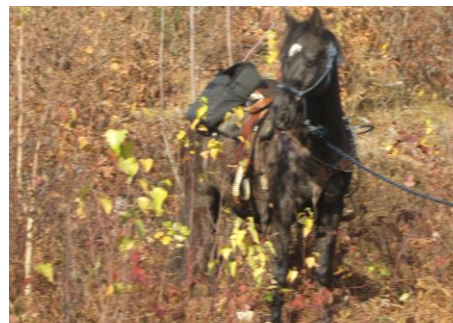


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Trudy Bickford, President
Riley Morse, Vice-President
Cathy Small, Treasurer
Sandy Craig, Secretary

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Board of Directors:

Donna Tripp – 2018
Julie Anderson - 2018
Cathy Small – 2018

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

Riley Morse – 2016
Melissa Bourgoïn – 2016
Nora MacDonald – 2016

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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
DECEMBER 12, 2015**

President's Stall

The annual meeting was held on November 7th at the clubhouse, where the annual election of officers and board members took place. Thank you to everyone that came on Saturday and helped us get setup for the next year. The slate of officers is unchanged, all accepted the nominations to stay on for another year! The three board positions are also unchanged as the members holding the expiring positions accepted nominations for another term. Thank you Riley, Cathy, Sandy, Donna, Julie, and Cathy!

The committee meetings planned for November 27, but several members were not able to make it, so a new date will be set at the December meeting. We hope you can join in and share your thoughts and ideas. If you cannot make a meeting, you can send your thoughts and ideas to me or to Julie Anderson.

Don't forget, it is membership renewal time! Those that have their 2016 membership in by the December meeting will be put into a drawing for a free membership. The winner chooses whether to get their money back for 2016 or to have their 2017 membership free.

The December meeting will start with a potluck supper at 6PM. The membership meeting will immediately follow the potluck supper, so it could start as early as 6:30, but will start no later than 7PM. Following the membership meeting, we will have the annual Christmas party with a Yankee Swap. The gift limit is \$15.

Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!

Trudy.

**Our Next Meeting:
December 12, 2015**

Notice to Members



Saturday, December 12:

6PM – Potluck Supper

**Membership meeting (possibly as early
as 6:30PM, no later than 7PM)**

**Annual Christmas party with Yankee
gift swap!**



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 12 - Club meeting and Christmas Party, at the MTRA club house. **PLEASE NOTE – the Club meeting will start once the potluck dinner is finished, which could be as early as 6:30, but will be started by 7PM at the latest.**

Ride Information

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

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

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!

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Sandy Craig

The November 7, 2015 meeting was called to order by Trudy Bickford @ 7:35 p.m.

Guests Introduction / New Members: No Report

Secretary's Report: Posted in the October Hoofbeats, motion to accept as posted by Nancy, seconded by Suzanna and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of report passed out to general membership for review. Missy would like to have correction made on report for the date of 9/22/15 change MBHA should read NBHA. Cathy received the tax bill and would like to pay them in full. Nancy motioned that Cathy pay the taxes in full seconded by Donna.

Board of Director's Report: Meeting was held on 10/16/15 and the following members were in attendance: Cathy, Missy, Nora, Sally, Julie, Carlton & Trudy.

- New sign location was first item of discussion – sign will be located on Tutt Lane last location.
- Falls Show
- Discussed Margaret Gardiner Ride
- Discussed porta potti donations for Mt. Vernon

Committees:

Trail Report: Porta potti donations can still be made for porta potti that was used at Mt. Vernon.

We will need to hold a meeting to discuss the annual awards banquet. Funds totaling \$406 are what we have available for purchasing awards.

Riley spoke with regards to the possibility holding our awards banquet in conjunction with MBHA with possible dates of 1/6 or 2/13 as dates. Cathy stated it really wasn't a savings so most likely we

will not as we are thinking of having our awards banquet during the afternoon so we will most likely not team up with them.

