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SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETINGS

No July Meeting, 8/18, 09/15, 10/20, 11/17 and 12/15

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 registration renewal and club membership renewal starts in August, 2016. **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, 2016** for clubs to receive funding that will apply to this snowmobile season. After December 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. Your voucher by choice will be E-Mailed or 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 (similar to #1).
4. Join at a meeting and your voucher will be E-mailed or mailed out the next day! No more blank vouchers allowed.

EVENTS & CONNECTIONS:

Please visit our website (hillandvalleyriders.com), follow us on Twitter (@HVR_Snow) 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 2016-2017 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 are a landowner that rides snowmobiles, we offer a free club membership.** As a club we keep track of which landowners snowmobile and send a voucher ahead of time but sometimes we get new landowners that snowmobile. If your new to snowmobiling and a landowner on the trail, please 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 2016-2017 snowmobile season.

Land Owners, please consider this letter and the included \$20.00 voucher as a thank you for your cooperation and generosity in using your land for trails. You may utilize this voucher for \$20.00 at Valley Inn, Locks Stock & Barrel, Cornerstone Market, Mill Creek or the Boat House. Please see voucher included for more details!

UPCOMING EVENTS: There will be a Fall party for members and landowners. The date and location are TBA. Please stay updated on our website, Twitter, and/or Facebook.

TRAIL WORK:

We have some trail work already under way with a new culvert pipe being installed on C-4 trail on 20a near Faith Bible Church. HVR President Scott Wohlschlegel and HVR Funding Coordinator Clint VanDewark worked with the landowner and NYSDOT for obtaining permission and a permit to install the culvert pipe. This will keep snowmobile traffic off the landowner's driveway on both sides of the road, making it a straight line crossing the road and a safety road crossing.

Trail dozer work is in the process of being scheduled on S-41 by Pete Thompson to fix some erosion issues just off Co. Rd. 33 heading to South Hill.

HVR President Scott Wohlschlegel will be writing a formal letter to Rochester City Water in Hemlock requesting permission for use of their property to connect into the State Forest Land by the Hemlock Fair Grounds to eliminate road riding and illegal trail riding.

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 bridge work is needed on the two smaller bridges heading toward Honeoye Lake. Clint VanDewark and the Boy Scout Troop will be assessing and modifying these bridges. HVR Vice President Jim Fyfe will assist.

All our trails have updated GPS coordinates with S-44 completed in March on a four wheeler due to lack of snow this season. GPS coordinates are required in our phase 1 and 2 application for trail funding, through NYSOPHP (New York State Parks and Recreation). All trail funding dollars come from your NYS snowmobile registration and not NYS tax dollars.

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 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/November issue. All other newsletters will be posted at our www.hillandvalleyriders.com website or Facebook. 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 updated information. You can always find the latest information on our website, Facebook and Twitter.

Dave Arnold is coordinating all groomer repairs. Anyone that is mechanically inclined and can help 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 trail coordinators or participants to help install 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.

You will also notice we have some new people on the management team for the club. Jennifer Knobel (Secretary), Sara Graham (HVR Club Administrator), Pete Thompson (Event Coordinator), John Morsheimer (Marketing Manager). We have a good strong team of Club officers and going forward I know the Club will have smooth functionality.

FUNDING AND GRANT COORDINATOR:

HVR is entering into the 2016-2017 snowmobile season with 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 due to impending changes in the funding programs within NYS Parks.

Trail funding dollars are **not** from taxes it is registration money! 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. We receive this in two phases, 70% portion and a then a final 30% reimbursement. Each year snowmobile clubs apply for funding through NYS Parks and it is based on trail miles, trail destinations, trail quality, trail 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. There have been some struggles, snowmobile registrants were down significantly last year due to lack of snow, which will have a direct result on how much is distributed to clubs this year.

As we know from last year the weather can drastically change within a season and it can affect 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.

To ensure HVR can regain 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 stable and signs up. Additionally, grooming equipment must be functional and efficient, groomer operators must be on a prepared schedule and logging hours. If the groomer is not logging hours of grooming, funds are not going to be coming to HVR. Last year we logged 101 hours of work in Livingston County and 595.5 hours in Ontario County for putting up signs, posts, gates, culverts, trimming trails and general trail maintenance. Because of this diligence our reimbursement from the state was substantial. Livingston County received \$1,515.00 and Ontario County received \$8,932.50. That is \$10,447.50 of registration dollars coming back to the HVR trail system! We recirculate this money to maintain our trails and do the work mentioned above. As you can see an hour here and an hour there add up. We are more than happy to take on volunteers willing to add to these hours! For all work done it must be logged within 60 days of the work, or we lose those hours. Every hour you put in will bring money back to HVR. So, please be sure to contact one of the HVR officers via email or phone so that we can get your hours in to the system. You will need to fill out a basic form so that we can track it, but overall the process is simple and obviously pays off.

We also have a grand-fathered groomer payment that can be claimed and that helped as well. As this runs out, our club may have to do more fundraising to produce adequate funds to purchase groomers or for repairs.

HVR Funding and Grant Coordinator Clint VanDewark stated the following: "over the years I am proud to say that HVR has come a long way and it would not be without great landowners, club members and willing volunteers to make the sport of snowmobiling a success in our area. We have a limited time on the snow and having trails set-up and ready to go when the snow falls is essential for a successful season. Talking to neighbors, improving signage, or adjusting a trail corner so headlights don't shine in a house window are all small things that make a huge difference. The time spend coordinating and making these personal connections and changes are all a part of making this sport a great thing."

FINANCIAL: Balances in bank accounts below are current up to July 2016.

Checking Balance: \$ 1,101.45
Savings Balance: \$ 15,383.80
Petty Cash: \$131.96
Groomer Loan Balance: \$8448.79