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Trudy Bickford, President
Riley Morse, Vice-President
Donna Tripp, Secretary
Cathy Small, Treasurer

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Nancy Weeks – 2017
Sandy Craig – 2017
Sally Labree - 2017

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Nora MacDonald – 2016

Donna Tripp – 2015
Julie Anderson - 2015
Cathy Small – 2015

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HOOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
DECEMBER 13, 2014**

Vice President's Stall

Thank you to everyone that participated in the nominating and election of officers and board members! At the November meeting the four officer positions were set for the coming year as well as three board positions were filled.

Please congratulate and thank your officers for the next year:

**Riley Morse, Vice President
Donna Tripp, Secretary
Cathy Small, Treasurer
Trudy Bickford, President**

Please congratulate and thank these new or re-elected Board of Director members (the year the term expires follows each):

**Nancy Weeks, 2017
Sally Labree, 2017
Sandy Craig, 2017**

Our next event is the annual Christmas Party meeting. The evening will start at 5:30PM for the juniors. The doors will be locked until the juniors complete the annual test. At 6PM we will hold a potluck supper. The membership meeting will immediately follow the supper, we will not wait until 7:30PM. After the meeting we will hold the annual Christmas Swap.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Happy Holidays and hopefully you can come to the meeting in December!

Trudy

**Our Next Meeting:
December 13, 2014 at 7:30PM**

Notice to Members



Saturday, December 13:

5:30 – Junior Knowledge Test

NOTE: The members are asked to not come into the clubhouse until the Junior's have completed the Knowledge Test, which is anticipated as being around 5:45.

6:00 –Potluck supper, followed by meeting and Christmas Party after that.



Junior Notices

Hi Junior's!

This is a reminder that on Saturday, December 13th, the Junior Knowledge test will be administered. This test goes towards your Participation Points. The test will be held at 5:30PM. The material in the test will be based on information found in the previous 11 months of Hoofbeats, as well as on general horse knowledge.

Please remember to bring all the worksheets with you to make sure you get the appropriate credit for this year.

Notice to Members

Annual Membership Contest

All members that have their 2015 dues paid by the night of our Christmas Party will have their name entered in a drawing for a one year free membership. Hurry and mail the attached membership application to our secretary today!

Sportsmanship Award

This is a reminder we need nominations for the Sportsmanship Award for 2014. We will be taking nominations until the night of the banquet. We will vote for the recipient of the sportsmanship award at the banquet.

A member who has received the award in the past five years is not eligible. The past winners are:

2009 – Becky Wallace

2010 – Rob Gilson

2011 – Trudy Bickford

2012 – Nancy Weeks

2013 – Lynn Aube

Please forward your nominations for 2014 to Trudy Bickford:

Email: trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com,

Phone: 207-720-0550.



Blazin' A Trail For A Cure, 2014

Event Information

Annual Christmas party information

The Christmas party will be held on December 13th. The night will start with the administering of the Junior's horse knowledge test at 5:30 P.M. Entry to members will not be allowed during the administering of the Junior test, doors will be opened at 5:45. The potluck supper will start at 6:00 P.M, with the December club meeting taking place after we finish eating. The Yankee gift swap will be held after the meeting. To participate in the swap, bring a wrapped gift with a value of approximately \$15.00. Please keep in mind that the swap is open to men, women, and children.



Upcoming Events

Please note: the event calendar will be posted at the clubhouse prior to all meetings. The calendar will not be read at the meetings. Club meetings are at 7:30 P.M. unless posted otherwise.

Dec 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jan 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Feb 21 – Banquet

Feb 22 – Banquet snow date

Mar 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Apr 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

May 9 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jun 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 11 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Aug 8 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sep 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Oct 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Nov 14 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Donna LeBlond

Called to order: 11/08/2014 at 7:39pm

Guest Introduction: No guest

Secretary's Report: Nancy motioned to accept with corrections to check recieved from the Town of Lisbon, \$100 for parade participation and \$50 for pooper scooper, also \$50 donation was recieved from the Quintal's for use of the club house. Lynn seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: September and October report read and filed.

BOD Report: Meeting held on October 23rd for club house grounds improvements, plexi-glass for show booth, paying taxes in full, paid bill for DOT signs, no changes made to signs, price has gone up to \$30.00 a sign from \$15.00 a sign. Cathy contacted the DOT to let them know we are a non-profit club, they said we still have to pay. Nancy will check to see if Dot Saunders is still alive and banquet ideas.

Trail Report: Meeting is needed to go over banquet details was scheduled for December 1st 7pm at club house. Missy asked if we would want to combined our banquet with the Maine Barrell Association banquet to share hall cost, banquet would be February 21st and a snow day of the 22nd. Blazin-A-Trail ride raised \$720.00, Juniors were thanked for their help. Stephanie and Bill's ride is still on for Sunday November 9th.

Horse Show Report: No Report

Publicity Report: No Report

Building and Land Report: Need to remove rocks from the arena, plexi-glass for the show booth. Snow plowing, Cathy will ask her husband if he would do again this year.

Fund Raising Committee Report: Scrapbooking event for next year, Trudy will check on a date. Walt donated 2 saddle stands, will auction them at the banquet, will post them in the Hoof beats. Looking for new ideas.

Food Committee Report: Litchfield Fair food

booth went well.

Entertainment Committee Report: No report, need ideas.

Parade Committee Report: Does anyone know of any parades coming up.

Hospitality Committee Report: Send card to Leesa Lavigne for loss of both of her horses, card sent to Nancy for loss of Goldie.

