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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

THE NEXT MEETING IS

September 14, 2019 at 6PM

The Presidents Stall

The Litchfield Fair will be upon us soon, September 6-8, and Nancy will need volunteers at the food booth and for food donations. Please contact Nancy Weeks, so she has adequate help and knows what to expect for any food donations: phone 207-557-3302 or email megiver@tds.net.

There will be a potluck supper at 5PM, prior to the September 14 meeting. Please note, the club meeting is scheduled to begin at 6PM.

If you are liking the new meeting time of 6PM for the summer, please let an officer or board of director know! The meeting time will be discussed at the next meeting and will either continue to be set as 6PM, or will be changed.

Sorry I have not been able to come around and see you at the MTRA events and participate. I am missing everyone, but need to stay away while I beat this auto-immune disease into remission.

Happy Trails, and look forward to seeing you all at some MTRA events!

Trudy.

Upper right photo: Photo credit to Julie Anderson. August 17, 2019 Bowdoinham ride.

SECRETARIES REPORT

The **June 8, 2019** meeting was held @ the Maine Trail Riders Clubhouse in Litchfield and was called to order by President, Trudy Bickford @ 6:13 p.m.

Guests Introduction / New Members: Heather Nichols, Rebecca Johnson, Jill Johnson & Josephine Craig

Secretary's Report: Posted in Hoofbeats for general membership to review. Cathy stated that the spelling on the fund raiser needs to be changed to Clynk. Donna made a motion to accept the minutes with the revision, seconded by Elena.

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

Board of Director's Report: BOD meeting was held on 5/21/19. Trudy spoke with regards to Brian Robbins Jr. and his interest in a right of way so he can access his land at the backside of the clubhouse land. Julie and Nancy met with Brian and his plans are to build a house in a year or 2. He is inquiring if we would allow him to purchase a right of way at the end of the land or purchase from the telephone pole down to the end of the land. No purchase price was discussed at this time and the BOD will need to discuss pricing options. The BOD also voted to give Julie \$25 for reimbursement of fuel for her tractor when it was used during the Spring work bee.

Committees:

Trail Report: Trudy stated that the website is up and running and that it is important that all ride information is provided to her no later than the 24th of the month. The ride information will need to include the date, location, contact info., etc. Julie stated that there were 14 riders in attendance at today's ride. She and Nancy spend most of the day yesterday clearing the trail and earlier this a.m. Nancy laid some slabs down to cover a muddy area. Julie also stated that Nancy's sportsman's club recently had a speaker who spoke with regards to trail etiquette.

Horse Show: Sandy stated that she has reached out to Dick Brown @ Topsham Fair Association with regards to the show arena trying to confirm if a decision was made to leave the arena at its current location for 2019, but had to leave a voice message and is awaiting a return call. Julie stated that Nancy said she had spoken with Cathy Gray from the 4-H Extension office and Cathy advised her that the ring was being moved. Sandy has e-mailed the ribbon count to Norogala and is awaiting an estimate.

Publicity Report: No report

Building and Land: Julie said that Nancy stated search and rescue will be holding their annual recertification at the clubhouse the weened of 6/22 & 6/23/19. During this event Nancy will be working on cutting and cleaning up the trees that have come down over the winter at the back of the property.

Fund Raising: Cathy spoke with regards to the Clynk bottle return that we are signed up for as a fund raiser. When the bags are full, they can be closed then dropped off at Hannaford. Once they are cashed in the money is deposited right into our checking account. Heather Nichols asked if we sell t-shirts, etc. There is a price list inside one of the totes with the t-shirts, etc. so she is going to look them over.

Food Committee Report: Next weekend is the Downeast Horse Show Food Booth. Trudy state she hasn't heard from Nancy with regards to food prep, etc. status. Julie stated that she and JoAnn are heading over to Nancy's for 11:00 a.m. for food prep and anyone else interested can join them if they would like. Also keep in mind that we will be running the food booth at the Haley Cummings Show to be held on 7/6 & 7/7/19 and Nancy will be looking for volunteers and food donations.

Entertainment Committee Report: No report

Parade Committee Report: No report

Hospitality Committee Report: No report

Junior's Report: No report

Correspondence Report: Website and web e-mails are up and working.

Old Business: BOD sign in sheet passed around for signatures.

New Business: No report

Remarks for the Good of the Order: No report

Brag: No Report

Membership Count: 12 Seniors / Juniors 1 / 1 Dogs

Raffles or Mystery Gifts: No report

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned @ 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Craig

Sandy Craig, Secretary

SECRETARIES REPORT

The **July 27, 2019** meeting was held @ the Maine Trail Riders Clubhouse in Litchfield and was called to order by Treasurer, Cathy Small @ 6:14 p.m.

