



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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Annual General Meeting April 14, 2026

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ, Room 1702

Attendees:

- **President:** Julius Reimer
- **Secretary:** Marion Dunn
- **Treasurer:** Susan Clarke,
- **Directors:** Louise Kempthorne, Maureen Simard, Brad Clarke
- **Members:** Donna Gregoire

Julius opened the meeting at 7:02pm with a quorum.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 10th meeting and the AGM Minutes were read by Marion; noting an item in the Treasurer's report which needed clarification on the AGM report allocation of \$544.18 (which would be addressed during the meeting in old business). Marion moved minutes to be adopted with addition of information to note, seconded by Maureen, carried.

Louise referred to the 2025 financial statements and found the \$544.18 was for the combined Acera insurance payment and HCBC club membership.

Treasurer's Report: Susan presented the February reports:

Chequing: Closing balance \$1792.94. Revenue: \$36.31 Membership and bank interest; Expenses Chq'g interest \$2. No outstanding cheques. Net income of (\$215.69).

Savings: Susan reported the Savings account balance was \$5,669.07, after having transferred \$1000 from the chequing account.

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

Other business for Treasurer: At the AGM, Susan requested the books to be vetted as a regular business requirement and Louise volunteered; she reported that all was in order. *Thank you Louise!*

Old Business

Calendar 2026 Distribution: Those who haven't picked up their calendar can call Marion.

Oilmen's Weekend (2025) Follow-up:

- the ThankYou letter to the Petroleum Association was mailed by Louise to their website address.
- Bev relayed "Thanks" through Susan to NHMHA for the donation to the Ride for Disabled from our joint participation at the Winter Festival. She said they were not expecting it. We said RFD helped so much!
- **Oilmen's Weekend August 21-23, 2026:** they have already listed our involvement on the advertising!

Spring WagonTrek May 15-18: Trek registration/poster has been on our media sites and emailed to members. **Trek Registration is due by May 10th.** A few more planning details were covered in the meeting:

Trail Clean-up May 2 and into May 3rd: If the weather is not favourable conditions, the cleanup may be pushed to the next weekend. Julius offered to check out the campsite and trails on May 1 and communicate whether access is good or not. Contact Louise (250-219-6074) or Julius (250-262-5960) if you are coming, or meet at the Doig campsite for an 11am start.

For the Trek: Susan will bring club cheques to repay club food purchases. Marion will handle registrations at site. Other planning points:

- Donna won't be able to attend this year, and things that Donna handled were reassigned. Action items:
 - ✓ Tent, tables and totes that Donna has will be picked up by Marion/Brian. Tent poles by Garnet?
 - ✓ Coffee urn (100c size) doesn't have the inside percolator parts (may have left them at the Christmas party?) so Susan said she'd check the school, and also ask about a cutting board that was left. Another urn will be brought.
- Louise will buy the groceries and keep them in coolers.

- Louise will bring a fire ring. Marion will bring a propane fire-pit.
- Marion/Brian will bring a small generator.
- Julius will arrange for the Porta-Potties and have them delivered to site.

Drive/Ride Guidelines: Final version of the Safety Guidelines was completed and an edited version is now available to be posted. Will be on agenda for Trek morning pre-drive safety meetings (mandatory).

Harness Train and Drive : Spring Driving Clinic May 30-31 Poster/sign-up completed and posted. This event will be held at Julius's place. Contact him for directions if needed (250-262-5960).

Spring First-Aid Clinic: Recap of holding the basic clinic: Marion explained the status of what was outlined in Amber Blair's format for Equine First Aid, which was more advanced and beyond what we were looking for. She had responded to Amber to explain what we were thinking upon and perhaps touch base again. The members present said we should look for other clinicians in the area and revisit our opportunities.

Fall WagonTrek: No discussion.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Recognition Discussion: Donna suggested that it would be nice to acknowledge the teamsters who gave rides at the Winter Festival with a gift certificate. Comments were that members in past have serviced our events with no compensation – as a part of being with the club – and that if we start doing this for “some”, it would cause imbalances and erode the spirit of our involvement. We of course appreciate everyone who contributes, in many ways, to our association and mandate.

Taylor Gold Panning Weekend: August 1-Taylor Parade, August 2 – Gold Panning Wagon Rides
Taylor asked Theo if we were willing to do rides again and he thought “Yes”, so we are slated for August 2nd. We gave rides on the one day last year and the target is again for starting at 11am until 3pm. We will probably give lead-rides on horses/ponies as well.

North Peace Fall Fair August 14-16, 2026: NHMHA (Susan) prepared a \$120 cheque issued to the North Peace Fall Fair committee through Bonnie Carlson, who popped in to the meeting. This resulted from discussion on participating and a **motion** put forward by Marion to take part in the Fall Fair, seconded by Maureen and carried. We chose to sponsor the 2 driving classes as we did in 2025: Pleasure Driving Single Open and Team Driving Open. Bonnie told Susan they would send an email with directions to submit our Logo for the book. Marion has since provided a logo copy to LightHorse@northpeacefallfair.com, Attention Jody Watson and cc Bonnie Carlson. The logo was received and acknowledged with an email. A lady named Christine is working on the program book, targeted for completion April 30.

New Event for Tumbler Ridge: Julius proposed we give the Tumbler Ridge School a wagon ride day. They have been through so much and may enjoy the wagon rides. Louise said August was out of question so perhaps try for June or September? School would be in by September. Early June would be better. Need to decide if this would be on a weekend or on a weekday, and we would start with discussing it with the school to see if this would be something they would give permission for. We will discuss this at the next general meeting which will be held at the Doig WagonTrek site (see next meeting at bottom of these minutes).

Admin: Email access is working well for Louise as added user without 2-phase security. Now email site needs to be cleaned up because of old unneeded info (action item – Marion).

Membership: Updated the Members Contact List.

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

Adjournment: The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by Julius, seconded by and carried. The next General Meeting has been decided to be held at the SPRING WAGONTREK on May 18th instead of at the NLC on May 12th. Marion to notify the NLC that we won't be using the Room 1702 in May.

For more Information, Contact: Marion Johansen Dunn, Secretary, at: MarionJ.fsj@gmail.com or call 250-262-6259.
Events Contact: Louise Kempthorne, Activities Director at lkempthorne66@gmail.com or call 250-219-6074. Alternatively you can send an email to NHMHA.harnessclub@gmail.com.



Thank you to everyone who came out for the Meeting!

NOTE: Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm
Next general meeting is May 18th, in the Doig at the Spring WagonTrek, at lunch after the drive/ride.

Website: maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com.
View the photos and slide shows on the NHMHA website... <https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/events.html>