

March 2013 Newsletter



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Letter from the President

HSF Meeting April 3rd

The next club meeting of the 2012-2013 season is coming up Wednesday April 3rd at 7:30.

Join us for dinner!! The Legion will be serving up a fine dinner as always. Donations are welcome to support the Legion. The cash bar will also be open.

The Hilton Sno-Flyers Annual Election and Budget Vote will be held at our April 3rd meeting. John Miller has prepared the budget with the current state of the Trail Fund in mind, and presented it to the membership. We believe the numbers can meet the clubs needs and are fiscally responsible.

The Officers and Directors positions that are up are: Vice-President, Treasurer, North Trails Coordinator and 2 Directors Seats. Tom Francis will be stepping down from the Vice-Presidents position, and Rhonda Ferrari will be stepping down from her Directors Seat. We thank them for their service and dedication to the Club. The nominees for Officers and Directors position are:

Vice President - Marty Sauer
Treasurer - John Miller
North Trails Coordinator - Wally Korzenieski
Director - Steve Woodward

At the end of this season, I will be stepping down from the President's position. This year has been another difficult year to meet the obligations of President, and I do not see a change in the near future. I would like to apologize to all of the Club Members, Sponsors and Landowners if I have let you down in any way. We have had a pretty incredible Board of Directors that have jumped in to tackle the Clubs projects and needs to keep the Club going Strong. When I step down, I will be appointing a man with the dedication and experience necessary to take the club forward. Tom Francis will serve as Club President for the 2013-2014 Snowmobile Season. We believe that if Marty Sauer is elected, he will excel as Vice-President, as he has shown with his hard work and dedication on any project he is involved in. If Wally Korzenieski is elected, he will bring a new direction to the Trails Coordinator position, he will be more involved with the Documentation that is necessary to meet the increasing demands of the State Trail Fund. If Steve Woodward is voted in to a Directors position, he will bring a new dynamic as well.

Rich Manley, Club President

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Letter from the Vice President

Well spring has sprung, and the snow has come. If this snow would have come when the trails were open, we probably would have had a few more riding days. The number of days the trails were open was sure better than the previous year. I understand there is still good riding up north. The club has accomplished many things this year, especially the snow show, which took a lot of hard work by Marty Sauer. THANK YOU Marty, and everyone that volunteered their time to make this a success. There are many things planned for the summer, so watch the Web-site for more details. This is a large club and it takes more than the board to keep it running. Any and all help is welcome. April 3rd is our last meeting for this season. Come out and vote for the people running for board positions. There is still a directors position open on the board. STEP UP AND GET INVOLVED. Hope to see everyone September 4th at our first meeting. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER. Thank you.

Tom Francis, VP

Trail Update & Groomer Status

Trail Status: Summer work

- Power lines: 1 section at a time (HIGHEST priority)
- Re-route Yellow Goose area, Mr Coia, clearing, install bridge, west of RT 36 (HIGH priority)
- Scottsville re-route
- Scottsville Low areas in woods fill / or culvert
- Straub woods , fill, remove boulders or change route around that area
- Bridge Straub woods Morgan property on Dewey , install Bridge
- Re-locate bridge on McEntosh rd
- Kenny property , dewey ave , woods route
- North Hampton park , trail (loop) or finish connecting trail through RT 31
- Install gate at rt 31 crossing (Mr Giorigiano) if trail stays there



Groomers:

- Install track cleats PB-100 (high priority)
- Paint lower section of Tucker
- Check out all drags, weld , set up guides under pans
- Install (2) 24v lights on the PB-100 drag
- Hydraulic steering box tucker – repair leak
- Complete all PM 's, filters as required

Barn:

- Install Motion light inside
- Install bench grinder
- 4 locks keyed alike
- Paint garage door

Budget items:

- Rent 10,000lb capacity dump trailer (2) times throughout summer (\$148.00 each time / \$300.00 TOTAL)
- Evaluate / repair big blue trailer, lower it down, new tires, or sell and get different trailer (est \$2000.00??)
- Purchase trail maintenance vehicle tractor w/ front loader (budget \$12,500.00)
- Purchase cullmulcher for tractor (\$2500.00)
- 24volt lights - PB100 drag (\$110.00)
- PB-100 Cleats (budget \$2200.00)

Dan Gurbacki, Director

Meeting Minutes — 3/20/13 HSF Club Meeting

Board Members present

Rich Manley Tom Francis Marty Sauer Julie Wrench Dan Gurbacki
John Miller Scott Proctor Rhonda Ferrari Wally Korzenieski

Welcome

Rich called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Presentation - "Where we are"

Dan did a very informative PowerPoint on work details and other activities that have been completed over the past year, regarding the trails, equipment, etc. and projects that need to be completed.