Guests Introduction / New Members: No report

Secretary's Report: Was not posted in Hoofbeats as Hoofbeats did not go out of the month of July and Sandy did not have her copy with her.

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

Board of Director's Report: BOD meeting was held earlier this evening and minutes were taken.

Committees:

Trail Report: Per Julie the Vienna Mt. ride that was held the weekend of 6/25/19 Friday through Sunday had great weather. Cathy stated that on Friday and Saturday they only rode 2½ hours and the rules require that the ride is a minimum of 3 hours unless it needs to be shortened due to inclement weather. JoAnn spoke about her ride which is coming up on 8/17 & 8/18/2019 in Bowdoin and passed out a ride information sheet. Nancy stated that Dana's ride will not be affiliated. Later this year Anna will be sponsoring a ride on the Bingham railroad bed and Elena will be sponsoring a ride on the Jay railroad bed.

Horse Show: Nancy said that Julie & JoAnn will be heading to her house on Saturday @ 11:00 a.m. to work on food prep. Sandy plans to arrive at the Topsham Fairgrounds @ 6:15 a.m. Nancy will provide Cathy with a laptop to use for figuring up high point. We will also need a ring steward so Sandy will reach out to Marsha to see if she might be willing to work with the judge.

Publicity Report: No report

Building and Land: Nancy stated that the bridge they crossed on the Spring ride has been repaired. The logging contractor is going to leave the bridge when he has finished logging the lot. There may also be a potential new trail after all the logging has been completed. The leaky kitchen faucet has been repaired, but the bathroom faucet is still leaking and has a bucket under it to catch the water until it can be repaired or replaced. She also stated that she is going to call Rick with regards to the pulsating of the water from the kitchen sink as it sounds like the water pipe may be air bound. Cathy mentioned that after attending an unaffiliated ride that a few of us did from the clubhouse on Memorial weekend, she ended up being covered with brown tail moth rash. 😞

Fund Raising: Clynk bags are still available for collecting bottles and turning in at Hannaford Clynk location and the quilt raffle is going strong and the drawing for this raffle will be held during the lunch hour at the Topsham Fair.

Food Committee Report: No report

Entertainment Committee Report: No report

Parade Committee Report: No report

Hospitality Committee Report: A card was sent to John Alexander for the loss of his son in an accident. Missy had Roxie put down as she had cancer, but she told Cathy that a card was not necessary.

Junior's Report: No report

Correspondence Report: No report

Old Business: BOD sign in sheet passed around for signatures.

New Business: No report

Remarks for the Good of the Order: A photo of Missy's new addition to her family was passed around for everyone to see.

Brag: Julie got a new tattoo in memory of Echo & Tessa

Membership Count: 9 Seniors / 0 Juniors / 1 Dogs

Raffles or Mystery Gifts: No report

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned @ 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Craig

Sandy Craig, Secretary

2019 Upcoming Events

Sept 6-8 – Litchfield Fair Food Booth

Sept 14 - Pot Luck Supper @ 5PM & Meeting @ 6PM

**Sept 14-15 – Fall Trail Ride (Julie Anderson, 207-446-1604)

**Sept 29 - Bingham Railroad Bed Ride sponsor Anna Crowley (207-754-1407)

**Oct 5 – Newport Ride sponsor Nancy Weeks (207-557-3302)

**Oct 6 – Parkman Ride sponsor Donna Tripp (207-582-5532)

**Oct 12-14 – Mt. Vernon Ride sponsor Walt Williams (207-293-3068)

**Oct 27 - Jay Railroad Bed Ride sponsor Elena Ledger (207-754-3290)

Nov 9 - MTRA Annual Meeting

Dec 14 - MTRA Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party

** Affiliated Trail Ride Dates

Ride Information

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

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

TRAIL COMMITTEE REPORT

The affiliated trail riding season has begun!

Vienna Mountain is a small mountain with woods and acres & acres of blueberry fields covering the sides and top. These open spaces give beautiful views of surrounding mountains and lakes. Our ride was sunny and quite warm but up in the blueberry fields was a wonderful strong breeze. It was a great day with good friends.

Vienna Ride at my moms house also had awesome weather all 3 days. A small turnout of rides, we still had fun and had a potluck supper in mom's home.

