



Northern Horse & Mule  
Harness Association

"HARNESS PULLS US TOGETHER"

# NHMHA 2024 RECAP

## JANUARY

- \* Celebrated our recap of the Christmas Party at Angie and Mike Pomeroy's Barn Dance Hall.
- \* We started the year with a bank book balance of \$6,917.32 – very consistent with 2023.
- \* HCBC club membership, Insurance and director/officer liability insurance renewals were completed in December by Marion.
- \* 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).

## FEBRUARY

- \* High-on-Ice sleigh rides became wagon rides! No snow. The location was Sunset Stables with NHMHA and Ride for Disabled combined hosting for the public rides and pony/horse lead line rides. Both organizations equally split a \$2000 donation from the City FSJ. This was a very well attended event and the weather was so nice! Noble Horizon Memoirs provided professional photography.
- \* The 2023 Year End Books were reviewed and validated by Marion. Treasurer, Susan, recommended we open a savings account to earn interest rather than pay interest. "Done!"

## MARCH

- \* The AGM was March 12<sup>th</sup>. This was not an election year, and no changes were brought forward for the Constitution and Bylaws.

**APRIL** – April 5<sup>th</sup>: Cleo Baker, a long-time Member passed away and will be sadly missed.

## MAY

- \* May 12: NHMHA was invited to Mike and Angie Pomeroy's Barn for a Memorial wagon ride in honor of Shane Wagner, a former member of NHMHA who just recently had driven at High on Ice.
- \* May 14: Trail Cleanup Day out at the Doig Pasture! Participants were Louise, Brad & Susan, Brian & Marion and Ray. The campsite base was cleaned up of deadfall as well.
- \* May 17-20: Spring Wagon Trek – again cancelled at the Doig due to a wild fire evacuation alert zone bordering the community pasture. The trek was moved to Brian and Marion Dunn's Bunkhouse pasture campsite and trails in Montney. The cook tent was set up and a great weekend was enjoyed by 25 people: 2 wagons, 3 carts and 7 riders participated.

## JUNE

- \* June 3: A Celebration of Life for Cleo Baker was held at the Northern Lights College campus and NHMHA was set to give rides which were cancelled due to heavy rains. However, covered wagons teams of Dustin and Dale did drive and was much appreciated by Cleo's family.
- \* June 7-9: invited to Julia Fellers' Farm to attend/audit Elisa Marocchi Driving Clinic. Some NHMHA members did attend and audit.

- \* June 23: In preparation for the Fall Wagon Trek, a scouting day was conducted by Alice, Susan (+ Verena), Louise and Shona – host guide. They delivered a resounding ‘Yes’ to holding the trek there.

## JULY

- \* July 1: Fort St. John Canada Day Parade. Entrants were Julius’s and Theo & Deb’s teams.
- \* Summer Daze Drive/Ride weekend was held July 12-14 at the Brian and Marion Dunn's Bunkhouse and trails. Wonderful weather was enjoyed. 1 wagon, 2 carts and 8 riders.

## AUGUST

- \* August 3: Taylor Parade: Julius, Deb and Theo, and Bev and Dale (for Sunset Stables).
- \* August 3-4: Gold Panning Days at Peace Island Park; put on by the Village of Taylor. Theo and Deb drove their team for Saturday. Theo and Deb provided rides for the public, and received a donation of \$300 to the NHMHA plus a \$10tip!
- \* August 16-18 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. Garnet judged the event. A donation of \$200 was given to Julius, who in turn donated it to NHMHA. Thank you!
- \* August 16-18 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. We received a donation of \$1500. Participants were Maureen, Louise, Julius, Theo and Deb.

## SEPTEMBER

- \* Fall Wagon Trek August 30 through September 2 – camped at Williston Lake outside of Hudson's Hope and guided by Shona Campbell Smit. We had good weather and enjoyed new trails and scenery, including driving/riding in the lake! 37 participants

## OCTOBER – No NHMHA events

NOVEMBER – On Nov24<sup>th</sup>, a decorating crew worked on the Pomeroy Barn for the Christmas Party.

## DECEMBER

- \* December 1st – The  $-32^{\circ}\text{C}$  was too cold for a sleigh day but the Christmas Party and Dinner was attended by a very good turnout. Santa and his Elf visited all the children! Huge Thanks to Angie and Mike Pomeroy for the extra efforts in snow clearing and heating the barn. It was very comfortable!
- \* Calendars 2025 – these were available and distributed at the Party on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – It is very nice, with a new feature: coil binding! Thanks to Connie Lynn Graphics, who donates her time to support NHMHA. The calendar was printed by Target Printers is also downloadable from our website to print.
- \* Financial: As of November 30, the NHMHA book balance was \$9,092.33 (chequing and savings). This is not the final year-end balance, as some transactions for December are not yet accounted for.
- \* Membership: NHMHA finished the year with 40 members.

***Thanks go to all the members, Board of Directors, volunteers and hosts for our many enjoyed events this year! Looking forward to a great new year in 2025!***

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