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Remind Text—FYI-- No longer using

December 2018 Newsletter

NEXT MEETINGS

11/15/18, 12/13/18 (also the HVR Christmas Party), 1/17/19, 2/21/19, 3/21/19 and 4/18/19. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at the Honeoye Fish & Game Club @ 7:00 p.m. **Exception** is the Christmas Potluck, second Thursday of December. Potluck Dinner 6:00 p.m.; business meeting 7:00 p.m.

TRAILS ARE CLOSED UNTIL DEER HUNTING (MUZZLE LOADING) SEASON ENDS ON 12/19/18 LIMITED TRAILS COULD OPEN ON 12/20/18 – CONDITIONS/WEATHER PERMITTING

+Check the website trail report and Facebook for trail updates before you hit the trails+.

+Some trail work, such as sign posting and clearing has not been completed due to hunting starting in October+

MEMBERSHIP:

If you have friends and family that still need to join a club, share this information with them!

IMPORTANT NOTE: Deadline for Membership Renewal is December 1st, 2018 for clubs to receive funding that will apply to this snowmobile season for trail maintenance and grooming. After December 1st the funding will go into next season.

There are several 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.
2. Download "membership application" and mail it back to us, then your voucher will be E-Mailed or mailed to you.
3. Join us at a meeting and your voucher will be E-mailed or mailed out the next day!
4. **If you are a landowner** that rides snowmobiles, we offer a free club membership. Please fill out the membership form 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. Please contact her with any membership questions.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA:

For latest news, events and trail updates:

- Visit our website www.hillandvalleyriders.com
- "LIKE" our page to receive newsfeed on Facebook (HillNValleyRiders)

FINANCIAL:

The Treasurer's Report is as follows from November 15th, 2018:

Petty Cash	\$311.46	Savings	\$7082.46
Checking	\$802.95	Groomer Balances	\$1573.38, \$7738.60, and \$6500.00

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Business Meeting—**December 13th, 2018**
If you are able, bring a dish to pass for us all to enjoy! HVR will provide the 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.

Pay attention and stay tuned regularly to postings on our Website and Facebook. We're hoping to have a snowmobile trail hot dog roast and a poker run if the weather cooperates.

2019 Super Raffle Participation Needed! Tickets to sell included!

Sponsored by the Onondaga County Snowmobile Association

Please help Hill and Valley Riders, Inc. sell tickets for the 2019 Super Raffle. We have enclosed 3 tickets and have placed in this mailing; ticket price is \$5.00 each. This is a fundraiser and our club, Hill and Valley Riders, Inc. (as well as other participating clubs) will receive \$2.50 per ticket sold. All participating Clubs will use the Donation for "The Maintenance and Development" of public snowmobile trails in NYS.

You can buy the tickets yourself or sell them to friends, family, or co-workers. Once the ticket is filled out with the appropriate information and indicates the Selling club: Hill and Valley Riders, Inc. please detach (**Do Not Send Cash**) send a check or money order for total amount sold to: Hill and Valley Riders, Inc. (HVR) PO BOX 61, Honeoye, NY 14471
Attention: Treasurer **OR** bring to a club meeting. Tickets & Money DUE NO LATER Than **Thursday, March 15th, 2019.**
Please return any tickets not sold.

If you would like extra tickets or if you have any questions please contact Vickie or Scott Wohlschlegel Email address: wohlschl1@frontiernet.net

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Snow wise, last year was a much better season than the year before. We racked up a lot of grooming hours, which helps us get our projected trail funding dollars from the NYSOPHP (NYSPARKS). It is also very important to be logging work hours on the trail by filling out the work forms and entering your work hours into the online NYS Parks Grant System, HVR was reimbursed a significant amount of money by NYS Parks even though limited grooming took place.

The majority of the NYS Park trail funding program 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 going to have an impact on future trail dollars awarded to clubs in NYS for 2018/2019 snowmobile season. Lack of snow and the high cost of new sleds is another factor and less disposable cash for fun is having an impact on membership. I have also noticed a big decline in the number of students taking the snowmobile safety course. It has dropped considerably over the past 3 years.

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. Some excessive trail marking has to take place in some places because snowmobilers can't seem to stay on the trails. This takes a lot of extra time, money and manpower to mark these sensitive areas. Please continue to 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. Thank you to all that participate to make this happen year after year.

Some reminders of our sport, please 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. We have five new landowners on the trail system. They are all concerned with noise, so we need to be very considerate of any late-night riding. Some common sense needs to prevail, especially in snowmobiling in town and near houses. It's prudent that we minimize noise and the time of night that we are riding. That is why we have implemented the following ordinance which was adopted by the towns in Canadice, Richmond and Naples due to trails crossing and utilizing town roads, such as Canadice Hill Rd. etc. Sunday through Thursday 8:00 AM-11:00 PM. Friday and Saturdays 8:00 AM-12:00 Midnight.

