

Julius called to order at 7:08 pm. A quorum was present.

Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting May 14, 2024

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The meeting was held at NLC, Ft. St. John in Room 101

Attendees:

President: Julius Reimer
VPresident: Donna Gregoire
Treasurer: Susan Clarke
Secretary: Marion Dunn

Directors: Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne,

Garnet Dunn

Members: Debbie Logan, Ute Brinton, Ray Warren,

Evelyn Green

Minutes: Minutes from the April 9th meeting were read by Marion. A correction was noted for the financial section on net income. Marion moved the minutes be accepted; seconded by Donna, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan reported that our adjusted bank balance for end of April is \$1,464.07. Bank Interest \$4.75. March Net Income \$82.64 (included \$35 membership, \$25 Wagontrek registration). In our Savings Account balance \$6,016.74 after we had \$7.39 interest earned. Susan moved to adopt the report as read; 2nd by Maureen. Carried.

Old Business

Spring Wagon Trek May 17-20, 2024: The Doig Pasture location for the wagontrek is likely compromised by the wild fires in the Doig area: currently there are Evacuation Alerts on the road entrance border and towards the Doig FN community. Julius said the outhouses were going to be moved on Thursday to the Doig Pasture base camp and we would make a decision accordingly. A backup was discussed to hold it at the Dunn's Bunkhouse property. Everything else is being organized: Donna has the tents, Garnet will provide a stove or BBQ, Brian will bring a generator for the kitchen and Julius will bring the totes of supplies and provide a water tank for the horses. Stay tuned for updates. Susan is getting the meat from Butcher Block using the gift certificate we still have. Approximately 19 people at the meeting said they were going to attend.

<u>Trek May 4th Trail Cleanup</u> – May 4th was a busy day for the trail and base camp cleanup: thanks to the participants – Louise, Brad and Susan, Marion and Brian, and Ray Warren.

North Peace Fall Fair August 16-18: Donna gave the cheque to Bonnie Carlson for the 2 NP Fall Fair classes we are sponsoring: Pleasure Driving Single and Team Driving Open. Julius will be helping the Heavy Horse Pull by delivering salt blocks with his team of mini's.

Oilmen's Weekend Peace Island Park: August 16-18: Deb will touch base with a contact at the Petroleum Association for further development. Louise and Maureen are willing to drive single carts. Deb and Theo will drive a team; Julius has the club wagon, shalves are thought to be in Dunn's shop barn for a single. Julius will drive his pony team.

Hudson's Hope Area: This site is still being considered for our Fall WagonTrek, August 30 to Sept. 2. Need to scout the trails.

Driving Clinic for 2024: A driving clinic will be targeted for Fall

Summer Daze July 12-14, 2024: Dates were set for the Dunn's Bunkhouse weekend campover and dryie/ride.

New Business, Admin and Membership

New Business:

Blueberry Days: This event is located at Lynn Ross's old place; Deb is the contact...more info for next meeting.

External, **June 7-9** (**FYI**): Driving Clinic to be held at Julia Feller's farm who is hosting Elisa Marocchi, Instructor.

This event can be audited for a fee. Louise and Maureen will be auditing and helping Bev at the clinic.

Dawson Pioneer Village Days (with Bev) at the Campground – August 23-25: Maureen will be driving singles Sunday only. She is working with Bev.

Correspondence / Communication:

- A Celebration of Life for Cleo Baker will be held at the Northern Lights College, June 3 at 5pm. Some members are participating in providing wagon and pony rides at the site.
- Shane's memorial and wagon ride was held at Mike and Angie Pomeroy's barn on May 12th and was reported to be a very nice event with about 100 people attending.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8pm by Julius.

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



NHMHA's next general meeting is on June 11th at NLC in FSJ, Room 130.

Website: maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics <u>nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com</u>

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

Reminder: Upcoming location of Doig may be changed to the Dunn's Bunkhouse. Stay tuned.