Membership/Newsletter

850 members total for the 2012-2013 season...wrapped up for this year.

Maps

The trail map did not go out this season. It is projected that the map will be completed by June 2013 to be distributed over the summer at any events that may take place. The sponsors will be given an additional year for the 2 yrs price of advertising.

Trail Status/Work Details/Groomers

Dan covered a lot of trail issues, re-routes, work details and groomer maintenance in the power-point presentation. 10 Bridges were installed on various trails; two major re-routes were completed, including Rt. 31 and MacIntosh Rd. Three new landowners that had previously denied us access have given us access to their land. We obtained permission to use North Hampton Park for trails as well, although it was not used this season. The entire trail system was GPS'd.

Constitution

John reported the changes with the constitution and showed those present at the meeting on the overhead the changes and deletions that have been made. There was a motion made to accept the changes and the constitution will be published to the membership.

Budget

John reported that there is around \$50,000 in the bank; so far this year 30.095 of the budget has been spent. Some more of the funds will be spent on proposed items for this coming year but the monies have been allocated into this years budget expenses. We are still awaiting trail fund money that has not been received from the local level from Parks and Recreation. John spoke with Allen Burch regarding having a registered letter drafted and sent to the appropriate person regarding the trail funding money that has not been received. John passed out a copy of the proposed upcoming budget that will be voted on at the April meeting for the membership to look at regarding any changes or additions. There were a few suggestions made for the new budget, trail maintenance to be increased, landowners certificates increased to \$35 and a few other lines of the budget to be increased or decreased accordingly.

Fundraising

NYSSA ticket sales are around \$1400, which means \$700 to the club.

Elections

Rich is stepping down as President, due to outside obligations. He feels that he cannot give the club the attention that the president position requires. In his stepping down, there are a few changes that will be made at the board level. Tom Francis will be appointed to the president position for the remainder of the term, Marty Sauer will be run for VP, and Wally will run for the North Trail Coordinator, Dan G will be appointed South Trail Coordinator, John will stay on as the treasurer, Scott will be appointed to Membership, which will open up another director position. Rich M. and Steve Woodward will run for the two director positions that will be created with the board changes.

Clothing

Clothing was available at the meeting. Marybeth reported that there is full stock on all items.

50/50 Drawing

Nick sold the 50/50 tickets. \$ 140 collected. Chris Wilkinson won.

Meeting was adjourned around 8:30.

Julie Wrench, Secretary

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updates, check us out at:
www.hiltonsnoflyers.net**

Treasurer's Report - March 2013



Old Man Winter wimped out on us, he could have given us a longer harsher season. Whenever the trails were really getting into decent shape for a bit we would get warm weather. I hope most people had the opportunity to get out on the sleds when the weather allowed. I heard at the meetings that a few people did put some significant mileage on their sleds in this area. I myself put on some miles in Old Forge and Northern Ontario, two trips. Locally, I only rode the trails in the groomer, which is also very enjoyable when things do not break.

I would like to thank the many volunteers that marked and worked on the trail system this season. I would also like to acknowledge all that ran and helped at the Parades and events. The visibility from the events promotes us as a club. In addition the money raised at the Hilton Apple Fest, Jiacobbes Grass Drags, and the largely successful Sno-Show at the Garden Factory was much needed in a time where trail funding is shrinking. This year we raised more money than the last few years. There might still be time to sell or purchase some NYSSA raffle tickets and all tickets need to be turned in by the next meeting, April 3rd.

