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JULY/AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETINGS

7/17, 8/21, 09/18, 10/16, 11/20 and 12/18

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

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership renewal forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Snowmobile registrations renewal and club memberships renewal takes place in August, 2014. **State funding we receive is directly influenced by timely registration renewals.** Please don't wait until the snow flies to renew your membership and register your snowmobile(s). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Deadline for Membership renewal is December 1st, 2014 for clubs to receive funding that will apply this snowmobile season. After Dec. 1st the funding will go into next season.

There are several ways to join or renew your membership to our club:

1. Complete the enclosed form and mail it back then your voucher will be mailed to you. (****Business memberships need to be printed and mailed in. Online registration is not possible.**)
2. Visit our website, click on "Join Our Club Online", follow the instructions (helpful tips are listed on our website), pay by credit card and print out your voucher immediately.
3. Download and print out the membership form on our website and mail it in.
4. Join at a meeting and get your voucher immediately.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK:

Please visit our website and/or friend us on Facebook (HillNValleyRiders) for latest news, events and updates.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all the landowners on our trail system that allow us to utilize a snowmobile trail through your property. We are grateful for your generosity and look forward to a much snowier 2014/2015 season. There are approximately 210 landowners we work with every year to obtain and secure permission for use of their property for our snowmobile trails. A club representative will be calling you for permission for the up-coming season. **If you're a landowner that rides snowmobiles, we offer a free club membership. Just send in the enclosed membership form and make a note that you are a landowner located on the trail system.** We hope you enjoy our newsletter starting out the 2013/2014 snowmobile season.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Land Owners, please consider this letter a thank you for past season and an invitation to our landowner member picnic(see the attached flyer, your personal invitation to this event): The HVR landowner/membership picnic will be held at the Honeoye Fish and Game Club on Saturday, September 27, 2014. Please reference the enclosed flyer for this event. RSVP is requested as it is very expensive to make arrangements for food and beverages and end up wasting much of it due to low attendance. This picnic is an opportunity for members to meet, greet and thank the landowners for their generosity. Last year 45 people attended! We hope for the same or better for 2014!

TRAIL WORK:

We have some serious trail trimming work to perform this summer into fall so that our new groomer will adequately fit down the trails. Some brushing teams will need to be assembled and start this work early in order to get the work done on a timely basis prior to the hunting season.

Trail dozer work has either been completed or in the process of being done on S-49 Hemlock trail West of Purcel Rd. and S-41 near McClurg Rd.

HVR obtained a NYSDEC Forestry permit to install a culvert pipe by West Pond at Hemlock Fairground property. We will need help to build a bridge across the gully at the Hemlock Sportsman Club this year and rebuild a bridge on C-4 trail across from the Honeoye Fish and Game Club. See Dave Stevens and Rich VanAnnberg for helping on these bridges.

Inspection of all bridges is needed this year and should be done by September. We need to make sure all bridges are safe for groomer access and for snowmobilers. Some major bridge work has already been done on the main bridge off main street

heading toward Honeoye Lake. Thank you to the Town of Richmond for Rip Wrap and Rich VanAnberg for his backhoe work. Thanks to Dave Stevens, Clint Vandewark and Jim Fyfe for their help on this project as well.

All our trails were GPS'd to make sure our trail mileage was accurate and submitted as required in our phase 1 and 2 application for trail funding, through NYSOPHP (New York State Parks and Recreation). All trail funding dollars comes from your NYS snowmobile registration and not NYS tax dollars. That is why we ask that you register in August and prior to December so money can be properly allocated to the clubs for this riding season. Otherwise, those registration dollars roll into the following year. Our trail dollars were down by almost 2000.00 due to people registering their sleds after December or not at all. This year the state is putting forth a large enforcement effort checking snowmobilers for registrations and insurance to make sure snowmobilers are in compliance. There is also a big push to enforce noise and the use of un-certified exhaust cans. They are educating town justices also to understand and know the snowmobile laws for NYS. Clubs will help with this effort also.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Newsletters are getting pretty expensive to mail out these days and it takes a significant portion of our budget to send them out. We are going to rely more on emails, Facebook and the HVR website for up to date communications. One of our members Brian Boorman, is doing a great job updating and enhancing our website. We sincerely thank him for his services. We will only be sending out 2 mailings per year, one mailing in the July/August time frame and a combined September/October and November issue. All other newsletters will be posted at our hillandvalleyriders.com website or face book. This will allow us to cut costs and still get pertinent information out to our members for pre-season. It also allows us to post more news on our website with the expectation that members check the website more frequently for up to date information. You can always find the latest information on our website, FACEBOOK and Twitter.