A trail meeting to be held on Friday 11/27/15 @ 6:00 p.m. at Lynn's located at 2241 Augusta Road, Bowdoin ME 04287. Missy stated that she would like to see the meeting held at the club house to keep it more central, so the meeting will be moved back to the club house.

Show: Brief discussion with regards to the November 1, 2015 Fall Fun Show.

Chelbie mentioned the exceptional accomplishment award that 4-H does and how it is set up thinking this is how we may want to handle the Lary Felt Pleasure Award for Topsham Fair.

Publicity Report: No Report

Building and Land: Nancy & Rick got the water shut off of the season. Nancy is also working on the bridge behind Julies putting an edge on it so horses don't slip their foot over the edge of the bridge. She also marked the top of the paint with the year that the building was painted and what was used.

Fund Raising: Cathy would like to have us do an online auction for the saddle racks that were donated to the club house. We will possible have them at the annual awards banquet and do a silent auction on them with a minimum bid. Trudy mentioned discussing our options on the saddle racks at the next trail meeting. Suzanna mentioned having them at a tack sale and bringing them to that sale. She stated that Lisa Bosse has been holding a track sale at the MTM Center in Lisbon Falls. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Food Committee Report: Fall Show had a profit of \$223.76 profit \$1,337.60 was the net profit for Litchfield food booth. Missy spoke that the NBHA was very happy with the food boot at their show. There may be a future opportunity to do this again in the future; however it may be a couple or three years. Trudy mentioned that she is going to look into doing a scrap booking event again if the membership is o.k. with that – Trudy will look into

it. Missy mentioned that if the Rodeo comes back to Litchfield that also may be an option for a fund raising event as they were very short staffed for vendors. Missy or Cathy will look into this possibility for 2016.

Entertainment Committee Report: No report

Parade Committee Report: Missy asked if anyone had heard about the Christmas Parade – no news.

Hospitality Committee Report: End of September Cathy sent a card to Walt & Sandy as they lost Trooper.

Junior's Report: Ashely spoke with regards to the November 1, 2015 fun show. The juniors would like to meet with the show committee to discuss the November 1, 2015 show as they were not aware that they had to attend the show meeting. We will have a brief show committee meeting before the trail meeting. Trudy asked if the schedule for the junior meeting has been set, per Nancy everything is all set. Nancy & Suzanna will connect to set up a time for the juniors to take their test so that the December meeting does not run so late with testing, pot luck & swap. Per Trudy if anyone has any good educational tips for the Hoofbeats send them to Trudy.

Correspondence Report: Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals correspondence that Cathy received.

Old Business: No report

New Business: Christmas party for December 12, 2015 with potluck to start @ 6:00 p.m. and meeting to start as early as 6:30 p.m. to no later than 7:00 p.m. and Trudy will be sure to post it in the Hoofbeats. Swap will be Yankee Swap with a limit of \$15.

Search and rescue would like to use the building for their Christmas Party the same day that we have the membership party, Donna motioned second by Sally.

Missy & Sally were nominating committee with the following nominations:

Expiring Officers:

Trudy - President - accepted and voted in
 Riley – VP - accepted and voted in
 Cathy – Treasure - accepted and voted in
 Sandy – Secretary - accepted and voted in

Expiring Board of Directors Positions:

Julie - accepted and voted in
 Donna - accepted and voted in
 Cathy – accepted and voted in

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Nancy stated that she has an extra room booked for the Equine Affair if anyone is interested. Riley announced that Missy did a great job running the fund raiser at the NBHA show held at Litchfield Fair. Donna announced that she saw Larry Felt yesterday and he is at Augusta re-hab as he recently broke his hand. Missy posted on Facebook that she was expecting something in 2 months, she is expecting Santa but Sylvia is thinking it might be something else.....

Brags: Ashley's brag was that she bought a new car, a Subaru Forrester. Becky's brag was that she has a new job, more money and a social life back.

Membership Count: 15 seniors / 3 juniors / 8 Dogs

Raffles or Mystery Gifts: No Report

Brags: No report

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Nancy, seconded by Missy and passed @ 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Craig, Secretary

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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:

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the January issue is **December 20**. 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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