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Ride Safe, Ride Sensible, & Ride Respectfully

NEXT MEETINGS -02/17/11, 03/17/11, 04/21/11

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Honeoye Fish & Game Club @ 7:00 p.m.

CHECK THE HVR WEBSITE FOR TRAIL UPDATES BEFORE YOU HIT THE TRAIL

Harriet Hollister Spencer Park Trail

Thank you everyone for staying on the trail on the South Side of the cones in Harriet Hollister Spencer Park (HHSP). This allows skiers and snowmobilers to co-exist without interfering or crossing over into one another's trail. It has made it a lot more peaceful in the park for everyone.

The good news for HHSP is that HVR was able to bulldoze a new trail (C-4) connecting us to the new southern sections of HHSP south to Dutch Hollow Rd. Clint VanDewark our State Funding Coordinator and State Park officials were able to put a good plan together for the trail. With the expertise from NYS Parks Engineering and NYS Parks Management we were able to contract the work with Wohlschlegel Construction instead of waiting for NYS Parks to perform the work. The trail took approximately 3 days to build. A very nice scenic trail for HHSP and a great addition to the HVR trail system.

You should avoid going into the park during these events the North and South entrances will be closed off. Follow the road to the trail head.

Sectional Ski Meet on Saturday, February 12, 2011 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Trails

As a club, we need to stress again, that when you're out riding and choose to cross someone's property that is not our trail system, YOU ARE trespassing unless you have express permission from the landowner whose property borders HVR's trail system. Please do not use the club's name or point any landowner in the direction of HVR management to solve a situation that you might have caused crossing someone's property without permission to get to the HVR trail system. It is your duty to seek permission before you ride when trying to get to the marked trail system.

To date, we have had five trail complaints this year in regards to snowmobilers not staying on the posted trails. Many of our members have likely read the complaints already, as they have been listed on the HVR website and on HVR Facebook. Please be sure to check the HVR website on a regular basis for **up to date trail** information.

Snowmobilers please pay attention to trail marker in the fields. The trail corners in many fields are getting wider and wider. Sometimes this causes a real issue with the landowners so remember when your cutting the corner you could be impacting crops planted. Please slow down, follow all signs, stay in between all double staked trail posts, and stay to the edges of fields.

C-4 trail is now connected to the Finger Lakes Snowmobile Club off County. Road # 40. This trail runs through open fields and ends up in Holcomb/Bloomfield. Cheap Charlie's is a good place for food and gas is available. You can continue riding into Canandaigua and beyond.

The C4 connection would not have been possible without the permission from one important Landowner, Randall Farms. Thank you to HVR member Todd Miller, and HVR Trail Manager, Dave Phillips, for contacting Randall farms. Todd and Dave worked out a trail through the property that had the least impact to crops. As you know, there are many farmers that graciously allow us entry through their property. Think about how many of you as members would be willing to let strangers ride through your property? Likely some of you would not be so cooperative. Staying on the marked trails is very important. When you see corner stakes in a field it means staying tight to the sides and corners for a good reason.

EQUIPMENT

Grooming has been going fairly well for us this year. Trails have never been so good. We have a number of people trained to groom but we still lack help on a regular basis to get work done. We have had some breakdowns that have caused a lapse in grooming in the Naples/HHSP area. The SV-301 had some major issues that needed immediate repair so this unit was taken out of service on 1/29/11. It should be back in service the 2nd week in February. We also had a steering cable break on the Range Runner. That should be back in service soon. The Bombi had to be brought in for track guides and welding done on the drag hitch. There's lots of work going on behind the scenes to keep the groomer fleet up and running. The cost to fix our large SV 130 groomer is going to be approximately \$4,000.00. That is the price for doing business. However, some care taken while running the groomers and it can save money on the wear and tear items. Please be careful when grooming to protect our assets. Next year HVR is proposing a groomer maintenance coordinator and a coordinator for managing and organizing the people that groom. We have had more snow to groom than past years, so more people are needed to cover the grooming needs. We have 4 groomers and **we need more people** to get all groomers out grooming. A grooming schedule will be put together so that we have grooming done Monday – Sunday utilizing all 4 groomers. **Please sign up now for a day(s) that suits your schedule.** Contact Craig Knobel @ 746-7045. If you are interested in grooming but need training also contact Craig.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

HVR. We are known as a club that follows rules and well disciplined. If you remember my statement in the last newsletter I stated "It can all vaporize in a minute when our neighbors, the town or the school officials receive complaints about excessive speed, horsing around, loud pipes or not staying on the trail". As president I have received five calls this year about trail issues. All preventable, if people would just follow the rules and **STAY ON THE MARKED TRAIL.** Should I have to deal with this type of behavior and make excuses/apologies on behalf of the club? I think not. That is not what I signed up for. Now, some would say five complaints that's not bad, right? Wrong, they give the club a black eye. I will not re-list these infractions; you can read them online at our Website or Facebook.

Our HVR website postings has gotten the word out fast so that people know the issues and help get us back on track. If the trail doesn't make sense as it is marked out or you don't know where you are going, stop, ask questions and don't go on. If you see trail closed or re-routed, stay out and follow the marked trail. Things have settled down but I do have one last complaint I need to address and that is that some snowmobilers choose to go through the California Ranch trailer park. The manager of the park shut-off our HVR trail down to the lake. Just because of a few un-thoughtful snowmobilers we pay the price as a club. I hope you get the understanding of what I say in my letters and what we need to do as a riding community.

Please make sure you share with your children and friends the discipline and respect that is needed when riding around our trail system. You are HVR and you are the CLUB.

Budget Update

Checking Balance: \$1,420.00

Savings Balance: \$1,440.00

Groomer Loans: Bombi II (\$215.00 per Month)

Range Runner (\$480.00 per Month)

Right now we are on a tight budget due to costly repairs; however, we should be receiving state funds by the first week in March or sooner and NYSSA Membership money for January (approx. \$600.00 dollars).

Large Cost Items for trail and equipment improvements and repairs:

HHSP trail bulldozing: \$3,000.00

SV-301 Repair parts and labor: \$4,000.00

Range Runner Repair: \$80.00

Fuel costs: \$500.00 (so far)

EVENTS:

Enclosed in this newsletter is the flyer for the Steak Roast that will be held on Saturday, March 5th, 2011. Location has changed to the American Legion Post 1278, West Lake Rd., Honeoye. Please fill out the form with your choices, and mail as directed on the flyer. Make sure that you send in the bottom section filled out with your check for the appropriate amount and return by the February dead line. There will be a 50/50 raffle and fabulous prizes, hope to see you there! Information is also placed on HVR Facebook and website.