



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting December 9, 2025

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ, Room 1701

Attendees:

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

Julius's opened the meeting at 7:10pm. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 11th meeting were read by Marion, seconded by Maureen, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan presented financial reports for October and November.

October: expense: service charges (\$2) on chequing. Closing balance end of October \$2,049.61.

Interest Income on the savings account: \$7.29, closing balance: \$6,137.11.

November: Chequing Account: service charges (\$2), other expenses were Gifts \$645.02, including the \$500 fund to Donna for gifts, and \$145.02 to Marion for Get Well basket to Deb Logan. Donations \$250 to Baldonnel School for venue for our Christmas Party, other expenses came in after the month. Net Income was ~~-\$889.96~~. Adjusted bank balance in chequing \$1,152.59.

Savings Account: \$7.06 interest income; closing balance \$6,144.17.

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

Marion notified that the HCBC Club membership was completed online and paid for through her VISA (for reimbursement (\$103.95). As well, the club Acera/Capri general liability insurance (\$385) and the Acera D&O Insurance (\$155). Payment receipts were submitted to Susan, who issued a reimbursement cheque #1048 for \$645.95. Marion was reimbursed for NHMHA turkey dinner groceries (\$103.46). Marion also obtained a cheque for Target Printers to pay for the 60 calendars printed (\$12ea GST \$36 PST \$50.40, total \$806.40).

Old Business

Sleigh Ride – The weather will be too cold for the sleigh ride booked for December 11th, so it will be rescheduled for January 3rd. The notice will go out on fb and our website.

CHRISTMAS PARTY December 6th Recap

Everyone had comments to say the party was very good – the venue was quite good for all of us and especially the kids who had lots of room to run around! Parking was good and close to the doors. It was nice to have water and washrooms available! The kitchen was excellent and the pass-through to the gym made everything quite easy. Lots of fridge room and 2 stoves/ovens, microwaves made serving very easy. Donna wanted to thank the parents for having the kids behave so very well. Thanks to Donna and Ray for the great elf shopping and for getting Santa to visit the party to bring the presents and a lot of joy to the children. Plus entertain the adults! Some of the kids were very cute in thanking Santa and showing him such love and hugs. They for the most part remembered him from last year. Santa's Elf was very busy and also conducted calling the children to have their turn with Santa, called out the door prizes and adult gift exchange. Everyone loved Santa and we are so happy he found his way in. The meal was amazing – as ever! Turkey, trimmings, ham, mashed potatoes, countless potluck dishes and desserts...

Thanks go to Susan for organizing the access to the school by meeting with Craig Brownlea for the key and instructions for the alarm system. Plus the followup in returning the key. Craig and Marion spoke and we expressed our pleasure with having had the school for our party. He said everything was in very good order and didn't even look like anyone had been there! Thanks go to the decorating crew from the

morning of the party – a SWAT team from 11:30am until 2:30 pm, and then the reverse undecorating and disinfecting after the party. A very efficient group!

Thanks...(+ everyone not mentioned here who made this happen)...Donna and Ray did an amazing job of staying within our budget of \$500, and every child was very happy with their gift...even Emilia! Thanks to those who donated Door Prizes - seems everyone was thrilled with winning one.

As usual, the Adult gift exchange was fun and ended the events of the night.

We all look forward to the Sleigh Day to get back together for the winter season.

Merry Christmas to Everyone and Have a Wonderful Holiday!

Calendar 2026 Distribution: ConnieLynn Graphics produced the lovely 2026 calendar in time for Target Printers to print 60 calendars (we have 47 members so we printed some extra) for distribution at the Christmas Party. Marion had presented Jodi at Target with our payment cheque and a box of Quality Street that she donated. Those who were not in attendance can pick their calendars up at the next general meeting (January 13). If you are a member in good standing during 2025 the calendars are free of charge – otherwise they are \$10ea. If you renew in January, the calendar is issued free with the updated membership. Marion will mail-out to those not in the greater FSJ area. Louise estimated it would be about \$3.31 per mailout.

Thanks were expressed that Connie has produced these calendars for 12 years. Marion commented on all the other work Connie does for the club including creating our event registration posters, updating content, and maintaining our website free of charge on her hosting platform. Our website is an important part of communication for our club and our organization hosts and through HCBC. Marion reminded there was no acknowledgement of Connie's work in 2024 or 2025, so a motion was put forward by Susan to present a Gift Certificate of \$100, seconded by Donna and carried.

Oilmen's Weekend at Peace Island Park: (was held August 16-18) still no donation cheque but it was said that Deb is going to follow up.

Winter Festival: (no longer referred to as High on Ice) - Donna reported she and Bev met with Dave from the City FSJ. They will try to do the same trails as before in Kin Park. Dave texted Donna to meet to walk trails Dec 10 but it was too cold! Rescheduled. Bev was notified as well to meet to walk the trails. City FSJ will supply a warming trailer for us on site and there will be porta-potties. An area will be available for the horses to stage in the school parking lot; the road will be blocked off. More info will be available after their meeting/walk.

Spring WagonTrek: The subject was brought up but we decided to leave discussion to next year 😊

New Business, Admin and Membership

Email Access: Louise requested we resolve issues related to access to our email input from multiple users as required. The 2-phase security on our site is restrictive because Marion's cell receives the access code and she may not be the person trying to log in. The email also links location to Marion's URL and if someone different logs in, the gmail flags a non-user and now blocks access. The email settings need to be resolved (action: Marion/Connie/Louise/Susan).

Member Update: Marion discovered that Wayne Ash is in hospital after she left a message to Wayne and Linda about the upcoming Christmas Party. Linda replied that Wayne has been in hospital for some time but we don't know which hospital. Marion will find out and send flowers to him with our Get Well messages. Everyone is encouraged to give a hello to him.

Miscellaneous: Maureen has two presents to give away.

Marion presented a stack of blank beautiful Horse Motif Christmas cards from HCBC to hand out and be used by us.

Correspondence / Communication: Marion contacted the HCBC and Acera re renewals to our memberships and insurances and they were renewed and pd for by Marion online. See Treasurer's report.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm by Alice, 2nd Marion.



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

Next meeting is January 13th at Northern Lights College, 7pm.

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

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