We will be posting signs that say QUIET PLEASE. That means idle through quietly. Last year we had a major complaint from a snowmobiler coming through at 2:00 AM timeframe. It stirred up a bunch of concerns from landowners. Some threatened to kick us out from their property because of one rude and inconsiderate snowmobiler. Always remember, we are able to have trails to ride because landowners are gracious enough to grant us permission to do so. One person with loud pipes and/or riding late could force a trail shutdown. If we lose a section of trail within our immediate riding area (C-4, S-41a and S-41), a re-route is nearly impossible, so preserving the right for use, is an absolute must.

We are known as a club that is considerate, who follows rules and are 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 the ability to ride into other towns and communities. Please make sure you share with your children and friends the discipline & respect that is needed when riding around our trail system. 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 snowmobiling etiquette and responsibility.

TRAIL WORK:

- *There have been a lot of trail improvements this year starting with new culverts on State Forest Property in Hemlock, NY, S-49 trail. The project was headed up by Dave Ripley and Rich Kraft.
- *A new bridge on S-49 on private property. Project headed up by Rich VanAmberg.
- *New Bridge work and trail work on S-41A. Project headed up by Clint VanDewark in cooperation with the Town of Richmond.
- *S-41 trail trimming starting at Co. Rd. 33 and East to Lower Egypt Rd. Pete Thompson and Scott Wohlschlegel.
- *Clint VanDewark and the Boy Scouts (Troop #521) have performed work raising one of the bridges on the Sandy Bottom Trail.
- *The President met with five new landowners and discussed continued trail use. One large connection in Honeoye with DOLCO, which we got permission, but a lot of negotiations and legalities.
- *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.
- *Purchase of a 2000 Piston Bully from Old Ski Valley for trail Grooming has just been completed. Some Mechanic work needed to get this unit into shape but overall, is in very good condition.

- *New trailer purchased by HVR for moving equipment.

FUNDING AND GRANT INFORMATION:

Trail funding is a key piece of what allows HVR to exist and function. In 1998 and 1999 when I became active in HVR the Club operated on about \$200 to \$300 a year. Signs were cut out of plywood, painted orange and fastened to posts or trees. If you look some of these signs still exist today. We held pancake breakfasts at the Gun Club to raise money and we received donated materials to do whatever we could with them. HVR, since the 70's has been operating successfully due to its great officers, members, and supporting community. Since then HVR superseded and improved insurance, addressing landowner concerns, grooming trails, new signage; All of this drove HVR to look into the Trail Fund Program. This fund in 2000 was like a pot of gold for HVR. We could actually get funds we as riders had paid into back so that we could utilize the money locally. When we first started this fund program we received about \$4,000. This allowed us to have reflective signage, build bridges and install culverts. This drove us to get HVR further into the Trail Fund Program. We added more and more of HVR's trails into the NYS system. This ensured that our landowners were covered under insurance, protected by NYSSA, and our trails could be policed officially by sheriffs and DEC Officers better than before. Not just club members trying to keep people on the trail.

Presently, the Trail Fund brings back an average of \$18,000 a year; obviously leaps and bounds from where we started. This allows HVR to run groomers, install culverts and bridges, get proper signage, etc. We also get to bring the money we spend on our snowmobile registrations back to our area. This process is all run through NYS Parks and Recreation that we work in conjunction with Ontario County and Livingston County to get these dollars back to us.

Simplified, it works like this: You register your snowmobile for \$45 then \$15 goes to NYS DMV and other fees. The other \$30 goes into the NYS Trail Fund that is managed by NYS Parks. For HVR to get that back we need to first have a trail permission. Second, have it approved by the county and parks. Third, we must apply for all permits required through NYS, NYS Parks, NYS DEC, Town and County. Fourth, we need to spend that \$30 on signage, grooming, bridges, and trail maintenance. Fifth, we must document every bit of the work who, what, where, and when. Sixth, we must submit all documents, receipts and bank documents to the county and parks for a review / audit. Seventh, if all items are approved we get the \$30 we spent back. Every mile we have and every groomer we operate helps drive how much money we can get back to HVR. If we lose trail miles we lose money back to our area.

Some examples of how the funds help benefit those outside of snowmobiling is improving Sandy Bottom Trail, parks and private landowners property. HVR has funded and repaired 3 bridges at Sandy Bottom. We have installed culverts and bridges on trails in NYS DEC, and NYS Parks, as well as many private landowners' properties. We have even installed gates and removed/planted bushes and trees. All of this effort is huge and impacts our area to keep it going. We need to keep educating people on how we can and will help, and the importance of staying on the trail and working with the landowners to continue this unique relationship.

Hill and Valley Riders Inc. wish you a wonderful snowmobile season!