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HOOFBEATS

Official Newsletter of The M T R A

**THE NEXT MEETING IS
JANUARY, 14 2017**

President's Stall

Thank you to all that setup and planned, and that came to the wonderfully fun Christmas Party! Several members participated in decorating the clubhouse inside and out, it was very festive! There were some games with prizes. It was an awesome and fun time!

Starting with this January issue, Nora MacDonald is taking over as editor of the Hoofbeats Newsletter. The job requires a lot of work each month. I am asking you all to help out as much as you can! As we near the riding season, please provide information to Nora for the ride at least the month before the ride, so the information can be placed into the newsletter. Any tips you would like posted are much appreciated. Photos are also needed! For photos, when possible, please include when the picture was taken and identify any horses and riders.

We have a scrapbook fundraiser at Holy Trinity Church in Lisbon Falls, on February 4th. Nancy is coordinating the food for this event. We need food donations for the morning and afternoon snacks, plus salad and soup for lunch. We will purchase what is needed for sandwiches and drinks. We also hold raffles at this event! You can bring items for raffling to the January meeting or to the event in February. Just let me know in advance of the event so I can plan appropriately for them!

We hope to have the annual banquet in February, on the 18th with the 25th as a snow date. But, the membership will need to discuss and vote to either have a meeting and a banquet, or to cancel the February 11th meeting and have just a banquet. I hope you can come to the January meeting and help set the calendar for the upcoming year!

Trudy.

**Our Next Meeting:
JANUARY, 14 2017**

Notice to Members

A long time member, Dot Saunders, passed away last month. There will be a memorial service in the Spring. When the details are shared, I will make sure they are passed onto you.

Annual Membership Contest

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.

Winner of the Annual Membership Contest for 2017 is Marianne Cogswell. Marianne has the option of being refunded her 2017 dues or use her winnings on her 2018 dues.

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.

Jan 14 – Club meeting, at the MTRA club house.

* Board of Directors meeting at 6:30 pm.

Jan 28 - Show Committee mtg 12pm @ the clubhouse, we will be ordering pizza

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

Feb 18 - MTRA Annual Banquet, rain date
Feb 25th, info to be announced

Ride Information

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

Email: Cathy@MaineTrailRiders.com

Phone: 207-582-2093

Trivia Fun!

When a horses hocks point inward, he is:

- A) cow-hocked
- B) sickle-hocked
- C) knock-hocked

General Membership Meeting Minutes

The December 10, 2016 meeting was called to order by Trudy Bickford @ 6:34 p.m.

Guests Introduction / New Members: Terry Hathaway

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

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

Board of Director's Report: BOD meeting scheduled for 1/14/17 @ clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. One item on agenda will be to discuss number of meetings being held.

Committees:

Trail Report: Trail meeting was held on December 4th, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. at Lynn Aube's.

Sandy read minutes from the meeting to the general membership. Trail Committee will also hold a brief meeting after the membership meeting tonight to make a final decision on ride sponsor awards.

Show: Lynn stated that she was approached by a young lady at one of our MTRA shows this year stating that she would like to see MTRA offer year end awards for the show season. A show meeting was scheduled for January 28, 2017 to discuss options for the 2017 show season.

Publicity Report: Lynn Aube will be the new contact for publicity and can be reached at 207-737-4095.

Building and Land: Per Nancy, Rick has installed a new light over the door on the porch and Nancy's 4-H club is in the process of making new letters to be attached to the arena rails as the ones that were on the rails were rotten.

Fund Raising: The scrapbooking fund raiser will be held at the St. Cyril Church on Frost Hill Avenue, Lisbon Falls on 2/4/17. Missy and Nancy will work together to get the food together for the lunch. If this event goes well, we immediately schedule the 2018 event date so we do not lose the date. Brenda stated that she will work with Trudy to put the give-a-way bags together. There will also be a raffle held – so if you have any items that you would like to donate, please let Trudy know. This information will be listed in the Hoofbeats.

Food Committee Report: No report

Entertainment Committee Report: No report

Parade Committee Report: No report

Hospitality Committee Report: Nancy mailed Ginny Roseberry a get-well card for the recent stroke she had.

Junior's Report: N/A

Correspondence Report: Cathy received the bond renewal offer and after review the only changes needed is a change in the bank information. The Horsemen's United renewal offer was received and the two options were discussed with the general membership. A motion to renew the policy as per the expiring with liability limits of \$1,000,000 made by Nancy, seconded by Sandy and passed.

Old Business: BOD sign-up passed around for board members to sign.

New Business: Christmas party to be held tonight. Nancy stated that the Mounted Rescue gave MTRA a \$25 donation for allowing them to use the club house to hold their meeting at earlier today. Nancy mentioned that the Mounted Rescue would like to hold their monthly meetings at the club house just before our monthly meetings and would be willing to donate to MTRA to do so. Motion to allow the Mounted Rescue to hold their monthly meetings the same days as MTRA club meeting but earlier in the day made by Sandy, seconded by Nancy and passed.

Remarks for the Good of the Order: N/A

Brag: N/A

Membership Count: 14 Seniors / 3 Dogs

Raffles or Mystery Gifts: N/A

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned @ 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Craig, Secretary

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General Information**Website**

<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

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 clubs membership, please submit it to me. I would love to hear from you.

Trivia Answer

The answer is A. When a horses hocks point inward, he is said to be cow-hocked

Editor's Note

The deadline for submissions for the February issue is **January 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 –Sally LaBree (winner of the ugly sweater contest) and Nora MacDonald at the Annual Christmas Party held at the clubhouse



GAME NIGHT AT THE BOURGOIN'S

Jorja is kicking butt.



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

I hope everybody had a very merry Christmas !! Thank God for this holiday to let us know we can still be happy after dealing with the political world and all the bad things that are going on in this world . It is a time to forget all your problems and Love each other.

I am writing to inform anybody that may be interested that the Trail Committee will try to have some new Trails for our annual rides at the Club House. Our membership has dropped off and we don't know what the real reason is but a lot of members think it is because we have lost a

lot of trails (along with some other reasons) so the Trail Committee is trying to solve some of these problems. A lot of the young people (Juniors) have grown up and got other interests. Where are some of the older Members and other people that used to ride with us ? Earl Brown is 93 years old and still rides with us. Some of the members have some real good weekend camping rides around the State. We are trying to eliminate some tar roads . We try not to ride on heavy traveled highways but it is a reality that we have to travel some country or local roads to get to another trail. We try to keep the distance at a minimum but we have a good system for riding them safely. If you have any questions, call Dana Lary PH: 353-4901 (Chairman of Trail Committee)