Drill Team Report: No Report

Junior's Report: Meeting held for details for Horse Show. Juniors test will be held before December's meeting at 5:30pm. Tory bought a new saddle with her junior money.

Correspondence Report: No Report

Old Business Report: BOD sign up sheet.

New Business Report: Nancy requesting the use of the club house for the Search and Rescue party, will give a \$25.00 donation (date not given). Missy motioned to allow the Search and Rescue the use of club house, Julie seconded, motion passed. Nancy motioned to have January meeting and not a February meeting, Missy seconded, motion passed. Potluck supper will be held before December meeting then Christmas party after meeting. Nominating committee: Donna Tripp, Cathy Small and Julie Anderson. Nomination of new BOD's and Officers: Officers: President, nominated Trudy Bickford, passed. Vice - President, nominated Riley Morse, passed. Secretary, nominated Donna Tripp, passed. Treasurer, nominated Cathy Small, passed. BOD's: 3 year term, nominated, Nancy Weeks, Sally Labree and Sandy Craig, passed.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: No Report

Membership Count: Senior Members: 14 Junior Members: 5 Dogs: 7

Raffles and /or mystery gift: No mystery gift. Brags: Lynn's daughter Shelbie's fiancée got a new job in North Dakota.

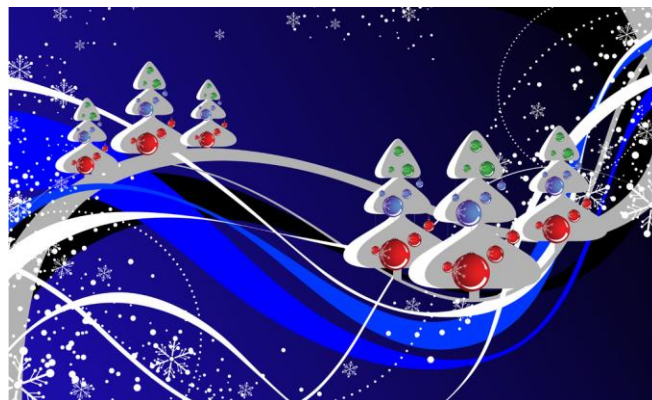
Motion to adjourn: Missy motioned, Carl seconded motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:38pm.

Ride Information

Contact the trail secretary, Cathy Small, to sponsor a ride:

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093



LOST!

Lost: A green trail halter.

During one of the rides this fall, Cody's green trail halter has disappeared. Did anyone find one maybe after the ride was over or possibly where our trailers were parked? I would appreciate it if you could return it.

Thanks Cathy

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

Wanted!

Unusable saddle

Wanted: a saddle that is no longer safe for riding that can be used as a decoration.

Contact Nancy Weeks by email: mcgiver@tds.net

Classified Ads

Saddle Pad!

Tucker wool felt saddle pad for sale. It is in excellent condition. Asking \$50.00

Call Sally 207-933-9163



Trailer for Sale!

2004 Monarch Bumper pull horse trailer for sale. New tires, taken to shows locally, superficial rust, structurally sound, 2 horse straight load. Inspected every year owned, 2005 and on. Would like \$2750.00 for it.

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Barn in Dexter available!

Some friends have a gorgeous barn with about 4 acres of pasture and running water and electricity. They could provide some help with feeding etc. But neither is what I would call a horse person. The barn has six large box stalls if I remember correctly. It's got cement floors and a huge hayloft. They'd be open to any proposals! If interested email me and I will hook you up!

Patti Dowse

Erda ([Www.ErdaLeather.com](http://www.ErdaLeather.com))



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General Information

Website

<http://mainetrailriders.com>

If you have info to submit to the website, please contact Trudy Bickford by phone 207-720-0550 or email trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com.

Hospitality

Please help Cathy by keeping her informed on anything where the club should send out a card or more. She can be contacted via email at:

Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the January issue is **December 23**. Send your email address if you would like to receive this newsletter via email. Photos and tips are welcome! Send to:

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T'was the Night Before Christmas....

T'was the night before Christmas, and all through the barn,
All the creatures were sleeping, all safe, snug and warm.
The feed pails were hung by the stall doors with care,
In the hopes that St Nicholas would soon be there.

The ponies were nestled all warm in their beds,
While visions of carrot cakes danced through their heads.
The Arabs, the Thoroughbreds and even the Apps,
The jumpers and hunters were all taking naps.

When out in the paddock there arose such a clatter
I awoke in my stall to see what was the matter.
I moved to the window quick as I could
To see where the noise came from, if I could.

The sight I beheld as I gazed out that night
Was a beautiful horse all whiter than white.
He wore a red blanket so nice to behold,
His hooves how they sparkled all glittery-gold.

With swift certain motions to our barn he came,
And silvery moonlight danced from his mane.
More rapid than racers his hoof beats they came,
And he neighed and he snorted and called us by name.

He was our Christmas, a ghost-horse of white,
Who has come to all horses, since that one special night.
A gallant example who served man so well,
Especially those with whom a baby did dwell.

For those special horses who shared stable and stall,
To give comfort and warmth to the Savior of us all.
Now thinking of them, he entered the door,
To distribute among us his gifts and more.

Down the aisle he came, his hoof beats so light,
And he stopped by each stall in our stable that night.
Gifts he did give to all in our barn,
More heart or more courage, or to be free from harm.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And he filled all the feed pails then turned with a jerk.
And nickering softly on gold hooves so bright,
And giving a nod he went into the night.

And I heard him neigh as he went out of sight,
Merry Christmas to All, and to All A Good Ni-i-i-ght!

By Jackie Arns