



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting May 18, 2026

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This meeting was held at the Spring WagonTrek Camp Location

Attendees:

- *President: Julius Reimer*
- *Secretary: Marion Dunn*
- *Treasurer: Susan Clarke*
- *Directors: Louise Kempthorne, Maureen Simard, Brad Clarke*
- *Members: Brian Dunn, Evelyn Green, Nicki Reimer, Bruce Simard*
- *Friends: Roy & Verena Clarke (Aurora, Gracie, Connor, Louella), Bruce Saffron, Todd & Carla Horrocks (Cynder, Jake, Gryffin)*

Julius called the meeting to order at 3:30pm, thanking everyone for extending their day to attend the trek meeting, and for participating in the Spring WagonTrek, saying "It is nice to see everyone who could make it here". Everyone was commended for their flexibility in making the trek a very pleasant event even though we had been split up for 2 days due to poor roads keeping us from our intended base camp.

Minutes: Marion read the Minutes from the April 9th meeting and moved they be adopted. Carla seconded the motion; carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan reported current financial status:

Chequing: Revenue \$20 from memberships, \$50 wagontrek registration. Expenses: \$120 sponsor two classes for NPFF, bank charges \$2. The adjusted bank balance was \$1,740.94. No outstanding cheques.

Savings: Closing balance for Savings was \$5,675.59.

Susan moved we adopt the financial report; Marion seconded, carried.

Other business for Treasurer:

- Louise submitted a receipt for reimbursement

Old Business

Oilmen's Weekend (August 21-23): Louise was asked by Jason (Petroleum Association) if we were available and Louise confirmed we were planning on providing our rides and lead line participation.

Spring WagonTrek (Doig Pasture May 15-18): Meeting comments and Report

Prep -Trail Clean-up Crew - the trail cleanup was postponed from May 2nd until May 9th, due to snow still impeding the trails access. On the 9th, a good turnout resulted in all 3 trails cleared in one day. Thanks to Louise, Theo, Susan and Brad, Julius, Ray, Marion and Brian.

WagonTrek Activities and Meeting Motion: Horrocks and Bruce Saffron went in to the camp site area on Thursday night and the rain had affected the road so it was a tough go. The 2 porta-potties had been delivered on Thursday but were left at the corral site due to bad road conditions beyond that point. When others arrived Friday, it was only to the Corral area at the gates of the Doig Pasture where they stayed and decided to set up camp based upon Horrocks' report that they had trouble driving their wagon that day. On Saturday, road conditions improved somewhat so the two camp's trekkers met at the km6 junction and jointly drove /rode to the lunch location at the lease site. All returned to the Corral camp where Horrocks and Bruce left their horses and wagon for the night and were driven back to their base camp. On Sunday morning they moved their campers to the Corral camp and another ride was enjoyed along a much improved drier roadway – the sunshine was upon us. Monday's morning ride was a short trip alongside the road again because the "scout team" went out in a pickup truck through a field we thought would be a nice trail and they got hopelessly stuck. Needless to say we did not take the horse wagons on that route. The "recovery team" was Roy Clarke finding the stuck truck, and they used Roy's truck to find a nearby

neighbor with a tractor who graciously lent it to them. **Motion:** At our meeting, Brian moved that we acknowledge the farmer – Rob Larson – by paying him for the use of his tractor. Seconded by Marion; carried. Follow-up was that Brian and Marion visited Rob and presented the offer but he would not hear of it. We left him a club calendar which he was very happy with.

Guidelines/Rules: Ride Guidelines were distributed by Louise at the trek site. She asked that she be contacted with any update suggestions.

Spring Driving Clinic May 30-31: clinic scheduled and poster announcements communicated to members by email, fb and on our website. Our club members are the instructors and there is no charge.

Taylor Gold Panning Weekend: August 1 – Parade: Susan may take her granddaughters in to the parade. Julius will be driving his team.

August 2 – Gold Panning Wagon Rides: Julius will be giving wagon rides at Peace Island Park

Fall WagonTrek: Carla and Todd said they were hoping the trek will be at Williston Lk again. No other location was suggested other than Aitken Falls from a previous meeting. **Motion:** Todd moved to hold the Fall WagonTrek at Hudson Hope/Williston Lk at last years' camp area. Brad seconded and the motion; carried. Louise noted we should tighten up on our camping footprint at the location by using half of the open area. The group chose the top of the field. Louise will notify Shona. Louise added that we stay to the trail and not the highway/pavement unless necessary.

Update: Louise has since proposed August 9th for the trail clean-up day.

North Peace Fall Fair Follow-up: Marion provided our logo to Jody/Julia prior to the end of April to be in the booklet by meeting the deadline and for sponsoring the 2 driving classes. We were asked again by the fall fair secretary to send it to her as well. Done.

First Aid Course: status of a first aid for horses course was recapped (Amber Blair's outline was considered too advanced). At the April meeting, members decided to table further discussion for future.

Tumbler Ridge Visit Plan: Julius has attempted to contact Tumbler Ridge but wasn't able to talk to anyone. Nicki and Julius will try again. Todd said he'd participate in the rides if dates are good. June or September were suggested.... TBD.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Future WagonTrek Locations: We spoke before about the South Peace Ranch but Brian added that he will speak with Frazer to see if we could possibly hold a trek there. Then we may scout it out.

Summer Daze Camping/Ride/Drive Weekend: This will be held in July but date is TBD

Member Update: The Member Contact List will be updated for next meeting with a new email address for Alice Daoust.

Miscellaneous, Correspondence and Communication: NPFH will publish us in the fall fair booklet.

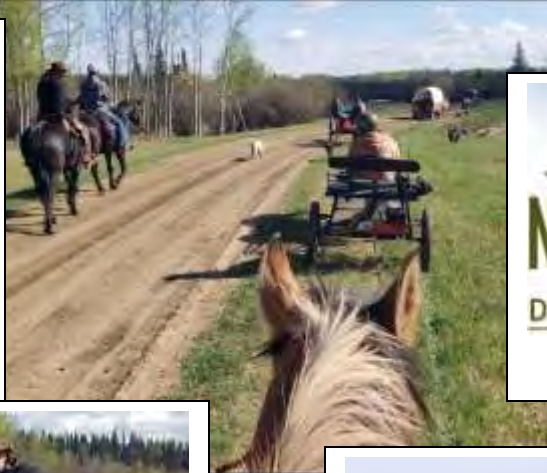
Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm by Julius, 2nd Carla Horrocks



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

Website: maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com
View the photos and slide shows on the NHMHA website... <https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/events.html>





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