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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
MAY 9, 2015**

Vice-President's Stall

Hi All! I hope you have been able to get outside and horse around! What a beautiful stretch of weather we have recently had. It is wonderful to be able to go out and work my filly without cussing at the weather. I am getting ready for the trails, and hope you are able to as well!

This year we are changing the ride fees. The fees are increasing by \$1.00 each, bringing the fee for senior members to \$4.00, and the fee for junior members to \$3.00. With this increase we hope to be able to provide more with awards at the year-end banquet.

The first ride of the season is scheduled for Sunday, May 31st, in Jay. Details for the Jay ride are included under "Ride Information" in this newsletter. There will be areas where you can take off and canter or trot if you wish. All we ask is that you respect others by asking and then making sure other riders are prepared and have control of their horse before taking off. Come join us and have some fun!

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the folks that showed up last Sunday to clean-up the clubhouse grounds and/or loaned us equipment. Lots of brush and leaves were hauled away and the club house was swept and cleaned. Julie let us borrow her tractor, which John Trafton from MeQHA used to sweep the ring to help clear out debris and rocks, and then he used the harrows to loosen up the soil. I think you will be very surprised and impressed with how good and smooth our ring is looking, with the piled up leaves and soil in the corners now gone!

I hope you are able to make to some of the fun events and our trail rides!

Trudy.

**Our Next Meeting:
May 9, 2015 at 7:30PM**

Notice to Members



**Join us Saturday, May 9 for the Spring
Fun Show!**



Building and Land Proposal

The announcer's booth needs to have a better way for the announcer to see the shoot and far end of the ring. Currently, the booth does not have enough side view to see those areas. Therefore, I would like to propose expanding the front of the booth with a glassed in area that would allow better visibility. If you know someone who has a picture or bow window and/or 2 additional side windows, please let me know. This would also make the booth warmer during cold shows.

Nancy Weeks, Chairman
Building and Land Committee
Contact via phone: 207-557-3302

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.

May 9 – MTRA spring fun show, at the MTRA club house

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May 10 – MeQHA Spring Horse Show at MTRA club house (MTRA run food booth)

May 16 – Food Booth at Safe Haven Farm

May 31 - **Jay Ride (Trudy Bickford – 207-720-0550)

Jun 6 - **Greene Ride (Missy Bourgoin – 207-946-5639)

Jun 7 - **Vienna Mt. Ride (Julie Anderson 207-446-1604)

Jun 13-14 - **Spring Ride at MTRA club house (Julie Anderson 207-446-1604)

Jun 13 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Jul 11 – Moxie Day Parade in Lisbon Falls

Jul 12 - **Gardiner Mystery Murder Ride (Ginny Roseberry 207-737-4989)

Jul 24-26 - **Vienna Ride (Julie Anderson 207-446-1604)

Jul 31 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Aug 2 – Topsham Fair Horse Show

Aug 8-9 - **Roseberry Patch Ride in Richmond (Ginny Roseberry – 207-737-4989)

Aug 15 - **West Gardiner Ride (Cathy Small 207-582-2093)

Aug 16 - **Lisbon Ride (Sally Labrie 207-933-9163)

Sep 11-13 – Litchfield Fair Food Booth

Sep 13-20 – (unaffiliated) Andover Week of Camping (Walt Williams 207-293-3068)

Sep 14 - **Andover Ride (Walt Williams 207-293-3068)

Sep 18 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Sep 19 - **Blazin' The Trail For A Cure Ride in Lisbon Falls (Sandy Craig – 353-8242)

Sep 20 - **Lisbon Falls Ride (and rain date for Blazin' The Trail For A Cure Ride) (Sandy Craig – 353-8242)

Oct 3-4 - **Shirley Ride (Brenda and Dana Lary 207-353-4901)

Oct 10-12 - **Mt. Vernon Ride (Walt Williams and Sandy Zack 207-293-3068)

Oct 17-18 - **Parkman Ride (Donna Tripp and Ashley Weeks)

Nov 1 – MTRA Fall Fun Show, at the MTRA club house

Nov 7 – Annual Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Dec 12 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Ride Information

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

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

May ride information

May 31 – Jay RR Bed Ride sponsored by Trudy Bickford:

Ride will start at 10:00. The footing is some sand, but a few areas with gravel. We may run into some ATV's since this is a multi-use trail. Lunch can be purchased from a local store at the lunch break site in Wilton or you can pack your own.

