

Hidden Valley Sno-Riders
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Greetings Snowmobilers.

The winter “that wasn’t” is behind us. Great snow is anticipated for this year!

This will be the 21st 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. In the last 20 years the club has changed somewhat in function. In the beginning, we were a social club that needed to develop the trail system. The system is there and we need to maintain it. It requires good landowner relations, removing brush, downed trees and other safety hazards to keep these trails. We also have many bridges to upkeep. Then of course, we need to groom the trails. This is no easy chore. We never would be able to do all of this without many hours of volunteer effort. Thanks so much for all that volunteer so **many** can use the trails. The **Hidden Valley Sno Riders** have become more of a business than a social club. We also have to do something charitable to maintain our “not for profit status.” Thus the biggest challenge is to get and maintain those volunteers. Our numbers are dwindling and we are getting older.

In getting ready for another Snowmobiling season, we have upgraded two bridges to allow the large groomers to go from Marlow all the way to the Lempster store on Trail 392. We have two projects we need to work on before snow. There is a beaver dam in Marlow that floods trail 393 and a muddy section on trail 393 in Lempster.

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 Jim Strickland if you can help.

The dues remain the same as last year, \$35. The 2016-2017-membership application that can be mailed to us and the link to the online application is on our website. The on-line membership saves the club and you postage back and forth. Please join the club as soon as possible. Bills need to be paid even before the snow flies! The online membership will provide you with the voucher for the club assistance discount on your registration or we will mail you one when you mail us your membership.

Our web site <http://hiddenvalleysnoriders.org/>

Please check it often.

Regards,

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