

Minutes of Monthly Member Meeting

May 20, 2024



Call to Order: Meeting was called to Order by President Applebee at 6:32 p.m.

Attendees: Meeting attended by the following officers: President Vinal Applebee, Secretary Allison Applebee & Trail Master Dave Soucier. Absent was Treasurer Melissa Doane. Also present were Directors Mike Cyr, Darrell Gray and Gary Martin

Vinal welcomed all members and recognized State Recreational Trail Coordinator Eric Sprague.

Recognized Platinum Sponsors to date: Joseph Reinzo Excavating & Recycling, Wilcox Electric, Poirier's Garage, A.W. Madden, Weymouth's Garage, Avery Saw Shop, and Main Road Redemption. Our first "Adopt-A-Trail" Sponsor is Old Town Auto Parks/Chris Weymouth. **Please consider doing business with these Sponsors.**

President Applebee stated that the Vice-President Mike Cribbin and Trail Master Randy Brown have resigned.

Report by Board of Director Chair, Mike Cyr: At the Director's Meeting prior to the Members' Meeting, it was agreed and voted to purchase a trail maintenance trailer, authorizing expending up to \$3,000.

Motion made: To approve the purchase of a trail trailer with cost of approx. \$3,000

Motion to Approve: John McKenney ; Seconded by: Gary Martin; Passed by Members.

Treasurer's Report presented by Vinal Applebee, in Melissa's absence

The Treasurer's Report was presented by President Applebee. Beginning balance 1/1/24 was \$971.49. Deposits of \$24,183.73 since then - \$20,899.17 from State of Maine, \$2,228.33 rec'd in memberships, \$3,350 rec'd in sponsorships, rest is fundraising, donations, misc.

Vinal, Melissa and Dave worked on the state Grant Reimbursement Application. It has been submitted.

Game of Chance eligibility application has been applied for and now received. We were required to set up a separate bank account to track monies in/out. We set up an bank account with \$25 balance to start.

Motion: Approve Treasurer's Report as written

Motion to Approve: Gary Martin; Seconded by: Darrell Gray; Passed by members

Secretary's Report presented by Allison Applebee: Our membership currently is at 93, some of which there are 20 Sponsors: 7 Platinum, 4 Gold, 4 Silver, 4 Business and 1 Adopt-A-Trail.

Trail Master Report presented by Dave Soucier: Trail Master Randy Brown has resigned. We do not anticipate adding an additional Trail Master this year, but would of course appreciate Members stepping up to help with any Trail needs of the Club.

Melissa Doane has worked with the Penobscot County for permission to ride wheelers from the Crocker Turn Road to Will White Road. Please obey ATV speed limit of 25mph and be extra cautious when crossing the bridge.

Trails opened Saturday, May 18. All red signs are coming down.

The trail maintenance trailer will help get gravel in and brush out.

Volunteer help needed trimming the trails if anyone has time.

Please contact Trail Master Dave for a worksheet to record volunteer time plus equipment use time.

All trails are in good condition. Downed trees were plentiful. G&G helped with tree removal. Most damage was fixed in December. One day of trail maintenance to fix trees down on 21,000 to 24,000 roads.

Anything you see on trails, please let us know...flooding, downed trees, etc. If possible, take a photo when reporting the maintenance need.

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President's Report presented by Vinal Applebee: - The Municipal Grant Application has been completed by Melissa and Vinal with input from Dave. It will be submitted next week.

We must complete the work — tally all work sheets/receive invoice from contractor — submit paperwork to the County — County will submit to State — state will review and return payment to County — County will reimburse RMTR

Eric Sprague stated that there was a tremendous amount of damage this year through the state and State only has limited funds.

Roadside Cleanup on April 20 went quite well. There were 20 people who collected over 50 bags of trash and debris. Pizza was served to all helpers at the end of the cleanup. Vinal took all trash and discarded in Milford dumpster.

ATV Training eveny with Darryl Friedman was well received with 9 getting certificates. THANK YOU Darryl.

The **Food Drive benefitting the Caring Community Cupboard** on May 18 did well.

The position of Vice President has opened up. The Vice President fills in for the President when he is unavailable plus also helps with events. There was a request for anyone who would like to volunteer for the position or any nominees. No responses. Will table until next month.

Old Business: Status on the **Route 178 access** — still nothing to report. Sent to Brian Bronson, understand that MDOT is reviewing. Will check for status update soon.

Game of Chance - we have been qualified by state to

New Business:

Open House coming up Saturday, June 8. Will need volunteers to staff tables, greet guests, etc.

Glow Ride Night — Friday night, June 14 — Light up your wheeler and ride around the streets of Milford. Start and end at the County Road Market.

Tree and brush cutting in back of the clubhouse on Saturday, June 15. Will be looking for volunteers.

Saturday, June 22, 9-2, there will be a **CHARITY CLUB RIDE** to benefit the **ANIMAL ORPHANAGE**.

Other Trail Ideas:

Pickeral Pond Road is not open for wheelers according to Eric Sprague. AFM has said "No". They own a portion. To get to Amherst, we might need a reroute our Myra Road trail to meet the Airline ATV Riders trail.

The portion of Hawk Hollow Road from salt shed is on Prentiss/Carlisle property and cannot be used. There is a portion of trail on "behind Alexander's" Jacque will show Vinal on a map.

Upcoming ride idea— RMTR Clubhouse to Swamp Donkey. The suggested donation per wheeler is \$10 with a Donation Jar.

Motion: Approve CHARITY RIDE for Animal Orphanage

Motion to Approve: Randy Ramp; Seconded by: Gary Martin; motion carried by membership

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.