



# Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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## General and AGM Meeting March 11, 2025

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ

### Attendees:

- *President* Julius Reimer
- *Secretary:* Marion Dunn
- *Treasurer:* Susan Clarke
- *Directors:* Alice Daoust, Louise Kempthorne  
Theo Miedema, Maureen Simard
- *Members:* Evelyn Green, Brian Dunn, Bev and Dale Richards, Wayne Ash, Brad Clarke

**President Julius called the meeting to order at 7:08pm**

**Minutes:** Marion read the minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting; called for errors or omissions:

- Maureen noted an omission to the minutes regarding the election process, to be amended as follows in italics:  
“Marion asked for a member to direct the election process; no one present stepped forward so Marion volunteered. *Maureen volunteered to help her.* Marion also thanked Maureen for spearheading the process last year.”

The revised minutes were moved by Marion to be adopted, seconded by Louise and carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Susan presented the financial report for month end February 2025.

Chequing Opening Balance was \$1,944.14; there are 3 outstanding cheques totalling \$303.35. Closing Balance \$1,640.79.

Income: sale of \$51 from Calendars and \$5.37 interest from savings account.

Expenses included: chequing acc’t interest \$4.75, \$24 postage, \$82.75 Supplies (food for party)

\$100 reimbursement to Marion (for paying for the Gift Certificate to Pomeroy’s after the party)

Savings Account closed at \$6,087.42; no outstanding withdrawals or deposits.

Susan moved to adopt the financial report; seconded by Maureen; carried.

## Old Business

**High on Ice, February 14 – 17, 2025:** Sadly cancelled due to extreme cold weather. The High On Ice was well planned on our part in conjunction with the Ride for Disabled, and in coordination with the City of FSJ. The Kin Park grounds had been scouted and communications put out to media. “Base camp” with a warming trailer and food/hot drinks were all organized. Notifications by RFD, us and the City that the first day would be cancelled went out ahead of the next and remaining days that were advertised as cancelled due to weather. Thanks go out to all who worked so hard for what would have been a great event.

**Calendar 2025:** Marion brought the remaining calendars to the meeting. None were purchased.

**Year In Review 2024 draft Report:** No amendments were made in the February meeting.

**2025 Spring WagonTrek:** Julius reported the Doig Pasture contact, William Loewen, gave permission for us to hold our Spring Wagontrek, confirming we may use our established campsite.

A notice/registration will come out asap, using our same format and costs as in 2024.

The members present selected May 3, Saturday, as the date for trail cleanup.

Some details were discussed, such as to check with Donna to supply the kitchen tent(s) and bring the club tables and totes. Louise – fire ring for the main bonfire.

**Driving Clinic:** Timing and location for the clinic was discussed. Thinking April and May are too soon for an outdoor event due to snow and cold weather. Alice commented that June will have a lot of events which would compete with the clinic timing. With regard to having Bev and Dale's arena as a venue, Bev said June 14-15 is booked. Other dates may be possible. It seems that end of May or sometime in June would be the most likely target, at which time it would be possible to be outdoors at Julius's.

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

**Membership:** Three memberships were renewed at the meeting: Wayne and Linda Ash, and Alice Daoust.

**Correspondence / Communication:** No new correspondence

**Adjournment:** The General Meeting business was adjourned at 7:40pm by Julius, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marion; all in favor. The business of the Annual General Meeting commenced.

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

## ***Annual General Meeting –AGM March 11, 2025***

**Attendees:** all attendees from the General Meeting stayed present for the AGM.

The AGM was called to order at 7:41 by President, Julius Reimer

**AGM Old Business** - Nothing to report.

**Year In Review of the Association for 2024** - Marion Dunn, secretary, asked if anyone present wanted the report to be read out loud. It had been provided in draft and January and finalized in February when no edits were received. Members present agreed to not read the report at this meeting. Copy Attached.

**Minutes** - Highlights of the minutes from the AGM in 2024 were presented by Marion and acknowledged by the Membership. It was not an election year in 2024.

