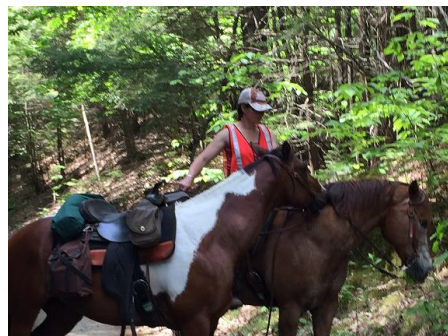


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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS
MARCH 11, 2017

President's Stall

Thank you Nora MacDonald for taking over as editor of the Hoofbeats Newsletter. I hope you all read last month's newsletter! Nora did a great job putting it together.

Please remember that information and photographs for the letter are greatly appreciated! They should be sent to Nora: hollyo51493@yahoo.com.

The Scrapbook fundraiser at Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls is coming up fast! The doors open on February 4th at 7am to begin setting up. The crafters start at 8am. Nancy is coordinating what we need for food. If you can contribute for snacks and desserts, soups, or salads, please contact Nancy Weeks at mcgiver@tds.net.

We also hold raffles at this event! You can bring items for raffling to the event in February. Just let me know if you will be able to donate in advance of the event, so I can plan appropriately!

Our annual banquet will be held on February 18th, with the 25th set as a snow date. We will not hold a February membership meeting. The location will be the Litchfield Sportsman Club. Please contact Cathy Small to coordinate food for the potluck lunch. We will start setting up at 11:00. Volunteers to help with the setup are welcome!

Trudy.

**Our Next Meeting:
MARCH 11, 2017**

Notice to Members

We all would like to wish Walt Williams a very speedy recovery. Walt has been in the hospital and we need him to get better real soon because the riding season can't start without him. So let's all send our "Get Well Wishes" and our thoughts and prayers to Walt.

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.

Feb 4 – Scrapbook fundraiser, at Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls, begins at 8 AM till 3 PM. Volunteers needed for set up, serving lunch and clean up.

* Show Committee mtg at 1 PM at Holy Trinity Church during the Scrapbooking fundraiser.

Feb 11 - MTRA monthly mtg CANCELLED

Feb 18 - MTRA Annual Banquet, rain date Feb 25th, being held at the Litchfield Sportsman Club. Set up 11 AM, lunch at 11:30 AM (this is potluck) Awards immediately following.

March 11 - MTRA monthly meeting

April 8 - MTRA monthly meeting

May 13 - MTRA monthly meeting

June 10 - MTRA monthly meeting

June 30 - July 2 - Halee Cummings Fundraiser

July 8 - MTRA monthly meeting

August 5 - MTRA monthly meeting to be held at Nancy Weeks. This is a potluck picnic, bring your bathing suit. Also we will need volunteers to help with preparation for the horseshow the next day

August 6 - Topsham Fair Horseshow

August 13 - NBRA Fundraiser @ Silver Spurs

Sept. 9 - MTRA monthly meeting

Oct. 14 - MTRA monthly meeting

Nov. 11 - MTRA monthly meeting

Dec. 9 - MTRA monthly meeting and Christmas Party

Ride Information

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

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

Trivia Fun!

A horse with a thick throatlatch will find it difficult to: A) reach down to graze B) flex at the poll C) chew his food.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

The January 14, 2017 meeting was called to order by Trudy Bickford @ 7:35 p.m.

Guests Introduction / New Members: No Report

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

Treasurer's Report: Copies of report passed out to general membership for review, read & accepted.

Board of Director's Report: BOD meeting was held on 1/14/17 @ clubhouse at 6:40 p.m. meeting minutes were read to general membership.

Committees:

Trail Report: Sandy will check Holy Trinity to see if we could hold the awards banquet at that location on 2/18/ or 2/25 and Nancy will reach out to the Litchfield Sportsman's Club, then we will discuss our options.

Show: A horse show meeting was scheduled to be held 2/4/17 @ 1:00 p.m. during the down time at the scrap booking fundraiser that is being held at Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls.

Publicity Report: Sally has written an article for the Horses Mane. She would also like to include some photos with the article however; the Horses Mane will not publish any photos with riders that are not wearing a riding helmet.

