTRMaine.org
- 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.

This was last meeting of 2023 season. Next Member Meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Applebee, Secretary