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December 2020 Newsletter

NEXT MEETINGS

12/10/20 (NO Christmas Party due to COVID-19), 1/21/21, 2/18/21, 3/18/21 and 4/15/21. 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 12/22/20
LIMITED TRAILS MAY OPEN ON 12/23/20 – 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 our information with them!

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA:

For latest news, events and trail updates--

- Visit our website www.hillandvalleyriders.com
- “LIKE” our page to receive newsfeed on Facebook (@HillandValleyRiders)

FINANCIAL:

	<u>Payment/Mo.</u>	<u>Balance Owed</u>
PistenBully Snow Cat	\$205.72	\$2166.56
Tucker Snow Cat	\$228.33	\$3058.16

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner is cancelled this year due to COVID-19. We will still hold a regular meeting to discuss HVR happenings.
- Snowmobile Safety Course is cancelled for this year due to COVID-19.

FUNDING AND GRANT INFORMATION:

Trail funding is a key piece of what allows HVR to exist and function. Presently, the Trail Fund reimburses an award average of \$18,000 a year for Livingston and Ontario Counties. This allows HVR to run groomers, install culverts and bridges, get proper signage, etc. This reimbursement money is totally supported by snowmobile registration dollars and NOT tax payer dollars. This reimbursement process is a function of NYS Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with Ontario County and Livingston County who are the overseers/local government sponsor that will manage the payment of the reimbursements to the snowmobile clubs in the County.

Some examples of how the funds help benefit those outside of snowmobiling, is improving hiking area. We have amended 3 bridges on the Sandy Bottom Trail; placed culverts and bridges at local parks and private landowners’ properties. We have installed gates to stop/manage trespassers during the off season and removed or planted bushes and trees for other landowners. All of this work takes a lot of members working for the common good of snowmobiling in our community. It’s rewarding as it gives us snowmobile trails to enjoy locally. We need to keep educating people about the importance of staying on the trail and working with the landowners to continue this unique relationship of trust and accountability.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Just a reminder to stay off the snowmobile trails until deer season is done on 12/22/20. Trails could open on 12/23/20 providing there is adequate snow and we have removed hunting signs, blockages, fencing and checked for safety hazards. After last year's fiasco of a few people riding snowmobile on the trails during deer season, it caused a lot of headaches for the Snowmobile Club and many landowners were contemplating shutting the trails down for good. Snowmobilers need to be aware and be respectful to landowner's wishes to stay off during the hunting season. They want to enjoy their sport too!

There is talk about extending the deer hunting season to January 2nd next year and thereafter in the Southern Zone. Deer season as of now is October 1st-December 22nd. NYSSA and snowmobile clubs throughout NYS are upset about this extension as that long holiday weekend could be hit with snow and we legally wouldn't be able to ride. Many times we don't have snow during this period of time though. It also impacts when trails can be marked as some landowners prefer trails aren't marked till after the deer season. With the ground frozen this could prove to be more difficult for us! We are not sure at this point in time how DEC will respond. NYSSA and many club members have written NYSDEC rejecting this proposed law to extend the deer season.

In Ontario County we had just enough work in the system to get reimbursed our full amount awarded to us last year, even with the shortage of grooming hours. Livingston County we fell a little short and didn't get the full reimbursement. It's very important to log all work hours done on state funded trails and make sure all grooming hours are entered.

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 is needed 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. Volunteer to take on a section of trail and maintain the signs for the season, erecting them and removing them at the beginning and end of the season. Thank you to all that participate to make this happen year after year. It would be nice to get some new people interested in posting the signs and getting permissions for the Naples S-44 trail and S-41 – The Locks trail. As President, I still do a lot of trail permissions and sign posting; Some new trail coordinators for this area would greatly help.

Other 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 several 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 when 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 **riding ordinance** which was adopted by the Towns of 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.** You will see some signs stating QUIET PLEASE. That means idle through as quietly as you can. 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. The Town Government and Highway Department support our sport 100%. Please make sure you share with your children and friends the discipline & respect that is needed when riding around our trail system.

TRAIL/EQUIPMENT WORK:

- A new culvert pipe for Sandy Bottom is being installed by the town to replace the bridge HVR built 15 years ago.
- A new bridge was built on the HVR 818, the new Wayland trail off Tabors Corners Road.
- A new bridge was also built on the Misty Glen Trail, reusing lumber from the Sandy Bottom Bridges that were torn down, dismantled and removed this past summer.
- The old and long section of bridge from Sandy Bottom was repurposed and used to extend the Cratsley Bridge off Cole Road. This eliminated a major wet hole and ditch area, which should make crossing and grooming much better.
- A continuance of S-49 from Hemlock State Forest Area to Livonia is almost completed by Kevin Barrett and Brandy Vanzandt. This section of trail needed official landowner permissions and proper trail markings.
- The PistenBully Groomer that HVR purchased is running well since the hydraulic pump and drive motor were replaced. All the fluids have been changed and the unit runs excellent. Tracks were cut down to 10 foot overall width, tracks were removed to accommodate tire and bearing work. New track guide tires were mounted on rims, the wheel bearing were removed, greased and some new bearings installed where needed. Tracks were switched around and remounted. And a packing pan is being made to use on this machine.
- New trail development is going on at Harriet Hollister Spencer Park(HHSP) to expand / improve the C4 trail. Meetings with NYS Parks have been underway and stay tuned for enhanced C4 trail changes in 2020 or 2021.
- **Responsibility!** As a club member, Rider, and Community member it is up to us to help each other. Protect our trails and our Neighbors. Recently someone stole grills from HHSP along with picnic tables that were constructed by a Scout as an Eagle Project! Some funds for these items came from us to support our community. These types of actions by others are extremely disheartening. Support each other and if you hear or see actions take place speak up and reach out to authorities and club officers so we can protect our community!
- If you're interested in learning to groom trails, contact Dave Arnold at the number listed above in this newsletter.

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