Building and Land: Julie mentioned that there is a lot of clean-up that will need to be done this spring due to the recent storms we have had.

Fund Raising: The scrapbooking fund raiser will be held at Holy Trinity Church the St. Cyril Church on Frost Hill Avenue, Lisbon Falls on 2/4/17. Volunteers are needed. Sally was wondering what other type of fund raising we can do. She also inquired what the total cost of the ribbons were for our 3 shows in 2016. Cathy stated that total cost was \$970. Missy discussed a possible idea of handing out slip ribbons at our spring & fall fun shows to Pewees and Juniors only and no ribbons to Seniors. Cathy stated that she felt that we should leave the ribbons as is for the Topsham Fair Show. Sally stated that we really need to be more cautious with the spending of our funds so that we can enjoy more riding time versus fund raising all the time. Cathy stated that she reviewed the 2011 to 2016 membership numbers and we the 2016 number were ½ of the 2011 numbers. ☹️ Sally then stated that we really need to do a close review of what our best fund

raisers are and where are volunteers time would be best served.

Food Committee Report: No report

Entertainment Committee Report: Missy mentioned the possible summer concert. She will reach out to Courtney to see if she has any new information and Sandy will check with the insurance company to see how this concert would affect our insurance cost.

Parade Committee Report: No report

Hospitality Committee Report: A card was sent to Clint Kinney for the passing of his wife. A card to Sally Labree for the loss of her horse, Raeco. A card to Bill Brownell for the loss of his horse, Smoke and a card to Missy & Rob Bourgoin for the loss of their dog, Gunner.

Junior's Report: N/A

Correspondence Report: Cathy received a letter from the SPCA thanking us for our recent donation. Missy stated that she received an e-mail from NBHA asking if we would like to run a food booth at their Barrel show as we did in 2016. This year it is scheduled to be held on 8/11, 8/12 & 8/13. She stated that should we decide to run the food booth, the NBHA would expect us to provide them with a % of the proceeds raised. There was much discussion with regards to this and it was felt that we would be willing to do a flat fee but not a %. Missy will reach out to Theresa @ NBHA to discuss. Missy also has been contacted with regards to the Haley Cummings fund raiser to see if we are interested in running a food booth at this fund raiser as we did in 2016. The event will be held at the Silver Spur Riding Club grounds in Sidney ME on 6/30, 7/1 & 7/2. Nancy agreed to run the food booth at both fund raisers; however, she will only do food booth if it is moved from the back 40 to the area the arena.

Missy will reach out to Jamie Paquet to confirm that they agree for the location of the food booth. Trudy stated that Nancy had a very difficult time getting volunteers for these fund raisers last year and that volunteers really need to step up and lend a hand.

Old Business: BOD meeting was held tonight and minutes were read to the general membership. Discussion to cancel February meeting due to conflict with annual awards banquet. Motion to cancel meeting in February by Missy, seconded by Julie and passed.

Cathy made a motion that we reschedule our August meeting to 8/5/17 with location to be determined. Possibility of holding meeting at Nancy's on the lake. Nancy agreed that she would be willing to do that and we could also work on food preparations for the Topsham Show.

New Business: Next membership meeting will be held on 3/11/17. The general membership discussed the year end award banquet and location once again and felt that it would be in our best interest to book the Litchfield Sportsman's Club if possible for 2/18/17 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. as we would be able to BYOB where we could not if the location of the event was held at Holy Trinity. Nancy will reach out to the contact at the Litchfield Sportsman's Club to see if the 2/18/17 is available with 2/25/17 as a snow date.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: N/A

Brag: N/A

Membership Count: 9 Seniors / 8 Dogs

Raffles or Mystery Gifts: N/A

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned @ 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Craig, Secretary

Board of Directors meeting January 14, 2017

Meeting called to order @ 6:40 p.m. at the Maine Trail Riders Association Club House located on Lunt's Hill, Litchfield ME. Board of Directors in attendance were Nora MacDonald, Missy Bourgoin, Riley Morse, Julie Anderson, Cathy Small, Sally LaBree, Sandy Craig & Trudy Bickford

First item of business was the discussion of the option to hold membership meetings every other month or try to stack meetings such as show, BOD, Trail Meetings, etc. minimize the necessity of extra travel, etc.

