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Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting April 8, 2025

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ, Room 105

Attendees:

- *President* *Julius Reimer*
- *Secretary:* *Marion Dunn*
- *Treasurer:* *Susan Clarke*
- *Directors:* *Louise Kempthorne*
 Theo Miedema, Maureen Simard
- *Members:* *Deborah Logan, Evelyn Green,*
 Brad Clarke, Donna Gregoire

President Julius called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Minutes: Marion read the minutes from the March 11th meeting; no errors or omissions were voiced and minutes were moved to be adopted, seconded by Maureen; carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan presented finances for month end of March. Revenue included \$35 from memberships and interest on the savings account (\$5.60) to total \$40.60. Expenses pd were \$100 for reimbursement of the Gift Certificate, \$4.75 chequing account interest charge to total \$104.75. No O/S cheques.

The closing balance in chequing was \$1,571.04.

The Savings Account balance was \$6,093.02.

Susan moved to adopt the minutes as read; Deb seconded; carried.

Old Business



WagonTrek, May 3 - Trail Clean-up Day - 11a.m. Meet at the Doig 11km camping location to clean up the camp site, gather/cut firewood, and set out on the trails to clean access along the routes. Quads, chainsaws and manpower are all welcome!!!

Spring WagonTrek, May 16 through 19 – Doig Community Pasture:

Marion presented the Registration / Poster for the Trek that Connie Lynn added to our website for online information and printing. This outlines the \$25/adult fee, potluck format with Saturday/Sunday lunches provided by the club, plus coffee/tea/ hot chocolate. There were no changes proposed for the registration poster.

Tents – Donna has the tents and totes arranged for Brian and Marion to pick up. Also tables.

Food - Donna reminded us that she has a box of the burgers from the Christmas party surplus. In addition, she will advise us about what needs to be purchased for supplies and give a list to Marion. Louise has volunteered to help with food and Mario will buy other supplies.

Outhouses - Julius volunteered to organize these.

Water – several people have tanks for water and we can possibly find more volunteers.

Generators – a few people will be bringing generators; one is needed for the club coffee urns: Garnet, Marion and Brian

Driving Clinic, May 31 – June 1: The tentative date for the Clinic is May 31st (Saturday) and possibly June 1st, and will be held at Julius's arena. The plan for the clinic is to give the basic training of the same format as our previous sessions. Julius has permission to also use the facility (track and outdoor field at a nearby neighbor's, Doug Wyles, former property).

Taylor Parade (Friday, August 1): gather at 5pm; Parade at 6pm. People planning to participate: Theo/Deb, Julius. The participants may camp afterwards at the Peace Island Park.

Peace Island Park Gold Panning Days (Saturday /Sunday, August 2 -3): Theo and Deb have organized the camping location in the park at the Finch Site. They will be there for 2 nights for the weekend and provide rides Saturday and possibly the early part of Sunday. Leave on Sunday. Teams will be Theo/Deb, and Julius. Others?

Oilmen's Weekend (Petroleum Association), August 15 through 18 – Peace Island Park: Deb will try to touch base to find the contact for this event this year, and report at the next meeting.

North Peace Fall Fair, August 15 through 18: Julius will contact the event organizers to participate in the Heavy Horse Pull for bringing in the salt blocks with his pony team wagon.

Donna will contact Julia Fellers to notify that NHMHA will sponsor the two classes we sponsored last year, for driving.

SummerDaze Bunkhouse Campout, July 11 through 14 – Montney: Camp/drive/ride at Brian and Marion Dunn's Bunkhouse Camp base for short drives and rides. Arrive Friday to set up and possibly have a short route; then out on the trails at 11am Friday and Saturday, with lunch on the trail. Monday morning may hold a short ride. Potluck format with NHMHA providing coffee/tea/ hot chocolate. Water available for horses.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Fall Wagon Trek, August 29-31, September 1: Louise has spoken with Shona Maya Campbell, who will be happy to be our Trail Guide again this year for our Fall Trek on Labour Day Weekend. We may want to camp in another area she recommends, but we will still have a drive/ride route to the Beach. This area has more trails than what we rode last year. Everyone present was in favor of returning to Hudson's Hope!

Poker Ride Invite from Shona Maya Campbell: Louise told us of the event which may be arranged for June or July. Shona will keep us informed.

Sunset Prairie trip, no date set: Louise proposed we may wish to camp near round corrals and check out the trails at Sunset Prairie. Heather told her some trails are getting overgrown.

One Island Lake: date to be determined. Louise said we are welcome there, too.

Bear Mountain: Another place we may want to revisit; Louise suggested we try that out too this year.

Correspondence / Communication: Angie Pomeroy sent a photo and text about an electrical appliance cord that was found in their Barn...thought it may be from someone's Christmas potluck pan. Evelyn said she was missing hers, so she'll follow up with Angie.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm by Julius, seconded by Susan.

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



NHMHA's Annual General Meeting is on May 13th at NLC in FSJ, Room#105

Website: maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com

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

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