

# Maine Trail Riders Association, Inc.

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Trudy Bickford, President  
Sally Labree, Vice-President  
Cathy Small, Treasurer  
Sandy Craig, Secretary

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Riley Morse – 2019  
Melissa Bourgoïn – 2019  
Nora MacDonald – 2019

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Julie Anderson - 2018  
Cathy Small – 2018

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

# H O O F B E A T S

*Official Newsletter of The M T R A*

**THE NEXT MEETING IS  
DECEMBER 10, 2016**

## President's Stall

Please welcome Sally Labree as our new Vice President, and Sandy Craig as our new Secretary! Thank you to Riley Morse, Melissa Bourgoïn, and Nora MacDonald for each accepting the nomination to stay on the board of directors for another 3-year term!

We are planning for our yearly banquet. If you have any suggestions or would like to participate in this committee, send an email to [trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com](mailto:trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com) or phone/text 207-720-0550. The next meeting is 9am on Sunday, December 4, at the home of Lynn Aube, with a breakfast potluck.

Some elves have been busy planning some fun for our December 10 gathering! Put together your ugliest Christmas sweater or t-shirt and join us for a good time. There will be a prize for the 'ugliest'!

On December 10, we will start with a potluck supper at 5pm. The membership has voted to hold the meeting as soon as everyone is 'ready' after eating, which means we could be starting the meeting as early as 5:30pm (but no later than 6pm). The Yankee Christmas swap will be held after the meeting. The limit for the Yankee swap gift is \$15.

Anyone with 2017 membership dues paid before the end of the Christmas party, will have their name put into a drawing for a free membership (either reimbursed for 2017, or free for 2018).

Starting with the January issue, Nora MacDonald will be taking over as editor of the Hoofbeats. Contact info for Nora is in the Editor Note's section at the end of the newsletter.

*Trudy.*

**Our Next Meeting:  
December 10, 2016**

## Notice to Members



### **DECEMBER 10 LINEUP of FUN:**

**Potluck supper starts at 5:00pm**

**Meeting will start once we finish eating**

**Yankee Swap, games, and ugliest sweater/t-shirt judging will follow the meeting**



If there is any question regarding the possibility of cancellation of any meeting, please call 207-720-0550, before leaving to attend. If we have your email address, an email notification will be sent out. Or, you can check out the Maine Trailer Riders Web site or Facebook page.

## 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!

## 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 10 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jan 14 – Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Feb 4 – Scrapbook fundraiser, at Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls

## Ride Information

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

Email: [Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com](mailto:Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com)

Phone: 207-582-2093

## Trivia Fun!

The white line is found in a horse's:

- A) Mouth
- B) Small Intestine
- C) Hoof

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Submitted by Sandy Craig / notes taken by Michelle Morris**

**MTRA General Membership Meeting – November 5, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Trudy Bickford.

**Guests Introduction/New Members:** No Report

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Copies of report passed out to general membership for review. Request for by Missy to correct the name of the ride from Green to the Green / Turner Ride as Saturday was

sponsored by Missy in Green and Sunday was sponsored by Nora in Turner.

Board of Director's Report: Summary of recent BOD meeting was ready by Cathy and accepted as read.

**Committees:**

Trail Report: Date for trail meeting was set for November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. to be held at Lynn Aube's. We will have a breakfast style potluck.

Show: Rain date show to be held tomorrow.

Publicity Report: No Report

Building and Land: Moved junk pile of wood. Nancy painted well, porch and arena railings. Cathy dragged ring.

**Fund Raising:** Melissa is looking into hiring Borderline Express or Veggies by Day. Charging by the carload and will do a BYOB affair. August 12<sup>th</sup> is tentatively set. Trudy mentioned holding scrapbook fundraiser as we had in the past. Shooting for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 3<sup>rd</sup> option January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Food Committee Report:** No report

**Entertainment Committee Report:** No report

**Parade Committee Report:** No report

**Hospitality Committee Report:** No report

**Junior's Report:** As voted to suspend Junior program, deleting from program. Missy mentioned quarterly update on use of current outstanding junior funds.

**Correspondence Report:** Card from Chelbie Davis thanking for gift from shower. Cathy received SPCA calendar. Sandy made motion we donate \$50, Donna seconded motion.

**Old Business:** No report

**New Business:** Christmas party, Nancy made motion to give free membership by end of Christmas party, Missy seconded it. Motion passed. \$15 limit. Pot luck time 5:00 p.m., meeting could start as early as 5:30p.m. December 10, 2016, Lynn made motion, Michelle seconded, motion passed.

Office / BOD Elections – Nancy – President = Trudy, Vice President = Sally, Secretary = Sandy, Treasurer = Cathy. BOD = Riley, Missy & Nora – 3-year position.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Went over BOD attendance.

Brags: Julie traded old Subaru and goat a new outback 2011 with only 11K miles. Trudy – Sunny has been hard to handle feet. She willing let her handle all 4 this week, she lifted them and kept each held up for hoof picking!

**Membership Count:** 14 Seniors / 12 Dogs

**Raffles or Mystery Gifts:**

**Brags:** No report

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Michelle, seconded by Sally. Meeting adjourned @ 8:43 p.m.

Board of Directors attendance: Present:  
Sally, Nancy, Sandy, Donna, Cathy, Julie, Riley, Missy & Nora

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Craig, Secretary



## Classified Ads

### Boarding available in Litchfield

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Board includes: stall, tack cubicle, feed and basic grooming. There is a round pen on site for your use, and miles of trails and dirt roads for your riding pleasure.

We are conveniently located 4 miles off Route 202 in Greene between Lewiston and Augusta.

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Please call for more information and pricing, (207) 576-2721. References are available upon request.



### Stitch In Time

Embroidery service available through Rachel Jalbert-Palian. Please call 207-713-1008 for more information.





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## General Information

### Website

<http://mainetrailriders.com>

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### Hospitality

Please help Michelle 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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## Tip of the Month

### Flag Etiquette:

Never allow the flag to touch the ground or any other object when on display.

Salute the flag as it is hoisted and lowered, during the playing of the National Anthem and while saying the Pledged of Allegiance. Stand at attention with your right hand over your heart and your hat removed.

Display the flag outdoors only between sunrise and sunset, unless illuminated by a spotlight.

When displaying the flag indoors, always position it to the right of a speaker or staging area.

To place a flag at half-staff, hoist it to the peak for an instance before lowering it to a halfway position.

## Trivia Answer

The answer is C. The white line of the hoof is between the outside hoof wall and where it meets the sole, and is the area that looks whitish.

## Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the January issue is **December 22**. 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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This month's pictures:

- Page 1 top right –Mt Vernon Ride, October 12, 2015. Dana Lary on Dundee, Melissa Bourgoin on Dream, and Bridget Lary on Piper.
- Page 3 top right –Sunny on lunch break at the Androscoggin Riverlands Ride, October 16, 2016.