**Treasurer's Report** - The 2024 Financial Report was presented by Susan. She reviewed the Income Statement details and itemized the revenue items. The books had been reviewed by Louise Kempthorne, noting all documentation was assessed and in good order. Thanks went out to Louise. The report was available at the February meeting, and may be requested for viewing from Susan Clarke. This finalizes the annual process.

**Call for Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws** - Marion asked if there were any proposals for changes to the Constitution and By-Laws from the membership.

- No changes were proposed.

**Election Process** commenced, facilitated by Marion to cover the Executive Board positions for the new term of March 2025 to March 2027. The General Information summary was referenced, listing the current Board of Directors. Elections commenced by position, with calls for nominations from the floor for each position as presented:

- President: Julius Reimer let his name stand. Bev Richards was nominated from the floor but she declined. No further names were presented and the membership welcomed Julius as President by acclamation.
- Vice President: Donna Gregoire had informed the membership in February that she was stepping down from the role of Vice President. Nominations from the floor were called. Theo put his name forward. No other nominations arose. Theo is welcomed as VP by acclamation and he will therefore step down as a Director.
- Secretary: Marion Dunn let her name stand. Nominations from the floor were called. No other nominations arose. Marion is welcomed as Secretary by acclamation.
- Treasurer: Susan Clarke let her name stand. Nominations from the floor were called. No other nominations arose. Susan is welcomed as Treasurer by acclamation.
- Director(s): Nominations from the floor were called for the role of Director to fill the place Theo left; although the NHMHA can have additional Directors.

- o Article #4 in our bylaws: "The executive of this association shall consist of at least seven (7) officials." With the exception of Theo, the current slate of Directors let their names stand for another term. In addition, Brad Clarke was nominated and Brad accepted; the membership welcomed Brad to the position of Director. Louise expressed she would continue as Activities Director, along with Garnet Dunn.

- o Directors for this term are: Brad Clarke, Alice Daoust, Garnet Dunn, Louise Kempthorne and Maureen Simard.

Marion thanked everyone for the participation in the Election and AGM.

Julius noted the business for AGM was concluded. Theo moved the AGM be adjourned at 8:00pm, Alice seconded and the motion was carried.

**Supporting Documents:** (available on NHMHA website)

Election Results are presented in the General Information Notice.

Year in Review 2024 Events and Highlights

**AGM Year End Financial Report for 2022 Fiscal Year** - Available from Treasurer Susan Clarke



**NHMHA's next General Meeting is on April 8<sup>th</sup> at NLC in FSJ, Room#105**

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

**Membership:** <https://www.nhmha-harnessclub.ca/membership.html>

**Calendar:** <https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/img/NHMHA-2024-calendar-online.pdf>



Harness Club (NHMHA)



Marion Johansen

Admin Top contributor · February 13 ·

Reposting from High on Ice fb feed:

High on Ice Winter Fest Starts Friday February 14!

**\*\*UPDATE\*\*** due to the cold forecast on Saturday we are moving this activity to Sunday & Monday!

Sunday & Monday! Surerus Pipeline Inc Presents: Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides!

Get ready for a charming winter adventure at Kin Park! Enjoy a classic sleigh ride sponsored by Surerus Pipeline Inc, presented by the Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association in partnership with North Peace Ride for the Disabled!

Perfect for family outings, friends, or a unique Valentine's date! These FREE sleigh rides will have you soaking in the beauty of winter.

Dates: February 16 & 17

Time: 11am - 3pm

Location: Kin Park

Limited parking available at 96th Street

Tip: Dress warm & bring a blanket for extra coziness!

Want to know everything happening at High on Ice Winter Fest? From ice games to an outdoor farm experience (MUST REGISTER) and more, there's something for everyone!

Click to discover all the exciting activities and plan your weekend:



North Peace Ride for the Disabled

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**\*\*Update: Sleigh Rides have been cancelled\*\***

Hey folks! Did you know we're teaming up with the Northern Horse and Mule Harness Association to put on Sleigh Rides for the High on Ice Winter Fest?! We need your help! Please contact Lana if you can help out for a couple hours!

