

SEAWAY VALLEY



Snowmobile Association

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SVSA Mission Statement

The Seaway Valley Snowmobile Association is dedicated, through committed volunteers, to promote a positive image of the snowmobiling industry, to support and respect our Landowners rights and wishes, and to continue to provide snowmobilers in the Seaway Valley a safe and rewarding experience.

A slow start to the snowmobile season finally ended in late January and brought just enough snow and cold weather for this region to enjoy snowmobiling right until the March break. I think everyone will agree that this was a better than average winter given the past few seasons we have had to endure for our sport.

The SVSA met its target selling 385 OFSC/MTO Season Trail Permits. A complete breakdown of Trail Permit sales for the SVSA is as follows:

- Season Trail Permit on or before Dec 1st, 2004 = 319
- Season Trail Permit after Dec 1st, 2004 = 66
- 7-day Trail Permit = 5
- 1-day Trail Permit = 70 (approx.)

Further statistics for this season can be found on page 2.

The elections meeting is the final general meeting of the season and this is the best time to introduce yourself as an interested volunteer and let the association know what role would be best suited for you for the upcoming season.

Known vacant volunteer positions at the end of this season include:

- Event Coordinator
- Risk Management Coordinator
- VIA (Volunteers in Action) Coordinator

Volunteer Recognition Week is April 17th to 23rd. It seems fitting that we will be holding our annual elections during this period to honour our current volunteers and hopefully usher in our new ones.

Landowner Appreciation Winners

The 2004-05 OFSC Landowner Appreciation Program winners from the SVSA region were:

- Bill Kippen—Maxville
- Ken McPhail—Lunenburg
- Ted Moran—Finch
- Armand Clouthier—Crysler

Each winner received a \$50.00 gift certificate from Canadian Tire.

The SVSA would like to thank the Landowners for another successful season that would not be possible without their generosity and commitment to this association. We hope to see you in November at the Landowner Appreciation Dinner.

ELECTIONS

Next General Meeting – Everyone Welcome!
Tuesday, April 19th, 2005 7:30 pm
Lions Club, Bonville Ontario

Elections

The SVSA will hold its annual elections for the Executive Committee on April 19th, 2005. We welcome all members to attend this meeting to enter your name for one of the positions listed on page 2 of this newsletter, take part in the voting of the 2005-06 committee, or to voice your opinion on any topic concerning this association.

The SVSA is always looking for volunteers to help out in the off season working on the existing trails to ensure that they comply with stricter government standards and to create new trails where existing trails have been shut down and/or new trails are required to provide our members with an improved trail system.

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- 2005/06 SVSA Executive Committee
- 2005 Landowner Appreciation Dinner
- Monkland Millennium Covered Bridge

Volunteers In Action (VIA)

Established in 2001 as the result of a significant 5-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the mandate of the committee is to increase the ability or "capacity" of OFSC clubs to effectively manage their volunteer resources. This Volunteer Development Project has several new initiatives that support the recruitment, retention and effective recognition of volunteers.

Club Volunteers are the cornerstones of organized snowmobiling. An army of dedicated club volunteers built the OFSC snowmobile trail system by connecting existing local networks. Many volunteers from urban areas join out of town clubs to enjoy the camaraderie of community involvement. Today, volunteers continue to ensure that local trails are properly opened, maintained, groomed, signed and closed. All OFSC Trail Wardens, STOP Officers and Driver Training Instructors are volunteers.

There are non-profit snowmobile clubs in over 240 communities across Ontario. Thousands of volunteers, male and female, of all ages and from all walks of life, run these clubs. They share a common goal, to improve snowmobiling and the opportunities it provides for their home communities. They belong to one of the most respected and progressive volunteer organizations in Ontario.

OFSC volunteers:

- Operate the world's largest recreational trail network funded by Canada's most successful user pay system.
- Raise almost \$1 million annually for Ontario charities.
- Have created a whole new industry that is helping tourism and rural Ontario prosper.

Further 2004-05 SVSA Stats...

The SVSA groomer operators worked very hard this year to provide our members the best possible ride regardless of the weather conditions. Lloyd Stacey and Marcel Leroux put in 714 long, hard hours in our two groomer's and the SVSA would like to thank them for their dedication. Groomer operators are often the forgotten and unseen members of this association as much of their grooming takes place after most of us have stored our machines away for the evening.

The SVSA budgeted revenues for 2004-05 was approximately \$90,000 with operating expenses usually equaling that amount since OFSC clubs and association and not for profit. Permit sales produce approximately 80% of revenues with fundraising and grants making up the remaining 20%.

Of the \$90,000 in revenue, the SVSA transfers approximately \$30,000 (roughly 43% of Permit sales) to the OFSC. The remaining expenses can be broken down as follows:

- Fundraising/Marketing \$9,000
- Trail Maintenance \$15,000
- Groomer Loan/Maintenance \$20,000
- Groomer Fuel \$6,000
- Groomer Wages \$6,000
- Administration \$4,000

These figures are approximate based on the budgeted revenue and expenses. The final figures for the 2004-05 season are available by request and can also be viewed at any general meeting.

The SVSA would like to thank all the landowners, volunteers and members for their continued support of this association and wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer!

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