If you were not at the latest meeting, some budget news:

- Before the end of this year's budget we are having wear strips manufactured for the PB100 track at a cost of \$2500.

The following were proposed for the next budget:

- We proposed to increase landowner appreciation certificates to \$35. With that we will be adding the Viking Valhalla to the Landowners choices on the certificates.
- The club is looking to buy a used tractor as we have imposed heavily on many farmers and members. The price to be approximately 15K and is dependent on trail fund moneys which have been delayed.
- The blue club trailer either needs a functional rebuild or to be traded in on something safer for the size groomers we have. We added \$2K for improvement or replacement.

I hope to see all at the last meeting of the year, if you normally do not attend we welcome you to come.

John Miller, Treasurer

HSF Clothing & Merchandise

The HSF Gear store has a full stock of shirts, fleeces, knit caps, baseball caps, mugs, etc available for sale.



UPDATE— We will be accepting Pre-Orders for Fleece Jackets with the HSF embroidered again this year. We have been quoted a great price for these - \$38.00 Sizes Small-X Large and \$43.00 Sizes 2X Large & Up. Please see Mary Beth at club meetings or at the snow show to purchase your gear. She can also be emailed at hsfgear@gmail.com.

Hilton Sno-Flyers 2013-2014 Calendar of Events

Meeting Schedule and Location 7:30 PM

FERRIS GOODRIDGE AMERICAN LEGION POST 330

691 TRIMMER ROAD

SPENCERPORT NEW YORK 14559

September 4th & 18th October 2nd & 16th

November 20th December 18th

January 15th February 19th

March 19th April 2nd



October 5-6 Saturday & Sunday Hilton Apple Festival
November 23-24 Saturday & Sunday Sno-Show @ The Garden Factory
December 18 Wednesday HSF Christmas Party @ meeting

Summer 2013 - Major Trail Reroute around water holes on the Power Line Trail—Specific projects and dates to be announced—member participation required to make this happen!!!

HSF Year in Review - by Dan Gurbacki

Here's a summary of projects completed by the Hilton Sno-Flyers in the past year....

- Since April of 2011, we have installed, replaced or rebuilt over 10 bridges. Most of these we received the wood for free. The only outlay was our time and labor to install
- We removed 2 bridges at the request of the landowners, both can be re-used when needed - 1 of them is a steel "I" beam bridge and culvert pipe.
- We've laid the ground work for our trail to be run through North Hampton park, connecting through to the North section of the trail, crossing RT 31 with a loop back to the power lines
- Our entire trail system is Now GPS'd
- Under the leadership and direction of Marty, we participated in 5 parades, Hamlin, Brockport, Spencerport, Hilton and Churchville with the initiative of promoting our Club as a family oriented club, winning 2 awards at the Brockport parade. The most creative and honorable mention awards
- For the first time we were asked to participate in the Outlaw grass drags with our French Fry booth, We represented our club with positive feedback from attendees
- The apple festival fundraised netted ---\$3617.00
- The Snow – Show which was previously a 1 day event at Doan. This drew primarily a snowmobile audience. It was turned into a 2-day family experience where there was something for everyone. Shopping with a variety of goods, Food, games for the kids, Our French fry booth, Instructional seminars, a trail signage class and groomer operator class presented BY NYS, Our Snowmobile Safety class which had 40 +attendees. This show netted \$2,666 profit in its first year running with bigger and better things planned for the years to come.
- We were able to create relationships and open up the lines of communication with multiple landowners. Three of these landowners had previously declines permission for the use of their property.
- We were able to complete two major re-routes, RT 31 and McEntosh road. We now have multiple crossing points for the RT 31 area should the need arise. This is significant because this enables us to continue to be eligible to receive our trail funding from the state.
- Our trail map has generated in excess of \$5,000.00 to date.
- A letter was sent to our sponsors explaining the detail behind the delay in the printing of the map.
- Our repairs and maintenance budget for our Groomers which we budgeted 12k, is just over 1K for the season
- We have been able to solidify a machines Shop for the track cleats on or PB – 100 machines. Mohawk which is the supplier of parts for this machine gave us a price of 112.00/ea and there are 120 of them on the machine at a cost of \$13,440. Our cost will be between \$2300 and \$2500 for the entire repair
- We completed multiple repairs on our Polaris 6 wheeler
- We replaced all 4 tires and rims, the front jack and all the lights on our 4-place trailer.
- We were able to repair the fuel pump on the North barn fuel tank saving ourselves \$350.00 + replacement cost
- We replaced the fuel pump at the South barn under warranty

Life isn't all peaches and cream. We have had some short comings.....

