



## General Meeting and AGM

# Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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## Annual General Meeting March 10, 2026

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ, Room 1702

### Attendees:

- **President:** Julius Reimer
- **Vice President:** Theo Miedema
- **Secretary:** Marion Dunn
- **Treasurer:** Susan Clarke
- **Directors:** Louise Kempthorne, Maureen Simard, Brad Clarke
- **Members:** Peggy Brown, Evelyn Green

**Julius opened the meeting at 7:02pm. A quorum was present.**

**Minutes:** Minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Marion; correction to AGM date reference of 2025 to 2026 (pg2). Marion moved minutes to be adopted as corrected, seconder Louise, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan presented the February reports:

**Chequing:** Opening balance \$578.82. Closing balance \$3014.94. Revenue included the \$1800 donation from City FSJ for Winterfest, which was shared with Ride for Disabled (\$900 cheq.issued to RFD and Susan will hand deliver it to Bev Richards); along with membership income, savings acc't interest of \$5, and less the \$2 interest on chequing account, we showed a net income of \$1868.

**Savings:** Susan reported the Savings account balance was \$4662.76.

Susan moved we adopt the financial report; Peggy seconded, carried.

### Other business for Treasurer.

- Susan recommended transferring money from chequing to savings in order to earn interest;

**Motion:** Susan moved to transfer an amount of \$1000, Theo seconded, motion carried.

## Old Business

**Calendar 2026 Distribution:** Calendars were available at the meeting. Those who haven't been able to pick them up can call Marion to arrange for pick up.

**Oilmen's Weekend (2025) Follow-up:** NHMHA received a donation of \$1500 from the Petroleum Association and Marion prepared a letter of Thanks to them for Julius's signature. The letter and a calendar will be mailed to them by Louise, who volunteered to find the address for Jason or other contact.

Louise reminded that we would share with the Ride for Disabled. An amount of \$250 was agreed upon and Susan prepared a cheque which she will hand deliver to Bev.

**Winter Festival Kickoff:** (Feb 1, Kin Park) no new items to add to the month-long event. We were only involved the first day. The donation cheque we received from the City of \$1,800 was shared with RFD (\$900), and Susan said she would have to adjust how she entered that transaction in our statements.

**Spring WagonTrek:** ConnieLynn Graphics prepared our Trek registration poster, which we had in hand to review at the meeting. We will adjust it with the registration cost edits and send out asap.

Trail Clean-up will probably take 2 days, and we picked May 2-3 which may be pushed to the next weekend if weather is a hindrance. We want to find the Lake Trail and Louise also hopes we can explore a river trail.

**Drive/Ride Guidelines:** Marion provided the past Guidelines/Rules to Louise who reviewed, edited and made copies for member review. These were presented at the meeting. There was discussion on helmet mandate for those <19 yrs old with a revisit to the waiver we had prepared previously. We will make these available at the events and notify participants at sign-in and at the morning meetings. We discussed more about the morning pre-drive safety meetings, and we consider them to be mandatory. Some safety guidelines which are not explicit in the written Drive/Ride Guidelines can be presented at the morning meetings.

**Email Access:** Marion / Louise trying out the instructions for adding club email user(s) without 2-phase security. Marion set up Louise as the additional user but it's not quite working yet.

**Fall WagonTrek:** No further trek locations were brought forward.

**Spring Driving Clinic:** The target is May 30-31 and will be held at Julius's place.

## ***New Business, Admin and Membership***

**Member Contact List:** Marion drafted the member's contact List to be shared with the Minutes email list (not to FB). Some are not renewed for 2026 but are still members: not-in-good-standing.

**Spring First-Aid Clinic:** Marion presented the response from Amber Blair on the format of the Equine First Aid, with Amber being a Certified Instructor. The basic response was that it is a bit more involved than the level we were looking for – may have to revisit the format and also the timing... Amber isn't in the N.Peace area until summer and members felt we are too busy in the summer to have the clinic then. Spring would be better. Marion will get back to Amber with our thoughts. We may have to look for other clinicians.

**Miscellaneous, Correspondence and Communication:** No new items

**Adjournment:** The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by Julius, seconded by Peggy and carried. All attendees stayed on for the AGM...

## *Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association* **Annual General Meeting**

The **Annual General Meeting** was called to Order by Julius at 8:03 pm. 2026 is not an Election Year, so the Business for the AGM included:

- Marion consolidated the activities and highlights Recap 2025
- 2025 AGM Minutes were available if anyone wished to review them. They were not read out.
- Treasurer Susan Clarke presented the year-end financial statements 2025
- Julius called for proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws\*. No changes were put forward.
- Membership cost increase discussion was held but did not result in changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. \*These were available at the meeting; also found on <https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/about.html>.

### ***NHMHA 2025 Recap***

Marion provided the events and highlights of 2025. Louise and the Board of Directors had vetted the document and it was presented.

### ***Financial Statements***

Susan presented the Financial Report. In summary, the Income Statement revenue was \$3,790.06. Expenses were outlined in detail, and the closing Net Income for the year was \$698.27 (*negative*).  
*Details:* Revenue \$3,790.06, Gifts \$750.64, NSF Charges \$87.96 (when our chq acc't didn't have sufficient funds transferred from the savings acc't), Membership \$103.95, ? \$544.18), Postage/Freight \$220.63, Donations \$370, Groceries \$754.81, Tools and Supplies \$450.48 (includes porta-potties), and \$1,205.68 miscellaneous (includes HCBC and insurance costs).

**Motion:** Susan moved the Financial Report be adopted as read; Peggy seconded, motion carried. Susan requested the Financial Report be reviewed and Louise volunteered to report at the next meeting.

### ***Discussion on proposed Membership Fees***

Julius started the discussion of increasing membership fees.

Marion commented that members should have some benefits in being a member vs non-member, such as lower registration fees for events like the wagontreks.

We talked about membership status – from one fiscal year into the next fiscal year a member would still be a member, but not in-good-standing until they renewed their membership. Benefits of being a member-in-good-standing would mean that they would receive the new year's calendar and the reduced events fees.

Discussion resulted in agreement for:

- Membership fees will be increased to \$20 per person or \$45 per family (beginning in 2027).
- WagonTrek registration fee for non-members will increase to \$40, but remain at \$25 for members (to begin this 2026 Spring WagonTrek). Children 12 and under will still be no charge.

**Motion:** Maureen moved these increases be adopted; Marion seconded; motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Julius called to adjourn the AGM at 8:30pm; Theo seconded; all were in favour  
The next AGM will be held in March 2027.

For more Information, Contact: Marion Johansen Dunn, Secretary, at: MarionJ.fsj@gmail.com or call 250-262-6259. Alternatively you can send an email to NHMHA.harnessclub@gmail.com



*Thank you to everyone who came out for the Meetings!*

**NOTE:** Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm

Next general meeting and AGM is March 10<sup>th</sup>, at Northern Lights College, 7pm.

**Website:** maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics [nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com](mailto:nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com).

View the photos and slide shows on the NHMHA website...<https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/events.html>