The fall riding season is creeping up on us. Anyone thinking of scheduling a ride I encourage you to do so. If you have never affiliated a ride before feel free to contact me or anyone on the trail committee or assistance.

If you are affiliating a ride and need to cancel, please try to do so before the monthly hoofbeats comes out. This gives someone else a chance to use those dates.

(Bad Weather happens of course)

All the best & ride safe.

Julie 207-446-1604

RIDE INFORMATION

September 14-15, 2019 - Fall Trail Ride

Contact for questions: Julie Anderson (email rivendell257@yahoo.com or phone 207-446-1604)

5pm Potluck Supper at the clubhouse followed by the general membership meeting at 6pm.

The rides will begin at 9:30 and will be a minimum of 3-4 hours. Please plan that lunch will be on the trails. Rides from the clubhouse include a mix of trails and roads.

September 29, 2019 - Bingham Railroad Bed Ride

Sponsored by: Anna Crowley Anna Crowley 754-1407

10:00 am. Bingham Railroad Bed Ride is Sept., 29, 2019 at 10am.

This ride will start from the trail side parking lot on route 201 in Bingham.

Please pick up any hay or manure before leaving the parking lot at the end of the day !

This is a multi-use trail so there maybe 4-wheelers, dirt bikes, Bikes, dogs, walkers etc.

We will ride 2 hours along the Kennebec River and lunch will be at the boat launch. After lunch you can return the same way you came or some may do the loop up around route 201. It makes the ride about an hour longer.

Other than crossing the road to access the trail there will be no car traffic. Dogs on leashes or long-line are welcome.

Bring your lunch, halter and lead rope.

Hope to see you all there!

Directions: Route 95 North, get off Fairfield Exit 133, and take right off the ramp. Continue on 201 through Skowhegan and Solon. 7 miles north of Solon you go down a slight grade and into the built up area of Bingham. As you come down the hill, after the Welcome to Bingham Sign, Parking is on the right . Watch for the MTR signs!

RIDE INFORMATION continued

October 5, 2019 - Newport Ride

Sponsored by: Nancy Weeks

Newport ride Saturday October 5th at 10:00. Starting in you guessed it, Newport. We will be using the parking area across from the Ford Garage on route 7 & 11.

This is an old railroad bed and is ideally suited for carts. The terrain is flat and very pretty along the Seabasticook Lake. We may encounter ATV riders along the route. Bring your lunch or I will have a copy of the menu from the restaurant that allows us to use their lawn for the lunch break. We will return the same route. Ride time is 4 hours. After the ride we will continue to Parkman where Donna Trip will be hosing the Sunday October 6th ride. See her notes for details.

Directions: From interstate 95, take exit 157, take a left if your headed north (or right if your headed south) Go straight through the set of lights. Continue 0.5+- miles and you will see the new gravel parking area on your left just beyond the trail crossing. This makes it better since you no longer have to go through the store parking lot.

October 6, 2019 - Parkman Ride

Sponsored by: Donna Trip 207-446-7982

Camping available after Newport ride, and is also available Friday through Monday. Bring water and spread manure in the field because this is a hayfield. There will be a lot of gravel roads so if your horse is tender footed you may want shoes. These trails are also accessible by cart if anyone wants to drive.

The ride starts at 10:00. Lunch will be on the trail. Ride will be about 3 to 4 hours.

A "Make Your Own Pizza" Party will be held. Please bring a favorite pizza topping, salad, or sweet treat to share.

Directions: Take I-95 to Newport Exit 157. Take a left on Route 7 North to Dexter; take first left after Hannaford supermarket on Route 23 North. Go 1.5 miles, and take 2nd left after the lake onto Cambridge Road, watch for signs. Continue for a little more then 4 miles the and take a right onto the Bridge road **355 Bridge Rd Parkman** Camper and garage at top of hill on the left.

Recycle-IT

Do YOU have something you would like to sell/trade/or give away? If so contact me and I will post it here in the HB's.

Collection of ancient Northeast Horseman magazines [1968-1981]. I'll attach a list of what I have but I want to give them in total and not individually. I hope there is someone still alive that would like to have them! Louise H. Lester, PO Box 346, Raymond, Maine 04071, 207-894-8185, louse1@maine.rr.com

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.

WANTED!

Nancy Weeks is looking for a refrigerator. It can be any color or external condition, it just needs to work and keep things cold. Nancy can be reached via email to mcgiver@tds.net or phone 207-557-3302.

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Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the October issue is due by September 20th. 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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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 Small by keeping her informed of anything where the club should send out a card, flowers or more. She can be contacted via email at: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com



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