- We operated this entire season without a head trail coordinator. This did not go without its cost. We all had to pick up the pieces wherever necessary to keep the club moving forward.
- We had multiple open sections of our trail that we did not have trail bosses for.
- Our groomers were not in their correct location on time when the snow hit
- Our map sponsorship is down from 2010
- Our trail map has not been completed for this season for various reasons
- Multiple re-routes which took a higher priority to complete kept other activities from being completed.
- A shortage of volunteers
- Our trail was not completely marked when the snow hit.
- All of our work was not completed on our drags

Important Summer Snowmobile Activities

Just think about how many places and how far you can ride on a snowmobile.

This is all because of the hard work of club members and the generosity of people who own the land we ride on. There is nothing else like it!

As the Public Relations Director of the club, I am concerned with "Relations with the Public". What this means (at least to me and should to you as well) is getting on and staying on good terms with the public. In this case, the public is anyone that could help us with our trails and (more importantly) anyone that could hurt us with the trails. We want people to like us! We want people to think that snowmobile trails are a good thing! Almost all landowners have friends within the community. If snowmobilers have a bad reputation among some people, it will spread to others. These may be landowners.



For the reason of presenting ourselves as responsible and appreciative snowmobilers, it is important to participate in local parades and community events. The general public does not get to know us as we are riding on the trails in the winter time. Parades and community events are an opportunity for them to get to know us. We need to show them that We Snowmobilers are just normal family people who ride snowmobiles and respect and appreciate the landowners who allow us to do it. We can show them that snowmobiling is FUN. We can show them that we are good people and snowmobiling should be accepted as a positive winter activity in any community.

Please come out this summer to one of the local parades that we participate in. We always have lots of fun, meet new people and are rewarded with cheers and support from the crowd. The goal is to have the Hilton Sno-Flyers as an important and accepted member of our communities. We need to make snowmobile trails a welcome part of our community.

I do not have dates for most parades but do have general information. Specific details will be on the HSF website @ www.hiltonsnoflyers.com.

- Spencerport, mid June, approx 20th.
- Hamlin, mid July
- Hilton, July 25
- Churchville, Aug 10.
- Winter parade- Festival of lights, Brockport, early December.

We have usually put together a "float" to illustrate our message and show some aspect of our sport. There is usually a snowmobile or two on the float. We include club grooming and trail equipment. We try to have as many club members as possible come and participate.

We have tried to have theme messages for each season of parades. Past themes have been

- "On The Trail", trying to give an insight to what it's like on the trail.
- "We provide the place to Ride", what the club actually does!
- "Join the Family Fun", this is a family activity.

You could help us to come up with this years' theme. New ideas are welcome!!

Please help us with this important and fun activity. Contact me to get on the parade committee: martyadtech@gmail.com. Thank You!

Marty Sauer, HSF Public Relations

Club Contact Info

Hilton Sno-Flyers Text Alert System

The HSF text alert system that debuted earlier this year will be active again this season. It is being used to get important club information out to people quickly that may not have access to the internet at all times. Text alerts will be sent out mainly by Steve Frosini (Webmaster) with the approval of The Board of Directors. Other board members will also have the ability to send out alerts. Text alerts will consist of Trail information (opening – closing), hazardous conditions, in-season re-routes, emergency work details, club meetings, club events and major work details. The system is secure and your phone number will never be sold or shared. You will also never be spammed. We will do our best to keep the alerts to a minimum and you can always cancel the service by replying STOP. Hopefully this system will spread to members that don't come to meetings or visit the website much so they can keep informed about important club news.



To sign up, just Text **SNOFLYERS** to **84483** to receive alerts from **The Hilton Sno-Flyers**.

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Steve Frosini, Webmaster



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