Dave Arnold is coordinating groomer repairs so anyone that is mechanically inclined and can help out would be appreciated. You can contact Dave at his email address or phone listed on the front page of this newsletter.

We can always use more help installing signs at the start of the season. Please come to one of our meetings and we can set you up with an area of responsibility. It isn't hard and we can definitely use the help. The more people helping, the easier it makes all of our jobs. As president I'm also looking for someone interested in taking the role as president of HVR. I've performed this job for a long time and I would like to mentor someone for a year so that they can step in and manage the club. The club actually manages itself pretty well with all the officer positions. There is overlap and experience by all on the team. Mentorship is the best way to have a successful transfer of management responsibilities.

FUNDING AND GRANT COORDINATOR:

HVR is entering into the 2014-2015 season of snowmobiling with future funding challenges. Last year HVR endured some equipment changes and major repairs. We also spent the season anticipating how NYS Parks would be distributing trail funding dollars to us do to impending changes in the funding programs within NYS Parks.

Currently when you register your sled, some of this money (10.00) is lost in fees to the DMV, the rest of the fee goes to the snowmobile trail fund. Each year snowmobile clubs apply for funding through NYS Parks and it is based on trail miles, trail destinations, trail quality / location, trail size (width), and its grooming status. These factors determine whether or not the trail gets funded and at what rate that trail is classified. The classification determines how much per mile a club will be allotted for funding. The allotted funding is also based on number of snowmobile registrations in NYS for the year (that is where you can help by registering your sled). If there are more registered, the factor goes up and if there is less the factor goes down. This process works great and has been used for years. So you may ask so why would HVR struggle wondering how we will get the funds if this system is been working so well? Snowmobile registrants are down by approx.30,000.

Everyone is fully aware that there are areas in the state that receive more snow than others. You also know that the weather can drastically change within a season and it can effect who gets snow and who does not. In the past, the trail fund rates were based on miles and you received funds back based on expenses incurred on maintaining these miles of trails with signage, equipment usage and more. However, times are changing and the funds are going to be directed more based on usage and grooming hours. A club that is not getting enough snow to groom is not going to receive the funds it may have received in the past. There are many factors in the changes coming and this is one factor that could impact HVR. So how does HVR prep for this and be sure we still get our ample funding?

To ensure HVR can re coop funds that we all have paid into the registration system it is as simple as us being prepared 100% when the snow falls and the trails open. We need to be ready and have trails cleared, bridges ready and signs up and ready to go the moment we have trails open. Grooming equipment must be ready to go and all the little items in question fixed and ready to run. Groomer operators must be on prepared schedule and ready to go. If the groomer is not logging hours grooming, funds are not going to be coming to HVR. We need trained groomer operators that will operate equipment with respect and not like it is a wrecking ball. When a groomer is broke down these are lost grooming log hours and HVR will be losing funds. We also need to make sure we budget enough gasoline and diesel to keep the groomers running. Two people grooming doesn't cut it for the club. We need more trained operators on a schedule. Four people would be a great number to have with a couple of backup groomers.

This summer we are preparing our BR60+ with new track belting and going thru tires to avoid flats, The Bombi is getting grousers and tire replacements as well to prevent flats. The SV301 is getting different brake fluid and exhaust changes to reduce high heat levels in the brake and steering system. Lighting in the units will need to be reviewed and general fluid changes and greasing of the units will be done. We will need manpower to assist in some of the maintenance. Having these machines ready to groom will help us have a successful grooming season for 2014-2015 and get the funding dollars to us.

FINANCIAL: Balances in bank accounts below are before Expenses for Aug/Sept. 2014

Checking Balance:	\$ 1922.34	EXPENSES Aug/Sept:	
Savings Balance:	\$ 8259.88	Newsletter Mailing:	\$250.00
Line of Credit:	\$ 500.00	SV 301 Aug/Sept:	Paid Off
Petty Cash:	\$ 100.00	BR 60+ Loan Aug/Sept:	\$13288.40

STORAGE: Snowmobile and/or snowmobile trailer storage. Large vehicle storage building that is clean, safe and secure. Reasonable summer rates. Brian Rayburn 585-229-5563 or 585-314-1213.