



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting October 8, 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, Theo Miedema
- *Members:* Debbie Logan, Ray Warren, Brad Clarke

Julius called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 10th meeting were read by Marion and subsequently amended with changes to details of Oilmen's weekend pony rides and participants. The corrected minutes were moved to be accepted; seconded by Donna, carried. Correction reads: ~~Bev and Dale gave wagon rides.~~ Brad/Susan, Theo/Deb, and Louise brought horses (King – the horse, Doll—horse, Fin & Lacy – horses, and April – pony rides).

Treasurer's Report: Susan presented financial reports. Adjusted bank balance in chequing as of September 30 was \$4,087.57. The Savings Account balance was \$6,054.55. The balance reflects a \$1500 deposit from the Petroleum Association's donation, \$80 from WagonTrek fees, \$10 from miscellaneous (tip to Theo from the Oilmen's wknd rides). Interest exp of \$4.75. There is an O/S cheq to Donna for food and supplies for the WagonTrek. Theo asked if we had received a donation from the Taylor Gold Panning. Susan will answer that next meeting.

Motion: Susan moved we put \$2000 from Chq'g to Savings in order to earn interest. Discussion changed the amount to \$2500. Deb seconded and the motion was carried.

Other transactions:

- Marion submitted a receipt for purchase of the Christmas Party turkey and received a reimbursement to Brian for \$84.50 (26lb).
- Fall WagonTrek Followup: our email received the invoice for the latrines (2) for \$400: Butler Ridge Energy Services (2011) Ltd. A cheque was prepared by Susan, who will send it out.

Old Business

Use of Photos/Videos posted on NHMHA's FB Site: As per the September meeting's approved Motion, Marion has entered the notification on our fb membership rule page to let contributors know that "Group members who post content, photos or videos to this Platform are inherently giving the NHMHA permission to use the same for the Association's business, such as Minutes, NHMHA website postings, ads, newsletters and Calendar".

**Sunday,
December 1**



CHRISTMAS PARTY and SLEIGH DRIVE!

Location: Pomeroy's Dance Barn, Fort St. John

Julius followed up regarding his discussion with Mike and Angie Pomeroy – again they are generously hosting the party at their barn! Mike will take us out on a sleigh ride route on Sunday, December 1st (harness up at 1pm, hit the trail at 2pm). The party will follow in the Barn afterwards following the same format as last year with dinner planned for 5pm. This is again a potluck effort with the exception of the roast Turkey/stuffing/gravy, baked Ham, some remaining hamburgers hot beverages, and drinking water -- which will be provided by the NHMHA

An event invitation will be posted to our members, website and fb page.

Deadline for registration will be November 17th to allow for kids present shopping (for those aged 14 and under) and food planning.

Motion: Louise moved NHMHA fund the Christmas Party for food and prizes; Brad seconded and carried. Donna volunteered to take care of purchases and was issued a cheque for \$500. Thank You, Donna!

Planning discussions resulted in the following:

- Turkey/stuffing/gravy – Marion, Ham – Louise.
- Donna has a box of hamburgers/buns left from the WagonTrek. The hamburgers will be used at the Christmas party. Marion will use the buns for stuffing.
- Everyone wanted the Adult Gift Exchange again, so the max is \$25 per gift.
- Door Prizes: Louise and Marion said they would be entering a door prize to the selection. Other donations are welcome!
- Ray Warren offered to make an entry as Santa... very exciting to have Santa return to our party!! Donna will inquire about a costume. **Motion:** Marion moved we authorize costs for renting or buying a suit; Susan seconded; carried.



New Business, Admin and Membership

Calendar 2025: Time to get our Calendar ready for print! Thankfully Connie is willing to do another calendar for us. **Motion:** Marion moved we produce the 2025 Calendar; seconded by Brad, carried. Marion noted we printed 50 last year. Members decided to print 75. A Draft mockup will be proposed at the next meeting. We have a lot of great photos this year!

Donations: Motion: Ray moved we donate \$100 to the Women's Resource Centre for Christmas. Donna seconded; carried. A cheque will be sent with a letter that will be prepared for next month's meeting.

Correspondence / Communication: No correspondence received.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm by Julius.

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



NHMHA's next general meeting is on November 12th at NLC in FSJ, Room# TBA

Website: maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com

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

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