Directions:

From all directions, access Route 4 north/south to Jay. Once you come to the center of Jay, stay on Route 4 until you come to the MacDonald's on the right. Proceed to the far back corner of the gravel parking lot on the left.

Any questions contact Trudy Bickford:

Phone 207-720-0550

Email trudybickford@mainetrailriders.com

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Riley Morse

Called to order: April 11th, 2011 7:34 pm

Guests/New members: None

Secretaries Report: By request, the secretary's report was read out loud. There were a couple of changes. From the Treasurer's Report, change "Savings Bank of Maine" to "The Bank of Maine"

There was a request to clarify our presence at the May 16th Safe Haven Fair open barn day. We will have both a food booth and an info table, and lots of help is needed. From the Hospitality update, it was clarified that a "card" was sent to Linda, not a "check". Under New Business, it was noted that a signup sheet was passed around for committees, need to add "and refreshments".

Motion to accept with changes: Sandy, Second: Julie

Treasurer's Report: Reports were read for January, February and March. In January, it was noted there were two CMP charges in the month: one for December, and our charges for January were early. In the February report, it was noted that the big depletion in the trail fund was for banquet awards.

Ok to file with no further changes.

BOD Report: No minutes. Need to set meeting to replace Donna as Secretary. She is staying on as BOD member. A meeting was set for April 14th at 6:30 at the clubhouse.

Trail Report: Julie Anderson agreed to stay on as chair for the year.

There was a lively discussion on dates:

Due to a late Labor Day, a discussion was held around events in September and conflicting dates. The Litchfield fair is the 11-13th of September. This would normally mean the Fall Ride would be held the following weekend of the 19th-20th, but these dates were already set for the Blazin' A Trail and Lisbon Rides. The following weekend (Sept 26th-27th) is ESE, which means Sandy, Lynn, Suzanna and juniors wouldn't be there. It is also the NBHA State Show at Sharon Higgin's farm, where there is a possible food booth/fundraising conflict.

A recommendation to move the Fall Ride to October 3rd and 4th was suggested, but it was decided to move this discussion to a later time.

Meetings:

The July 11th meeting conflicts with ESE tryouts, Moxie parade and MEBRA Knox event. There has been very low attendance traditionally at this meeting. Last year it was almost cancelled. A motion was made to cancel the August meeting and move it to July 31st to prepare for the Topsham Fair. (Motion by Sandy and seconded by Donna).

Nancy made a motion to move the fall meeting to September 18th. Second: Sandy.

A motion was made by Cathy to cancel the October meeting, Sandy seconded.

The November 14th meeting is during Equine Affaire (November 12th-15th). A motion was made by Sandy to move the meeting to the 7th, this was seconded by Sally.

Rides:

Mount Vernon: October 10-12th led by Walt. Walt is also offering a non-affiliated ride for the 13th-20th of September and has opened an invitation for others to join him. He inquired about insurance coverage, but Sandy informed the club that this only works on an affiliated ride. Without insurance, he may not be able to use the field. A discussion was held about affiliating one day of the ride, perhaps the Monday. This was not voted on.

Horse Show Report: The committee met and ribbons were counted and ordered for the season.

Donna asked for clarification on the May 10th MEQHA show and whether the food booth will be open. Nancy is okay with this, and it will be open.

John Trafton has volunteered to come on May 3rd to drag the ring. A work bee was scheduled for May 3rd at 9:00am and a request for volunteers.

