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## November-December 2016 Newsletter

### NEXT MEETINGS

11/17/16, **12/15/16** (also the HVR Christmas Party), 1/19/17, 2/16/17, 3/16/17 and 4/20/17  
Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at the Honeoye Fish & Game Club @ 7:00 p.m.

**TRAILS ARE CLOSED UNTIL DEER HUNTING (MUZZLE LOADING) SEASON ENDS ON 12/20/16**  
**TRAILS OPEN ON 12/22/16 – CONDITIONS/WEATHER PERMITTING**

+Check the website, Facebook, Twitter and/or Remind.com for trail updates before you hit the trail+

### MEMBERSHIP:

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). Please let your snowmobile friends know if they have not registered their snowmobiles yet.

**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 a couple of ways to join or renew your membership to our club:

1. 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 through NYSSA.
2. Download "membership application" and fill it out and mail it to HVR address above. (\*\*Business memberships need to be printed and mailed in. Online registration is not possible).
3. If you are a landowner that rides snowmobiles, we offer a free club membership. Down load the membership form fill it out and make a note that you are a landowner located on the trail system. Mail it to HVR's mailing address at the top of this newsletter.

Sara Graham is our HVR/NYSSA Administrator. She produces any vouchers and insurance certificates on behalf of the club. This is a new position and she's doing a great job managing the system.

### WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA:

For latest news, events and trail updates:

- Visit our website [www.hillandvalleyriders.com](http://www.hillandvalleyriders.com)
- "LIKE" our page to receive news feed on Facebook (@hillandvalleyriders)
- Follow us on Twitter (@HVR\_Snow)
- Sign-up to receive text/email updates on Remind following the attached flyer (@6hgbhb)

Right now our Facebook is setup as a profile. Soon it will be transitioned into a page. So you must search @hillandvalleyriders on Facebook, then "LIKE" our page so that you are able to receive news feed messages that we post.

### REMIND.COM TEXT INSTRUCTIONS

#### **get text notifications.**

Text the message @6hgbhb to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @6hgbhb to (585) 919-1096.

\* Standard text message rates apply.



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

As you all know, last season was the worst year for snow across the Northeast. HVR survived financially due to all the work that was registered by trail coordinators and trail workers. By filling out the work forms and entering them into the online NYS Parks Grant System, HVR was reimbursed our due amount by NYS Parks even though limited grooming took place. The fact is, the majority of the club's trail funding is received through sled registrations based on registrant numbers from the current December to the following December and club membership fees. Currently, membership is down state wide (including HVR). This is definitely going to have an impact on trail dollars awarded to us and other clubs in NYS for 2016/17 and the upcoming snowmobile snow season. Last year's ugly season probably drove a lot of people out of the sport. The cost of new sleds is another factor and lack of disposable cash for fun.

If this winter is light and registrations are down, you may find that some clubs across NYS may fold due to being small, some with debt and some not conservative with their spending. We are hoping, however, that this will not be the case.

This sport takes a lot of work, many hands, more now than ever to accomplish goals and to meet the constant new rules set by NYS for trail posting. Please come to meetings, help with trail work, and **get involved**. Take on a section of trail and maintain the signs for the season, erecting them and removing them at the end of the season. Thankfully the previous president, Dave Stevens, put in much effort last year to get more trail coordinators working towards getting permissions and signing areas. We now have a greatly improved, marked trail system. Thank you to all that participate to make this happen.

Some reminders of our sport-- don't take our riding privileges lightly. 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, not staying on the trail & late night riding. HVR has had a good name for itself for many years. We are known as a club that is considerate, who follows rules and respectful of landowner property. They call Honeoye the Little Old Forge of the Finger Lakes, mainly for the freedom of being able to snowmobile through the town, use the lake accordingly and ride into other towns and communities. What a deal we have! Please make sure you share with your children and friends the discipline & respect that is needed when riding around our trail system. You are HVR & you are the CLUB. If you are wondering "How can I help HVR?" The answer: be a volunteer & help maintain a section of trail, reflect the club's character mentioned above in your riding, and spread the word on appropriate conduct/riding.

The weather outlook is great for long range winter forecasts, so we should have a much snowier winter! Enjoy the upcoming winter and be safe.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Business Meeting—**December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
*If you are able bring a dish to pass for us all to enjoy! HVR will provide the chicken wings and pizza. Cash bar. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Food will be available from 6:00 PM, through the end of the meeting at Honeoye Fish and Game Club.*
- Annual Steak Roast Dinner—**February 11<sup>th</sup> 2017** (see flyer for sign-up and details)

## **TRAIL WORK:**

We have some trail work already completed with a new culvert pipe installed on C-4 trail on 20a near Faith Bible Church. This will keep snowmobile traffic off the landowner's driveway on both sides of the road, making it a safe, straight-line road crossing.

Trail dozer work was completed on S-41 just off Co. Rd. 33 heading to South Hill. This trail had washed out with deep trenches making it a dangerous section of trail. Pete Thompson headed up this project. Between last year and this year much of the S-41 trail has been re-dozed and in good condition. Loggers on South Hill dressed up the trails going down over the hill to Lock, Stock and Barrel.

HVR President Scott Wohlschlegel wrote a 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. We received a call back from Rochester City Water and they are willing to work with us. Rich Kraft and Dave Rippley are going to continue the work with Rochester City Water to secure a trail route, mark the trails and install some culvert pipes.

All our trails are up to date on GPS'ing and no updates are needed for up to 2 years, thanks to HVR Trail Manager David Phillips. There are also plenty of signs and stakes newly purchased and stored in the HVR Shed behind the Honeoye, Fish and Game Club.

If you're interested in grooming operations and learning how to groom, contact Dave Arnold. His number and email are listed in the heading of this newsletter.

## **FINANCIAL:**

As of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the treasurer's report is as follows:

Petty Cash	\$131.96
Checking	\$701.94
Savings	\$13,885.98
Groomer Loan Balance	\$7,323.05