



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting February 10, 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*
- *Members: Peggy Brown, Donna Gregoire, Evelyn Green, Bev and Dale Richards*

Julius called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 13 meeting were read by Marion, noting 2 corrections (title date and the Minutes 2nd) which had not been updated from Dec. The minutes were adopted, 2nd by Donna.

Treasurer's Report: Susan presented the January reports:

Chequing: Revenue \$120 from memberships, \$20 donation from Susan and Brad. Expenses: \$578.82, bank charges \$2. One O/S cheque for \$26.88 (issued to Donna). The adjusted bank balance was \$551.94.

Savings: Susan transferred \$1500 from Savings to Chequing. Closing balance for Savings was \$4,657.76.

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

Other business for Treasurer:

- Marion notified that the HCBC Club membership which she had paid over the phone was taken out of her account twice. HCBC reimburse her for the redundant charge, received in January.
- Marion let Susan know that no NSF charges for the NSF cheq NHMHA issued to her.



Old Business

Calendar 2026 Distribution: Calendars were available at the meeting. Those who haven't been able to pick them up can call Marion to arrange for pick up.

Oilmen's Weekend (2025) Follow-up: (update re: August 16-18, 2025) Louise spoke with Deb who reported that Jason (of Petroleum Association) would ETransfer a donation (not yet received at the time of the meeting).

Winter Festival Kickoff: (Feb 1, Kin Park) Donna led the recap of the event and discussion included: the site was set-up by the City, NHMHA and Ride for Disabled volunteers. We had signs and barriers for crowd flow control. Although there was no heated trailer or porta potties for us as promised by the City, everything went smoothly. They did bring a utility trailer which was cold to start with, but was heated with a space heater later on. It was a very cold day! A propane fire pit was also set up in the afternoon. Thanks to everyone who set up, brought hot food, snacks and goodies and set up the hot drinks.

The trails were said to be a bit hard but smoothed out during the day. There was a constant line-up but well organized. Rides were given to between 600-700 people throughout the day. Sleighs driven by Lee Chambers, Dale and Mavis Sutherland, and Julius Reimer.

The Petting Pen was set up with Brian and Marion's panels and Julius's panels, and the Mini's were a popular draw for the event while people waited for their sleigh rides. The RFD volunteer gals (Lilley, Alexis, Adriana and Ashley) were so helpful and dedicated through the whole day! Also manned by Brian, Marion and Susan.

Donna presented a donation cheque from the City for \$1,800, to be shared with RFD and a form to be completed (with instruction on how future receipts will be by ETransfers instead of picking up cheques). Susan will phone the City FSJ for more clarification. Susan issued a cheque to Bev for RFD for \$900.

Spring WagonTrek: Julius reported we have permission from Bernie Reimer and William Lowen for our trek in the Doig. Discussion confirmed also that we will have a mandatory Trail Meeting prior to heading out; our front and back riders or drivers will have a vest (pass wide and slow) and radios, and the ride will be led by a Trail Boss (could be a rider or driver).

Trail cleanup will be organized far enough ahead of the trek in order to establish and clear routes. Louise suggested this may be an overnight venture. No date established.

Marion will collect the past Guidelines/Rules for Louise to review. The pre-drive Tailgate Meeting will be a daily kickoff.

Email Access: No update on resolution of multiple users of the email: there are issues related to input by more than 1 person because of the 2-phase security on our site and location of URL (if someone other than Marion logs in, the gmail flags a non-user and now blocks access). The email settings need to be resolved (action: Marion/Connie/Louise/Susan). A meeting to be arranged.

Fall WagonTrek: Future trek locations mentioned were: Neilson's South Peace Stock Farms and Aitken Falls (making sure we go when the waterfall is flowing).

Spring Driving Clinic: Some discussion on whether we will hold a clinic; late May was suggested by Julius but not the 15-18th of course (wagontrek). as the best timing for a club-lead clinic.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Member Update: Brian visited Wayne and Linda Ash at their home and delivered our Get Well Wishes Basket. They welcome visitors if you have a chance.☺

Member Contact List: Marion will draft the contact names list (ph#'s and emails) for our current members (there weren't many who renewed as of yet) to be shared with the Minutes email list (not to FB).

Spring First-Aid Clinic: Peggy suggested we hold an Equine First Aid Clinic. Certified practitioners may be available. Marion will contact Amber Blair to find out more information on what she may offer.

Miscellaneous, Correspondence and Communication:

- Bev added that a lovely 2026 calendar has been produced by Dale Klassen and Dustin Chambers, but the name they have adopted for their club is very similar to ours: NP Harness and Mule.
- **Year In Review 2025** – to be reviewed by BOD and presented at AGM.
- **NOTICE:** The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **March 10, 2025**, following the General Meeting Business. 2026 is not an Election Year. Business for the AGM includes 2025 financial report, 2025 recap, and discussion/voting if proposed changes to the Constitution and ByLaws* are presented (*found on <https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/about.html>). Membership cost increase discussion has been suggested for discussion.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm by Julius, 2nd Marion

NOTE: Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm
Next general meeting and AGM is March 10th, 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>