There was a discussion around dates for the show: either the 2nd (Sunday before the fair) or the 8th (Saturday, during the fair). The survey results from last year's show entry forms around dates was split with the majority having no preference. Issues were raised around conflicting events and big parking issues during the Saturday of the fair, which led to choosing Sunday August 2nd. Motion made by Nancy and seconded by Donna to have the show on August 2nd. A show manager is needed for this event! There will be a show set-up meeting before the July 31st membership meeting to load equipment.

A date for the fall fun show was tentatively set for November 1st.

Publicity Report: No updates

Building and Land Report: Nancy volunteered to lead this committee for 2015

Fund Raising Report: There was no scrapbook fundraiser this year.

Regarding the status of the Brown family benefit supper, Trudy spoke to Stephanie Voyer back in February. Stephanie was not able to find a location to hold the event in January, so it was put on hold, no further updates at this time. Riley reported that the reconstruction is going well and they are hoping to move in by July.

For the May 16th Safe Haven Farm event, Trudy will bring her computer with photos as well as copies of the Hoofbeats and other materials.

A request was made for new fund raising ideas!

Food Committee Report: No update.

Entertainment Committee Report: No new ideas.

Parade Committee Report: The Moxie planning committee sent a letter for this year's event. The parade is on July 11th. This date conflicts with ESE tryouts, and has resulted in low attendance the last few years. We did receive a \$100 check, even though less than 10 riders participated. We do not know if we will get paid this year, as they told us last year was the final year to be paid for participating. This needs to be clarified. If there is interest in riding this year, someone needs to volunteer to coordinate.

Hospitality Report: A card was sent to Elena for the loss of her father in law. A card was sent to Ashley Weeks for her tonsil surgery. A card was sent to Riley Morse for the loss of her dog.

Drill Team Report: No report. Missy asked the BOD to remove from bylaws. This will be discussed at April BOD meeting.

Juniors Report: Tonight's lasagna supper raised \$68 dollars!

The juniors met before the meeting to go over the schedule for the barrel clinic at Shamrock Stables on May 1-3rd.

Correspondence Report: Most was already discussed in other sections.

Donna resigned as Secretary

Nancy made a request that MTRA make a donation to the Maine State Protection of Animals. They are doing a hay drive for \$5 per bale. It was questioned whether any donations need to be posted in Hoofbeats and voted on at next meeting. Donna made a motion to donate \$50 and Sandy seconded motion. A motion was passed to donate \$50 to MSSPA buy a bale fundraiser.

Old Business Report: Books were audited by Nancy and no issues were found.

The BOD sign in was passed around.

New Business Report: Discussion of dates was held earlier in the meeting.

A discussion around NBHA food booth on September 28th-29th at Andwemet Farm in Brunswick – even though it's a great ride weekend, this is a big fundraising opportunity as there are likely to be 70+ horses competing in the 2-day event. Nancy can't be there because of ESE, but will make food truck available. Missy volunteered to head this effort, others are needed.

May meeting is on the 9th, after the fun show.

Sign ups were not sent around, they will be at the May meeting.

Remarks for Good of the Order: none

Membership Count: Seniors: 15, Juniors: 3, Dogs: 7

Raffles & Mystery Gift: None.

Brag: No brags.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:51.
Motion: Sandy, Second: Donna

Tip of the Month

Information found under the Tip of the Month may be on the Junior Test at the end of the year.

The problem that looks most like asthma in horses is something called COPD or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, also known as "heaves." A variety of spores or dust can cause this problem, and it leads to constrictive of the bronchi, the airways in the lungs.

Source: Horse & Rider Magazine, April 2014

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Patti Dowse

Erda (Www.ErdaLeather.com)



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Lisbon Computer Tech 353-2557
IT Mgr at local company TimVerrill@roadrunner.com

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

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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 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 June issue is **May 21**. 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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