



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting August 12, 2025

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ, Room 101

Attendees:

- *President:* Julius Reimer
- *Vice President:* Theo Miedema
- *Treasurer:* Susan Clarke
- *Members:* Donna Gregoire, Dale Sutherland, Bev & Dale Richards Evelyn Green, Deb Logan

Photo: Cayle Simard at Summer Daze

President Julius called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Minutes - Marion thanked Susan for covering for minutes in July, and when reading the minutes, noticed there was a typo for the chequing account balance as at June 30, and was corrected when Susan presented the Treasurer's report. The minutes were adopted, seconded by Donna and carried.

Treasurer's Report - Susan presented finances as of July 31 and also provided the June 30 chequing balance of \$1,764.62 for end of June (as noted in Minutes, above). Revenue included \$50 from Horrocks and \$30 donations. The closing balance in chequing was \$1,863.04, noting there were 2 mo's of service charges (due to BEEM merger June/July).

The Savings balance was \$6,183.71 after interest deposit of \$7.78. No expenses.

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

Old Business

Oilmen's Weekend at Peace Island Park - Theo identified the campsite for NHMHA (2nd right driveway from the access road). Louise and Maureen will arrive on Friday for the weekend and will give rides over the weekend. Louise intends to use the club wagon. Bev and Dale will be there with a team Saturday. Others who can help load rides and also, horse leadline walkers, are needed. Marion committed for leading a horse but cannot bring her mini's. Deb and Louise have the lead horses. Leadline is only on Saturday. Dale asked if Oilmen's will have a lunch we can take part in and Donna answered yes, just go in and say you're with the horse rides.

Susan added she will not be able to be there as it is the Fall Fair weekend and she will be busy there.

SummerDaze Bunkhouse Campout, July 11 through 14 – Montney - Marion reported that the SummerDaze was a fun weekend. We had 6 riders, 2 wagons (Horrocks and Julius Reimers), and 2 carts (Maureen with her son Cayle in cart, and Susan).

Taylor Parade, August 1 - Three teams were in the parade, placed in the start of the parade line-up. They were all treated as one group and given 3rd Place. Theo registered under NHMHA.

Peace Island Park Gold Panning Days (Saturday/Sunday, August 2 -3) - Theo reported that this event went really well. The weather was hot and 3 teams gave rides on the Saturday, Aug 2: Bev & Dale, Julius and Theo. The ride passengers were steady. Sherry sent an email and Theo gave her our web address.

North Peace Fall Fair, August 15-18 - We sponsored Team Driving & Single Pleasure Driving classes, and Julia Fellers had posted a very nice "thank you" on fb about our contribution and an outline of our club as long time supporters. However, Donna said we were not in the Fall Fair Program again this year because connecting and communication was complicated and the fair personnel dropped the ball.

A gliche arose when the FF asked us (through Julius and Dale S.) to provide rides for the public, and they wanted NHMHA to add the FF Society to our insurance as a Named Insured. The members present were uncomfortable with this request even though we can do so per our Acera insurance – therefore, it was decided we will not give rides at the FF. This request was unreasonable to present within days of the Fair.

Fall WagonTrek - The Clean-up crew did a good job on several trails at the trek area on August 3rd. Shona – our generous guide - and her helper Kenzie were great in attacking deadfall and overgrowth with Julius, Louise, Maureen, Susan and Marion.

Poster Registrations were out on media with an August 26th response date for registration.

For the Trek: Bring your own water to be sure you have enough – Donna will bring whatever supplies she still has, and intends to bring a water tank. Other people may have extra water supply, too. Dale R. said there is a water fill up station in Hudson’s Hope and he may have extra tokens. The campsite area has lots of grass and alfalfa for horses.

Details were discussed: Louise will bring fire pit, Lee and Lisa Chambers are bringing their BBQ wagon for trail, the club will cook hotdogs and hamburgers on the trail for lunch (which Louise will buy), Marion will buy the dry supplies and pick up the tent(s?) and tables from Donna, Garnet will take care of ordering the outhouses (Marion gave Donna the last year’s contact info for Butler Ridge), Marion will bring a generator for the coffee urns, Louise will put up signage for the trek turnoff at Canyon Drive.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Senior’s WagonRide Request : No further information on this request.

Correspondence / Communication EMarion read the Thank you card from Geri Demyen re the spring trek, and his note on cautioning that we as trekker’s need to be cautious about disturbance to wildlife. We had encountered a mother elk on our spring trek.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm by Julius/2nd Theo.

NOTE: Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm
Next meeting is August 12th at Northern Lights College, 7pm.



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

SUMMER DAZE GROUP PHOTO Day 2



Julia Fellers
Admin 31m

Sponsor Shout-Out!

A huge thank you to the **Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association** for once again sponsoring our driving classes at this year’s Fall Fair!

This vibrant and welcoming club is a fantastic resource for anyone interested in harness driving—from total beginners to seasoned reinsmen. They host a variety of fun events and educational opportunities year-round, making them a true pillar of the driving community.

If driving intrigues you, we highly recommend checking them out! <https://www.nhmha-harnessclub.ca/>