



Northern Horse & Mule
Harness Association

NHMHA 2025 RECAP



JANUARY

- * Celebrated our recap of 2025 events at our January 13, 2026 general meeting. At our last meeting in December we had enjoyed a recap of the great Christmas Party we had at Baldonnel School Dec 6.
- * We started the year with a bank book balance of \$7,823.38, vs \$6,917.32 January 2024.
- * HCBC club membership, general + D&O insurance renewals were completed before January.
- * NHMHA was very thankful for the 40 chairs donated by Ride for Disabled.
- * Contacts/Reps for our regular annual events are engaged: Donna for the High on Ice; Deb and Theo for Peace Island Park Rides and Petroleum Association Oilmen's Weekend; Julius for N.Pine Fall Fair; All for Spring and Fall WagonTreks
- * Renewed NHMHA's PO Box 274, RPO Downtown, Fort St. John, BC V1J 6W7 (\$206.85).
- * Marion sent out Member Calendars to those outside of FSJ area.

FEBRUARY

- * High-on-Ice was meticulously planned but cancelled due to bitterly cold weather!

MARCH

- * The AGM and Executive Election was held March 11th, and the new slate was communicated (attached to this recap).
 - o There were no changes made to the Constitution and ByLaws.
 - o Thanks go to Louise Kempthorne for reviewing the NHMHA Books in order to complete the Association Business at the AGM. She reported all documentation was in good order.
 - o Changes to the Board were Step-Down of Donna Gregoire as VP and Theo Miedema filling the role by acclamation; and adding Brad Clarke as a Director.
 - o Donna was thanked for her service as VP over the years!

APRIL - No events happened. Planning and postings for the Spring WagonTrek in the Doig and attempts to plan a Senior's Wagon Ride event which didn't materialize.

MAY

- * May 3: NHMHA Spring WagonTrek *Trail Cleanup Day* in the Doig Community Pasture (completed by Julius, Evelyn, Susan, Louise and Marion).
- * May 16-19: *Spring Wagon Trek* – this long weekend was a success after so many years trying to have another trek in the Doig! Even though one of the routes (the lake) had been overgrown, the trails were enjoyed by all: enjoyed by 24 people: 5 wagons, 1 cart and 11 riders participated (and one Elk and calf). Last year, comparisons were: 25 people: 2 wagons, 3 carts and 7 riders participated.

JUNE

- * May 31-June 1: Driving Clinic – held at Julius and Nikeisha's farm. 7 participants, 8 observers and 4 clinicians (Julius, Maureen, Theo, Garnet). 3 new members signed up for NHMHA: Paul Pevsner, Mickey Zunti and Joe Finley. Joe also donated \$100 to the NHMHA in appreciation of all the help he received to drive "Rocky" in cart.
- * Banking: NPSCU changed over to BEEM. June 20-23. Susan handled the transition.

JULY

- * July 1: Fort St. John Canada Day Parade. Julius entered under the NHMHA banner.
- * Summer Daze Drive/Ride weekend was held July 11-14 at the Brian and Marion Dunn's Bunkhouse and trails. 2 wagons (Todd and Carla Horrocks and Julius and Nicki Reimer), 2 carts (Maureen/Cayle and Susan) and 6 riders. Several stayed over for a 5th day ride.

AUGUST

- * August 1: Taylor Parade: Julius, Deb and Theo.
- * August 2-3: Gold Panning Days at Peace Island Park (Village of Taylor). Wagon Rides given by Theo and Deb, and Julius.
- * August 3: Cleanup for the trails for Fall WagonTrek at the Hudson's Hope area – new campsite.
- * August 15-18 North Pine Fall Fair: NHMHA sponsored 2 classes: Pleasure Driving Single and Team Driving Open. Julius gave some rides for the public plus hauled salt for the heavy horse pull. Dale and Mavis Sutherland gave wagon rides for the public. Garnet judged the event. A donation of \$200 was given to Julius, who in turn donated it to NHMHA.
- * August 15-18 Petroleum Association Oilmen's Weekend at Taylor's Peace Island Park: NHMHA gave wagon rides for 3 days and pony/saddle horse rides on Saturday. Wagon rides were given by Bev & Dale, Theo & Deb, Maureen (Nylah on club wagon), Louise (driving Lacy and Fin on the club wagon); horse and pony rides on Deb and Theo's 3 horses, and Louise's 2 fjords. Thanks to Julius for bringing the club wagon; volunteers from the Ride for Disabled, Marion and Julius. We understood we would receive a donation from the Petroleum Association but it was not received in 2025.

SEPTEMBER

- * Fall Wagon Trek August 29 through September 1 – camped at the new location on the pipeline RoW and guided by Louise and Shona Campbell Smit. We had good weather and enjoyed new trails and scenery, including driving/riding in the lake! 34 participants 7 Teams, 1 cart, 11 riders.
- * September meeting – we did not have a quorum, therefore no business commitments were made.
- * Donation Event: Birthday Party Rides given to Jacob Kent's family by Julius with Marion assisting: 15 children and 19 adults. Jacob donated \$150 to the NHMHA.

OCTOBER – No NHMHA events. Admin activities: renewed the NLC Meeting Room Use Agreement.

NOVEMBER

- * scouted for a new venue for our Christmas Party and decided to split the Sleigh Day and the Party. Selected the Baldonnel School over 4 other venues and invites went out.
- * Worked on the Calendar content and production with Connie Lynn Graphics.

DECEMBER

- * December 6 – Christmas Dinner & Party - decorating crew set up 11 am until 2:30pm. Doors opened at 4pm and the dinner and party started around 5. There was a very good turnout, with Santa and his Elf entertaining the children! Door prizes, kids gifts, adult gift exchange and then a collaborative cleanup to leave the Baldonnel School in it's original state! School staff were pleased. The rental cost was \$250.
- * Calendars 2026 – these were available and distributed at the Party on Dec 6th –Thanks to Connie Lynn Graphics, who donates her time and her web domain to support NHMHA. A \$100 thank you to her was presented. The calendar was printed by Target Printers is also downloadable from our website to print.
- * Sleigh Day was planned for Dec 14th but cancelled and rebooked for January 3rd (cold weather).
- * Financial: As of December 31, the NHMHA book balance was \$6,007.58 (\$9,092.33 in 2024).
- * Membership: NHMHA finished the year with 47 members, compared with 40 members in 2024.

Thanks go to all the members, Board of Directors, clinicians, volunteers and hosts for our events and support this year! Looking forward to a great new year in 2026!

Harness pulls us together!

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