



# Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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## General Meeting November 12, 2024

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The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ in room 105

### Attendees:

- *President:* Julius Reimer
- *Vice President:* Donna Gregoire
- *Secretary:* Marion Dunn
- *Treasurer:* Susan Clarke
- *Directors:* Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne, Garnet Dunn
- *Members:* Bev & Dale Richards, Ray Warren, Evelyn Green

Julius called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the October 8th meeting were read by Marion and amendments were made to:

- cross out “some remaining hamburgers” because we are not serving hamburgers at the Christmas Party;
- clarify that the motion passed to transfer money from our chequing to savings account would be enacted at a later date.

The corrected minutes were moved to be accepted; seconded by Donna, carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Susan presented her report: the Revenue was \$7.69 (interest in the Savings Account); our expenses included upcoming event Gifts (\$500), groceries (\$554.80 Trek event), Supplies and small tools (\$400 which was the outhouse expense for the Trek). Net income was -\$1,451.86.

The adjusted bank balance in chequing as of October 30 was \$2,628.02.

The Savings Account balance was \$6,062.24. Int exp was \$4.75.

Susan moved to adopt the minutes as read; Donna seconded; carried.

## Old Business

### Donations:

- Women’s Resource Centre: Marion provided a letter / stamped envelope for Julius to sign and mail in order to follow up on our motion to donate \$100 to the Women’s Resource Centre for Christmas. Susan provided a cheque. The cheque will be mailed with the letter to the Centre.
- Julius donated \$200 cash to NHMHA, which he was given from the Fall Fair for driving his pony team to deliver salt blocks for the Heavy Horse pull. He passed it on to the club. THANK YOU, JULIUS!!

**High on Ice, February 14 – 17, 2024:** Donna, our High on Ice rep, responded to an email from Dave Green, City FSJ, and they want to hold the event at Kin Park. Discussion on the venue ensued. Donna needs a new map of the part after the new landscape changes have been noted. She outlined some problems with the new infrastructure but generally thought we could find a 10-minute route through the treed area. Parking would be at the school and seems to be



adequate. Donna asked for a tent and firepit/firewood to be provided; as was done in past years. Julius volunteered to scout the park for a route; will assess the areas crossing the paved raised areas. Dave Green will contact Donna to attend the next meeting.

Location Number 2: the City suggested to use Toboggan Hill instead. Members agreed this is not suitable due to the toboggans, dog walking routes, frisbee activity, cramped parking, etc.

Location Number 3: the field park area near the UFA cardlock station on the highway. This suggestion was not liked because it's not possible to see the ground conditions under the snow.

**Calendar 2025:** Our Calendar is being created by Connie Lynn Graphics. She is striving to have it ready for print in time to distribute it at the Christmas Party. However, she needs some more winter scenes for the calendar – landscape aspect and high resolution. Members were asked to please send potential calendar photos to our email address asap. Marion relayed from Connie that Target Printers will keep our printing cost per calendar at \$12 each - below the current rate of \$15. Susan said we have 30 members, so after some discussion Marion made a **Motion** to have Target Printers print 50 calendars instead of 75; Maureen seconded and all were in favour.

## New Business, Admin and Membership

### Correspondence / Communication:

Email correspondence from HCBC and Acera was received to provide renewal forms for 2025.

A donation cheque in the amount of \$300 from the Village of Taylor was received in the mail for the Gold Panning Day rides that NHMHA provided. Marion submitted it to Susan.



**CHRISTMAS SLEIGHDRIVE and PARTY December 1 at the Pomeroy Dance Barn:** Connie from Connie Lynn Graphics prepared the party invite Marion posted and distributed it also by email to members. Connie posted it to the nhmha-harnessclub.ca site as well. Discussion at the meeting covered some details on the event. 25 people had already responded they will be coming. Deadline for registration is November 17<sup>th</sup> primarily to allow for kid's present shopping. The Christmas Party food inputs are coming in on email. Donna is working on getting gifts and prizes. Donna is looking for a Santa Suit and talked with Walmart who said they'd have some in. She's checked the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand and Winners stores. She is also going to be an Elf on Dec1 to help Santa with the kids' gifts. Donna is going to GP to buy the utensils for the party meal. She will bring the totes of supplies to the party. Party decorating day will be Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by Julius, seconded by Bev.

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



**NHMHA's next general meeting is on December 10th at NLC in FSJ, Room#105**

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

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

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