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**President Julius called the meeting to order at 7:10pm**

# Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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**General Meeting February 11, 2025**

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ, Room 103

### Attendees:

- *President*                 *Julius Reimer*
- *Vice President:*   *Donna Gregoire*
- *Secretary:*           *Marion Dunn*
- *Treasurer:*           *Susan Clarke*
- *Directors:*            *Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne*  
  *Theo Miedema*
- *Members and Guests:*   *Ray Warren, Evelyn Green,*  
  *Bakre Alhalak, Bev and Dale Richards, Lana Neitz*  
  *(NPRD) Justina Harder (NPRD)*

**Minutes:** Marion read the minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting; called for errors or omissions:

- High On Ice Correction to change the item that RFD would be “selling food,” to they will be “supplying food for volunteers at the event”.

The revised minutes were moved by Marion to be adopted, seconded by Louise and carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Susan presented two months of reports: December 2024 and January 2025. She circulated a hard copy report of the Year End Financial Statements 2024. This report needs to be audited prior to the March Annual General Meeting (AGM). Louise volunteered to review the report.

Thank You, Louise!

2024 Month End December:

Chequing Opening Balance was \$3,123.27; Closing Balance \$1,747.64. Income: sale of \$64 from Calendars.

Expenses included: interest \$4.75, \$82.75 to Donna Christmas Party groceries, printing Calendars (Target Printers) \$672, Club HCBC Membership Renewal \$103.55, Acera Insurances (General Liability and D&O Liability) \$544.18.

Savings Account was \$6,075.74, after accounting for interest income of \$6.68,

2025 Month End January:

Chequing Opening Balance was \$1,747.64; Closing Balance \$1,797.89.

Savings Account closing was \$6,082.05 after \$6.31 interest earned

Marion submitted a receipt for renewing the Post Office Box for NHMHA for reimbursement: Susan issued cheque #1036 for \$196.35.

Two memberships were submitted: Louise and Garnet.

Susan has suggested we transfer some funds from chequing to savings.

### Old Business

**High on Ice, February 14 – 17, 2025:** High On Ice Planning is still on track, pending weather. Donna provided an update after having met with Dave from City of FSJ, with Helen (VP for Ride for Disabled) and from scouting the Kin Park grounds. Julius had also scouted the routes. Donna worked with Lana, from Ride for Disabled to produce a detailed map has been drawn and was distributed at the meeting. It outlined the areas where we will stage the rides (the school parking lot), the heated washrooms

we have access to, the loading/unloading areas, and the routes. Donna said she was waiting for Dave to get back to her about the parking lot area for the horses. Other items were outlined:

- Lana informed that they have a heated trailer for volunteers to warm themselves in, and it will be staged in the parking lot on Friday night to prep for the weekend.
- Bev will bring a sandwich board for loading and unloading rules
- there is an icy spot at the end of the top trail; Dave will address it
- Lana is having tables with food/soup and buns; potluck will be welcome. Marion will pick up goodies from Tim Hortons. Donna will bring a box of prepackaged chips/snacks
- Horse manure will be cleaned up (Marion to bag it in feed sacks for removal)
- There is no fire ring or tent. Ray offered to bring his propane firepit but Lana said the City doesn't want the firepits on site.

**Calendar 2025:** Louise mailed out the calendars from last meeting and submitted a receipt of her cost outlay for reimbursement. Marion said there are still a few remaining calendars.

**Year In Review 2024 draft Report:** No changes were put forward to the draft report. It will be finalized as part of the content for the AGM in March.

**Christmas Party planning 2025:** No discussion

### **2025 Spring WagonTrek:**

Julius will check with the Doig Pasture contacts to secure our spring wagon trek event. A notice will come out afterwards as well as a date for trail cleanup weekend.

**Driving Clinic:** planning will be started later this spring, with a potential for April as a target, if indoors, or later if outdoors. Most likely to be held at Julius's.

## **New Business, Admin and Membership**

### **Other:**

**Election at March AGM:** Marion reminded that the March meeting is the Annual General Meeting and this year it is an Election year. She reviewed the agenda that would be covered: 2024 financial review; activities summary from 2024, Constitution and Bylaws (should they have any revisions presented for review and voting), and Election for the Executive Board. Donna informed that she would be stepping down as Vice President. Attached is the current General Information summary where the Board of Directors are listed.

Marion asked for a member to direct the election process; no one present stepped forward so Marion volunteered. She also thanked Maureen for spearheading the process last year. Any member in good standing may come forward to run for a position on the Board of Executives.

**Membership:** Members present were given chance to fill out/pay their membership.

### **Correspondence / Communication:**

- HCBC provided our package and Certificate of Membership, which Marion printed for viewing.
- NHMHA Email Received by "EKOS" who is conducting a Sports Survey. As it was not relevant to our club we declined.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by Susan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen.

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



**NHMHA's Annual General Meeting is on March 11<sup>th</sup> at NLC in FSJ, Room#105**

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

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