Second item of business was the discussion was to reschedule the 1/28/17 show committee meeting to 2/4/17 @ 1:00 p.m. during the scrap booking fund raiser at Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls ME.

Third item of business was the possibility of doing call in for meetings if you cannot physically attend a meeting. A test date of 1/16/17 @ 7:00 p.m. was set up and Nancy will reach out to the BOD with required password, etc.

Fourth item of business was the year end award and the cost to hold at the Slovak Club located on Avery Street, Lisbon Falls ME. Cost is \$25 per hour max \$100 for the day with additional cost for the following: Full Kitchen \$25 and Bar Tender \$50 ***Beer \$2.50 each, Premium \$3.00 & Wine \$3.00***. We are not able to go downstairs for drinks as this is the member only area. After discussion it was decided that would be to our advantage to hold the year end banquet at an alternative location.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Craig, Secretary
Maine Trail Riders Association

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General Information

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

yuppitsmichelle@yahoo.com

Recycle-IT

Sally LaBree has 2 porta potties she would like to sell. If you are interested please contact her at 207-933-9163

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If you have items that are in good shape that you would like to swap, sell or give away, let me know and I will post the information in the HBs. Please do not drop the items off at the clubhouse, hold on to them at your house and anyone interested can contact you for further information.

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Tip of the Month

Members, I need your help! If you have read or learned something that you would like to share with the club's membership, please submit it to me. I would love to hear from you. Best method to submit your info is through my e-mail hollyo51493@yahoo.com

Trivia Answer

The answer is B. A horse with a thick throatlatch will find it difficult to flex at the poll.

Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the March issue is February **24**. 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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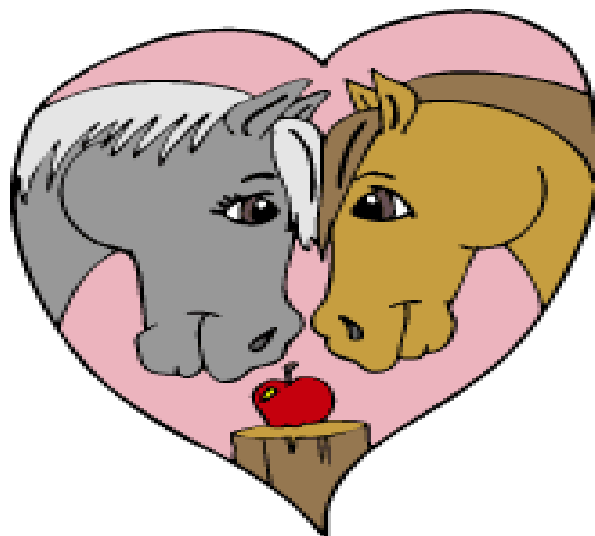
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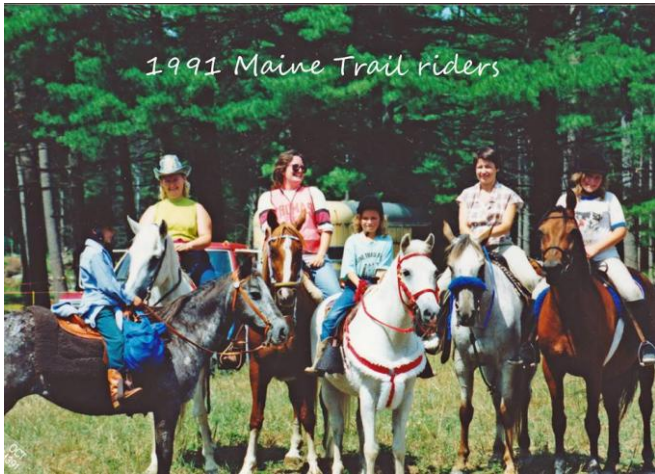
This month's pictures:

- Page 1 top right –Missy Bourgoin on Ace holding Sunny on the Jay ride June 4, 2016

**HAPPY VALENTINES
DAY**



NAME THESE DESPERADO'S



What are you doing to get through the winter?
Send me pictures and info if you are interested in sharing with club members.

Words from our
Trail Committee Chairman

No report this month



Pictures submitted by Marianne Cogswell.