

Hidden Valley Sno-Riders
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Greetings Snowmobilers.

I hold hope that there is great snow in our future! There are a lot of changes happening in our club, our trails and New Hampshire Snowmobile Association. Work for the upcoming season is underway. Last year provided limited riding but I hope you share with me the great time we had at the cookout. Thanks to Jim Jackson and family for organizing it.

This will be the 22nd year of our club existence. We continue to provide trails in the Marlow and Lempster area that connect to our neighboring towns. The challenges are many.

There are quite a few new property owners who I am working with on gaining permission to continue using their land for snowmobile trails. We have to move the trail near the warming hut per request of new landowner. Several landowners have informed me there are a lot of blow downs in our trails. In addition to the side trimming and brush hogging, we will have to get the blow downs picked up before snow flies and they get frozen in.

If you can help with trail work, please contact David Howard our Lempster Trail Master at 603 863 1035 or me as the Marlow Trail Master at 603 446 7566.

Work on our grooming equipment is underway. We have fixed the steering on the 96 track truck and have new tracks to be installed. Bud Jackson and David Weaver have reconditioned our 2002 Skandic. We still have work to do on the drag. The AFMI drag has been painted. In addition, thank you Gus Merwin, David Howard and Mark Luth for all the help you give us to maintain our fleet.

The dues remain the same as last year, \$35. The 2017-2018-membership application is on our website. Please return it as soon as possible. Bills need to be paid even before the snow flies! NHSA has suspended the on line membership application. Speaking of bills, thanks go out to our Treasurer, **Scott Chase**, who keeps all our financial records and membership files updated.

The club cannot function without funds. The insurance for club activities and grooming equipment is now over \$2000 a year. Dues, working at the NHSA Grass Drags in October and grooming are our biggest fund raisers. We can't groom without snow. If you could volunteer some time at the Grass Drags, the club gets \$10 an hour for your time. Contact me if you can help.

Lisa Robinson and Gregg Hopkins have been providing the OHRV safety training for new snowmobilers. They also helped Kathy Crevier and Nancy Vesco host a very successful day at the Marlow Gathering Place. Maybe we can do another in the fall. We appreciate their efforts.

We have presence on the internet and thank Keith McKane for keeping our website up to date.
http://www.marlow-nh.org/Clubs_Organizations/HiddenValleySnoRiders/hvmainpage.htm

Regards,

Jim Strickland

Jim Strickland, President