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# Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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## General Meeting January 13, 2026

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ, Room 1701

### Attendees:

- President: Julius Reimer
- Secretary: Marion Dunn
- Treasurer: Susan Clarke
- Directors: Louise Kempthorne
- Members: Donna Gregoire, Evelyn Green, and welcoming new member Peggy Brown

**NOTE:** Next Meeting will be in Room 1702

Pre-Meeting: Renewal of Memberships from 7 to 7:15: Marion & Brian Dunn, Julius & Nicki Reimer, Evelyn Green, and Geri Demyen (received by mail). Peggy was provided with a 2026 Calendar

Julius's opened the general meeting at 7:15pm. A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the December 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Marion, seconded by Donna, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan presented financial reports for December:

**Chequing:** expenses: \$5.62 added to Gifts; \$251.60 Groceries (Christmas Party); \$806.40 Miscellaneous included Calendar printing \$640); service charges (\$57.83) on chequing were higher than normal due to NSF charges on issued cheques); making net income total \$1088.52. The closing balance end of December was \$567.19.

**Savings:** Interest Income on was \$7.31; \$20 from Calendar sales; Closing balance \$6,144.17. Susan moved we adopt the financial report; Donna seconded, carried.

**Other business for Treasurer:**

- Marion submitted receipts to Susan for reimbursement \$471.99: covered Postage for mailout of Calendars \$58.40; Get Well Basket for Wayne Ash \$111.99; Renewal of NHMHA Postal Box at Shoppers DrugMart \$201.60 and Thankyou acknowledgement of \$100 to ConnieLynn Graphics for the past 2 yrs of her website and events admin support.
- A replacement cheque was issued to Marion due to the NSF status in NHMHA's account. (\$643.95).
- Marion notified that the HCBC Club membership had been paid but was taken out of her account twice. HCBC informed her they will reimburse her for the redundant charge.

### Old Business

**Sleigh Ride** – Our plans were cancelled twice due to extreme cold weather and deep snow. The members present decided not to reschedule at this time.

**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 at Peace Island Park:** (update re: August 16-18, 2025) Louise spoke with Theo who said Deb was trying to follow up regarding the donation. Louise offered to help if they provide her with a contact name.

**Winter Festival:** Donna reported she will meet with Dave from the City FSJ on Friday (January 16) to scout the trails in Kin Park. So far she expects everything will be the same as what was planned for last year. She will get more details on the warming trailer the City FSJ will supply for us on site. Activities will be

weather dependant as usual, but so far the Teams lined up are Mavis & Dale, Julius, Lee & Lisa, possibly Theo and Bev & Dale. Marion will have mini's there for the petting area. Donna also said we would have help from the Ride for Disabled in the loading area. Updates will be provided by email.

**Spring WagonTrek:** The location most people want is the Doig, so Julius will contact the Pasture Boss for permission. Marion will draft up the Guidelines/Rules for the trek from past outlines and Louise will review it. The pre-drive Tailgate Meeting will be a daily kickoff. We will have the radios ready for the trek. There was discussion on the Monday drive start time and it was suggested that 10am would be better, to allow for people to pack and leave earlier.

**Email Access:** No update on resolution of multiple users of the email: need to resolve issues related to access to our email input 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 is still to be arranged.

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

**Fall WagonTrek:** We had discussion on possible locations; Williston is still an option. Julius suggested Aitken Falls. Community Pastures are not available - cattle there in fall. More at next meeting!

**Spring Driving Clinic:** Some discussion on if we will hold a clinic; April suggested. More next meeting.

**Member Update:** Linda informed us that Wayne Ash is home from the hospital. Marion has our Get Well Basket to be taken to them to express he recovers well from his fractured pelvis.

**Member Contact List:** Marion asked if we should produce a contact list of names, ph#'s and emails for our current members, to be shared with current members. We used to have that available. In order to solicit consent, she will send an email to members to ask if they would want their names included.

**Miscellaneous:** Susan informed us that the BC Carriage Driving Society has some webinars that would be of interest to our membership. Available to register through their site ([bccarriagedriving.com](http://bccarriagedriving.com)).

### **Correspondence / Communication:**

- *Connie Lynn sent a Thank You for the gift of \$100 that she received from NHMHA. (see below)*
- Received Geri Demyen's membership renewal through the mail.
- Year In Review 2025 Draft – this will be sent out to BOD for input and edits; for next meeting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm by Julius, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donna.

**NOTE:** Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm  
Next meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup> at Northern Lights College, 7pm.

**Website:** maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics [nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com](mailto:nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com).

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

