



Julius called to order at 7:02 pm.
A quorum was present.

Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting June 11, 2024

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The meeting was held at NLC, Ft. St. John in Room 104

Attendees:

- *President:* Julius Reimer
- *Secretary:* Marion Dunn
- *Directors:* Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne
- *Members:* Debbie Logan, Wayne Ash

Minutes: Minutes from the May 14th meeting were read by Marion, who moved the minutes be accepted; seconded by Louise, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan was not present; no report. From previous month info (end of April) our adjusted bank balance was \$1,464.07 and our Savings Account balance was \$6,016.74.

Old Business

Wrap-up Spring Wagon Trek May 17-20, 2024: The Doig Pasture location for the wagon trek was changed due to the wild fire. Evacuation Alert was in place right to the entrance road (N border of the community pasture). The outhouses were therefore not moved to the Doig. The relocation was announced on Thursday afternoon to the Dunn Bunkhouse Pasture. Outhouses were permanently on site, a kitchen tent was set up, there is a kitchen cabin and a gazebo on site. Cooking was done on the camp stoves and BBQ, Garnet brought a BBQ for on-the-trail lunches, Brian had a generator for the kitchen, a coffee station was in the electric shed, and everyone supplied their own dishes, etc. Water was available from the spring-fed dugout and trough for the horses. Susan obtained the meat from Butcher Block and bought buns as well.

This event was enjoyed by 22 people and 3 visitors: 2 wagons, 3 carts and 7 riders. It was great to have Barry McLachlan out to this event after several years absent. He brought a friend Drew Collis (who signed up as a new member. Welcome!). A slide show is on our website at <https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/what's-up.html>.

Thanks to Tom Dunn and Brian for the "emergency" trail cleanup required for this ride on short notice.

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.

North Peace Fall Fair August 16-18: We're all set up for the Fair with our sponsorship of 2 classes: Pleasure Driving Single and Team Driving Open. Julius will be driving in the salt blocks with his team of mini's for the Heavy Horse Pull on Sunday.

Oilmen's Weekend Peace Island Park: August 16-18: Deb has a new contact for the Petroleum Association (Don Hogarth). On board still are Louise and Maureen with a single cart or carts; Deb and Theo will drive a team; Julius with his pony team. Marion is still willing to have the mini's for kids pony rides.

Hudson's Hope Area: Louise and Alice are meeting with Shona on June 23 to scout the trails and base camp area. We are hoping this will be the venue for the Fall WagonTrek, August 30 to Sept. 2.

Driving Clinic for 2024: No update.

External, June 7-9 (FYI): The Elisa Marocchi Driving Clinic held at Julia Feller's farm was attended by a few people from NHMHA. Bev Richards participated with her team and Maureen was her helper. Louise and Susan audited the event. They were impressed with the facility, the content, and the many types of horses and harness types that were there. It was very well run with great instruction on how to put a good start on a horse to harness and vehicle. They had some rain but there was an indoor riding ring available as well as the outdoor ring.

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 provided).

Dawson Pioneer Village Days (with Bev) at the Campground – August 23-25: Our participation at this event was cancelled.

Blueberry Days: No update.

New Business, Admin and Membership

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Parades: July 1 Canada Day, and Taylor Days August 2: Anyone participating in the parades?

Correspondence / Communication:

- The Celebration of Life for Cleo Baker was held at the Northern Lights College, June 3. It was very well attended and lovely to meet her family and share memories. Due to heavy rain, the pony rides were cancelled. However, it was great to see Dustin Chambers' and Dale Klassen's carriage and stage-coach giving rides to people. They were beautiful and passengers could keep dry!

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm by Julius.

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



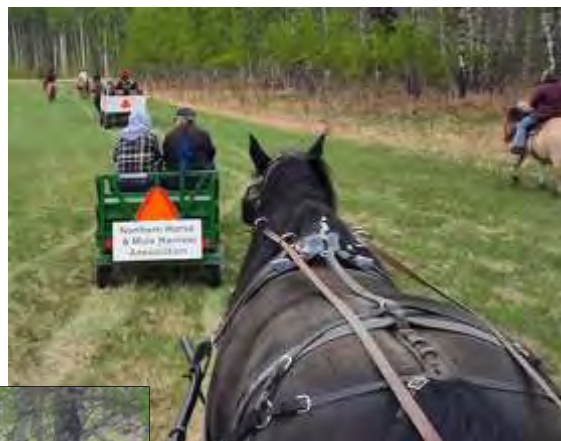
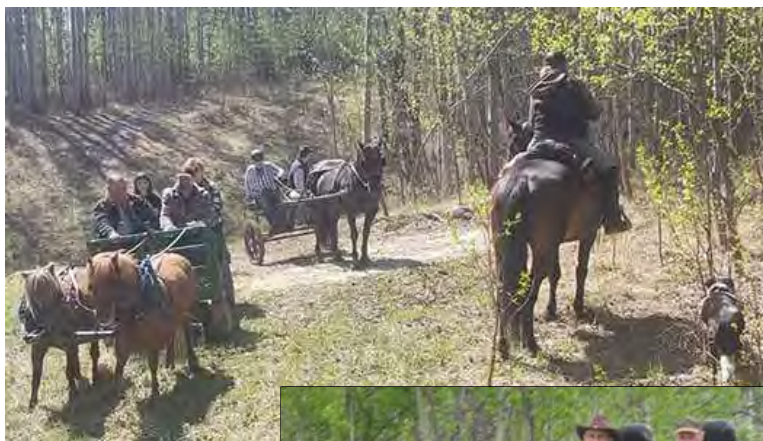
NHMHA's next general meeting is on July 9th at NLC in FSJ, Room# to be posted.

Website: maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics 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>



*Thanks for coming
out to the
WagonTrek!*