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Trudy Bickford, President
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Melissa Bourgoïn – 2016
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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
NOVEMBER 5, 2016**

President's Stall

Our annual membership meeting with the election of officers and board of director members will be held on Saturday, November 5th. Please support your riding club, come to the meeting on Saturday and let's start planning our activities for 2017!

The last ride of the season were held in October. We started with the first Sunday, October 2nd, riding the Bingham railroad bed, where the foliage was breathtaking in many places along the river.

The next weekend the ride was in Parkman on Saturday and Sunday, and then Mt Vernon on Columbus Day. The fall colors were absolutely beautiful to see!

October 14 to 16, had good weather, good turnout, and lots of fun! The fun started on Friday night with an evening ride through fields and trails from the home of Missy Bourgoïn in Greene. The moon was so bright that you had to shade your eyes from it if it was directly in front of you. The moonbeams coming through the trees on the trails made you think there were lights being flashed at you and to highlight the trail. The next day's ride was a daytime ride, also in Greene. On Sunday we rode at the Androscoggin Riverland's State Park in Turner, which is barely 5 minutes up the road from where we stayed in Greene. All the days were a bit chilly, typical fall days, still with beautiful fall colors and views.

See you at the show, meetings, and on the trails!

Trudy.

**Our Next Meeting:
November 5, 2016**

Notice to Members



**NOVEMBER 5 - Annual Membership meeting
for officer and board of directors elections!**



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.

Nov 5 - Club meeting, at the MTRA club house

Nov 6 – Fall Fun Show (This is the Rain date)

Dec 10 - 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



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Posting with corrected meeting date!

Submitted by Michelle Morris

**MTRA General Membership Meeting –
September 17, 2016**

Meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by President Trudy Bickford.

There was no Secretary's report for August due to there not being enough member's in attendance to hold a meeting.

Treasurer's report. Copies of July & August Treasurer's Report was passed out and discussed. There were some errors within the report, so this will be reread during our October meeting.

BOD: There has been no meeting but a meeting was scheduled for October 12th @ 7:00pm at the Clubhouse to discuss future of the MTRA Junior Program.

Committees: Trail: It was discussed that there are several open weekends for rides in October, and we are looking for more people to sponsor trail rides to fill our fall riding calendar. Melissa Bourgoin volunteered to hold a trail ride on October 2nd (more info TBA.) Dana Larry made report about the Fall ride, discussed bridge on the Old Lunts Hill Road Trail being out due to logging. Melissa Bourgoin proposed increasing the Trail Riding fee to \$5 & removing the fee for riders under the age of 16 years- this will be discussed further during the BOD Meeting on October 12th.

Horse Show: Discussed our Fall Fun Show, date was set for October 23rd with Rain Date of November 6th. Horse Show Committee will meet on September 28th at 7:00pm at Clubhouse to finalize all times and class list information. There was also discussion on allowing Show Manager's to ride during future events held.

Publicity: No report.

Building & Land: Nancy Weeks mentioned that she will be doing more work on backside of wall at Clubhouse once the poison Ivy is gone. Melissa Bourgoin brought up ideas to make the MTRA Property more usable as a rental property by more actively maintaining the grounds with regular ring maintenance every week. Michelle Morris brought up revisiting pervious discussions to install lighting for the arena. More discussions will take place ongoing.

Fund Raising: Melissa Bourgoin would like to propose that we host a musical event for next Summer featuring either "Veggies By Day" or "Emerald Sky" and make this a big bash which would be open to the public. Discussed starting a committee in order to plan the event. Proposed meeting on October 5th at 7:00pm at clubhouse for initial planning discussions.

Food: N/A.

Entertainment: N/A

Parade: N/A.

Hospitality: N/A.

Juniors: N/A.

Correspondences: N/A.

Old Business: N/A.

New Business: Discussed need to nominate new officers. Nancy Weeks' and Brenda Larry will do nominations.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: Melissa Bourgoin wanted to thank Nancy Weeks for all her hard work for her organizations of Food Booth. Also it was decided to thank Steve for all his volunteering on behalf of the club with a piece of MTRA apparel. Melissa Bourgoin made motion for this, and Michelle Morris' 2nd this motion. Permissions were granted for the Search & Rescue group to utilize facility and grounds on December 10th from 10:00am-2:00pm. Also granted permission for the Loose Shoe 4-H Club to continue using facility the 2nd Thursday of each month for meetings.

Brag: Julie Anderson- Finished her chemotherapy treatment & was able to have her port removed. Michelle Morris- Received go-ahead from her

Orthopedic Doctor to ride again following breaking her foot.

Membership Count: 9 Srs. 0 Jrs. 5 Dogs.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted Michelle Morris, Secretary.

Upcoming Dates of Note:

September 28th- Horse Show Committee

October 2nd- Melissa Bourgoin's Trail Ride (More info TBA)

October 5th- Fundraisers

BOD Meeting- October 12th

General Membership Meeting- October 15th

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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:

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the December issue is **November 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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This month's pictures:

- Page 1 top right –10/16/2016 Androscoggin Riverland's Ride lunchbreak.
- Page 2 middle left – Androscoggin Riverland's Ride, 10/16/2016. Pepper on his lunch break.
- Page 4 bottom right – Bingham Railroad Bed Ride, 10/2/2016. Scenery from the trail.