



# Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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## General Meeting July 9, 2024

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ in the lounge room

### Attendees:

- *President: Julius Reimer*
- *Vice President: Donna Gregoire*
- *Secretary: Marion Dunn*
- *Directors: Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne, Garnet Dunn, Theo Miedema*
- *Members: Bev & Dale Richards, Debbie Logan*

Julius called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Marion, who moved the minutes be accepted; seconded by Donna, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan was not present. She sent a report later that evening to Marion and is provided here: Adjusted bank balance in chequing as of June 30 was \$1,811.82. The Savings Account balance was \$6,031.79.

### Old Business

**Summer Daze July 12-14, 2024:** The Dunn's Bunkhouse weekend campover and drive/ride is set – no charge; byo food and beverages other than coffee/tea/hot chocolate (which will be provided).

There is a campfire ban across the region beginning Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at noon so there will only be a propane fire ring or have a contained fire in the gazebo stove. BBQs and cook stoves are on site plus a generator. Julius said he would bring the supply totes to the site.

**Taylor Days Gold Panning at Peace Island Park August 3-4:** Deb/Theo and Julius are confirmed to give rides at the Gold Panning for the Saturday and Sunday, staged from the Finch camp site area in the park. All approved for 1-2 teams. There is a Taylor Parade also, on Friday evening at 6pm start. Meet at the hall. Theo/Deb, Bev/Dale are interested in being in the parade. The town of Taylor donation will be in the range of \$350 to our association.

**Blueberry Days Culture Week July 20-21:** Theo and Deb are the contacts for this event and reported that they are still waiting on a notice from the Blueberry group for our involvement.

**North Peace Fall Fair August 16-18:** NHMHA is the sponsor for 2 driving classes: Pleasure Driving Single and Team Driving Open. Julius will be there Sunday to drive his team of mini's for delivering the salt blocks used in the Heavy Horse Pull.

**Oilmen's Weekend Peace Island Park: August 16-18:** Deb is the contact for this event hosted by the Petroleum Association. Rides are being planned which include Louise, Maureen (single cart or carts); Deb and Theo (team and wagon); Julius (pony team and wagon) Friday and Saturday, Bev and Dale (team and wagon) for Sunday. Theo said we would be staged at the old cabin for camping and the rides base. Marion was planning to be there with mini's for kids pony rides but plans have changed and she will not be available to do this event. Deb was thinking of bringing a saddle horse (King) and possibly Louise with Fin – both for kids rides.

**Hudson's Hope Area/ Fall Wagon Trek August 30 to Sept 2, 2024:** Louise, Alice, Susan and Verena met with Shona on June 23 to scout the trails and base camp area in hopes it will be the venue for the Fall WagonTrek. All was favourable with the location of the camp to be close to the dam. They rode for 3 hrs and were on the beach sand area and on trails. They were good for wagons as well. There is not a lot of grass so people will have to bring their feed for the horses; will also need to bring water. Shona is willing to be the trail boss in trade for dinner for her and her daughter.

A **Motion** was put forward by Dale Richards to hold the Fall WagonTrek in Hudson's Hope; seconded by Louise and all present were in favour. We suggested we secure the site on the Thursday since the area is first come first serve! Other details noted were: need a generator; tent will be courtesy of Donna; need someone to bring club tables/totes; food purchase/setup will be discussed next meeting; Marion will issue a poster registration outlining the same structure of our other wagentreks wherein NHMHA is to provide hot dogs/hamburgers on the trail for lunch, and the cost is \$25/ person with kids 14 and under free. Potluck dinner items to be brought by participants. A day-rate of \$10 was also agreed upon.

Note: there are good road access in to the camping area.

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

### ***New Business:***

**Parades:** ***July 1 Canada Day, Julius and Theo/Deb*** participated in the Ft. St. John parade.

**Correspondence / Communication:** None reported

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm by Theo.

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



**NHMHA's next general meeting is on July 9<sup>th</sup> at NLC in FSJ, Room# to be posted.**

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

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

We have added a revised page to our printable calendar on our website.

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

## **2024 FSJ Canada Day Parade**



*Julius and Theo, driving in the parade*