

# Trail Riders of Today

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## A letter from the Interim President

We all agree, 2020 was a disruptive, historically unpredictable year. With that said, we are leaving it behind.

This means TROT experienced events that lead to our Board of Directors being seriously diminished. In the past couple of weeks, an interim board with the help of the prior board, is recreating and forging forward. This led to some timelines related to the election being unavoidably missed.

We are asking the Membership to be aware that until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, our club is beholden to the 2013 bylaws. This past year of hard work, where membership took the time to meet via Zoom meetings and give valuable input to craft the 2020 bylaws will not be in force until the vote of 20% of our membership is counted.

There are a few differences that overall, it is felt benefit our organization, but it is for every member to make an informed decision. With that said, the Interim Board is moving forward to prepare for the election of a permanent board for 2021 and this must be done in a timeframe less than 3 months as outlined in the 2013 and 2020 bylaws. We, the board, have no choice and feel it is in the best interest of this organization to go forward with this election despite missing the deadline. All members will receive the nomination application shortly. We encourage you to apply. This is an excellent opportunity to work together on our shared goals.

Please get involved, be a voice- this organization has the greatest potential because it is the membership that drives it. The Board of Directors are your vessel and wish to best represent your opinions.

- Interim President Carolann Sharpe

## Bylaw Vote in Progress: Please Vote by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Article II:

\*Added ADVOCACY of trails as permitted by 501-c-3 law.

### Article V:

\*Instead of the board of Directors presenting a full slate to the full membership for vote, the membership will be canvassed to volunteer to run for the board, office, or volunteer positions, and then the full membership will be asked to vote for Board of Directors and Officers individually- not as a slate.  
\*Meeting types defined, and membership is invited to most meetings for increased opportunities for participation and transparency.

### Article VII:

\*Duties and responsibilities of Officers clearly defined, and more appropriate tasks assigned to the correct representative.

### Article IX:

\*Added Code of Conduct for all Board Members, Officers and Chairpersons.

See a more complete comparison of the 2013 to 2020 bylaws on Facebook and our website.

You can view and download a copy of the bylaws here: [TROT Proposed Bylaws 2020-11-01.pdf](#)

Please vote through this form:

[VOTE HERE 2020 BYLAWS](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JAN 5: NOMINATIONS APPLICATION FOR BOARD POSITIONS SENT**

**JAN 6: BUSINESS MEETING**

**JAN 15: BYLAW VOTING ENDS**

**JAN 22: BYLAW VOTING RESULTS ANNOUNCED**

**JAN 29: BOARD NOMINATIONS CLOSE**

**FEB 3: BUSINESS MEETING**

**FEB 5: MEMBERSHIP VOTING ON BOARD CANDIDATES STARTS**

**MAR 3: BUSINESS MEETING**

**MAR 5: MEMBERSHIP VOTING ENDS**

**MAR 24: NEW BOARD ANNOUNCED:**

## INTERIM OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

**INTERIM PRESIDENT:**

Carolann Sharpe

**INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT,  
SECRETARY and TREASURER:**

Ivy Smink

**INTERIM BOARD MEMBERS:**

Meggan Whalen

Linda Neal

Christina Micek

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