



# Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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## General Meeting June 10, 2025

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ, Room 105

### Attendees:

*Vice President: Theo Miedema*

*Secretary: Marion Dunn*

*Treasurer: Susan Clarke*

*Directors: Louise Kempthorne, Maureen Simard*

*Members: Debbie Logan, Brad Clarke, Brian Dunn*

Vice President Theo called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. A quorum was present.

**Minutes** - The May minutes were read by Marion who then moved to adopt as read; seconded by Maureen, carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Susan presented the financial report; the adjusted balance as of May 31 for chequing was \$1,941.54, and \$6,101.37 for the savings account. She reported revenue items of \$4.14 for the savings account interest, \$90 for memberships, \$510 from the Spring WagonTrek and \$30 donations. Expenses were \$609.14, bank charges and interest of \$4.75.

- Susan moved the Treasurer's report be adopted; seconded by Deb, carried.
- Louise and Marion submitted receipts to Susan to be reimbursed for expenses for the Spring WagonTrek.

### Old Business

**Spring WagonTrek May 16-19** - A discussion / recap of the Spring WagonTrek was held. All enjoyed the event and trails. There were carts, wagons and riders over the 3 days of rides. Approximately 24 participants attended. The trails were good. As usual, the food was very good and plentiful. We would still like to find the Lake Trail for the short ride day. Theo said he remembers how to find it.

Improvements to be made were discussed, as a number of things were disorganized:

- The water for horses wasn't available as planned; the trash pump did not work at the dugout and water had to be pailed out (Louise did the dirty work to get it to the trough). Nobody brought a tank of water.
- We shouldn't leave on the trail earlier than the scheduled/advertised time. Some people were coming just for the day drive and were rushed, and some were scrambling to get ready for the earlier departure but were left behind with too much of a gap.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event happen with all the following (sorry if not everything is mentioned):

- trail clean-up crew day efforts
- volunteers who brought equipment and supplies, the tent, tables, fire ring, axe etc.
- to Julius who organized the use of the outhouses and transport
- volunteers who manned the lunch BBQ'ing and food prep, and transported it to the lunch sites
- volunteers who set up the signage to the site
- Thanks to ConnieLynn Graphics for the poster registration setup online, etc.

With regard to weather – we were very lucky to have nice spring weather and NO SNOW! A bit of rain touched during the weekend but generally it was pleasant!

**Oilmen's Weekend at Peace Island Park** - Deborah reported she has a contact from the Petroleum Association to confirm we will provide wagon rides Aug 15, 16 and 17, and one day (Saturday) for pony/horse lead line rides. Deb said she spoke with Bev Richards who will also be there with her team.

Deb and Theo will drive as well. We will hopefully be allowed to stage the rides from the campsite area at the old cabin.

**Harness Train and Drive Clinic** - The clinic was held at Julius's farm on May 31 and June 1 and was attended by 7 active participants, 8 observers and 4 clinicians: Julius, Theo, Maureen, and Garnet who instructed, demonstrated and assisted participants with lesson horses, harness and vehicles provided, as well as participants' horses and equipment.

A nice patio was available with coffee, juice, water and snacks. Participants brought their own lunches. One of the participants donated \$110 to NHMHA because he was very happy with the 2 days of instruction and help with his horse and cart, and the progress he made (Joe Finley). Marion gave him a club calendar. We also had two people drop in to find out more about the NHMHA, and who joined the association as well: Paul Pevsner (and his wife), and Mickey Zunti - WELCOME!!! Marion gave calendars to them as well. Thank you to Julius and Nickeisha for hosting these sessions!

**SummerDaze Bunkhouse Campout, July 11 through 14 – Montney** - Come out to camp/drive/ride at Brian and Marion Dunn's Bunkhouse! There are trails for short drives and rides, but an obstacle and pattern cone course is also planned to be set up for a fun day.

**Taylor Parade (Friday, August 1)** -The Taylor parade plan is to gather at 5pm; Parade at 6pm. People planning to participate: Theo/Deb, Julius. The participants may camp afterwards at the Peace Island Park.

**Peace Island Park Gold Panning Days (Saturday /Sunday, Rides on August 2<sup>nd</sup> Only** - Deb/Theo and Julius will be giving rides on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**North Peace Fall Fair, August 15-18** - No update other than Donna has talked to Bonnie Carlson but not Julia Fellers as yet re: NHMHA sponsoring two driving classes in the Fair.

**Fall WagonTrek** - Louise can check with Shona on Williston Lake routes and decide on the location. The camping area is a different location than last year's... it's where the Poker Ride base was staged. More info to come!

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

**Senior's Wagon Ride Request** - No new information

**Correspondence / Communication** - Marion received an email from Michelle Bunker (Tomslake area) who seeks help to find someone to work on her horse to pick up its back legs for trimming. It was suggested at the meeting to recommend a farrier with a tipping table. Marion will reply to Michelle.

**Bank Changeover to BEEM** - The NPSCU has integrated with Beem Credit Union which will be the new name. Temporary banking outage will be June 20–23 to merge banking systems into one.

**Adjournment** -The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.



**NOTE:** Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm  
Next meeting is June 10th at Northern Lights College, 7pm.

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