



Julius called the meeting to order at 3:24pm.
We had a Quorum in attendance.

Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting September 7, 2026

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This meeting was held at the Wagon

Attendees:

- President: Julius Reimer
- Treasurer: Susan Clarke
- Secretary: Marion Dunn
- Directors: Louise Kempthorne, Brad Clarke
- Members: Bruce Szafron, Todd and Carla Horrocks, Evelyn Green

Minutes: Minutes from July 14th were read by Marion and adopted; seconded by Brad.

Treasurer's Report: Susan reported that a compilation of EFT's and the September deposit was yet to be done. The financial report will be available at the next meeting. Marion submitted an expense receipt for reimbursement of \$77.83 for food/supplies.

Old Business

Fall WagonTrek September 4-7, 2026: This event was attended by 34 participants (3 wagons).

Great slide show on our website from everyone's photos: <https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/events.html>

Thank you to everyone who organized, prepared for and attended the NHMHA Fall WagonTrek at Hudson's Hope and Williston Lake Trails. We had a wonderful time with the best weather we could wish for. Thanks to the trail cleaning by Maureen and Louise who checked trails ahead of the Trek weekend, then joined by Horrocks who also brought firewood back to the camp site. The outhouses were supplied by Butler Ridge of Hudson's Hope. Lunch on the trail was set up by Susan and Brad with help cooking from Lee and Lisa, and transported in the big wagons. Thanks to everyone who prepped and transported goods, equipment, supplies for the trek, putting up signs etc. And Thanks to Shona for sharing her knowledge of the trails and participating with us. NHMHA received a donation from Bruce – much appreciated! Lots of good food at dinners with the Potluck, and fun campfires! We were joined by one of our "old-timers".... Stan Large, for one of our days.

We held our monthly general meeting at this site although many couldn't stay long enough for the meeting due to travel time needed to leave for home. Some recommendations for "next time": cut down on the number of hamburgers per person – we didn't need a full case this time around but usually have too many (better than not enough!).





Taylor Gold Panning Weekend: Waiting on them to contact Theo regarding a donation.

Oilmen's Family Weekend (August 21-23): Good weather weekend again!! The Oilmen's were a smaller group this year but all went well and they enjoyed our rides. Julius drove Friday plus Saturday morning. Saturday rides were provided by Louise, Dale & Mavis, and Theo. Lead line rides were given on Saturday by Susan, Marion and Louise from close to noon until 4:00pm. Marion had a petting pen set up with 3 friendly mini's for Saturday. Maureen and Theo gave rides Sunday. Louise and Maureen used the club wagon which was beautifully restored with painting, and new upholstery covers by Louise. Looks great! Jason from the Petroleum Association will contact Louise to follow up.



North Peace Fall Fair (NPFF) August 14-16: went well with Rides given by Julius both days and joined by Lee on Sunday. Julius drove the salt blocks into the heavy horse pull arena, and Brad was the line judge who conducted team weight pulling calculations as well. There were 3 teams participating. Our association sponsored 2 driving classes which were well attended this year! (vs no participants last year). Marion entered one and placed 2nd. We were pleased with our write-up in the fall fair booklet and everyone enjoyed good weather this year!

Tumbler Ridge Visit Plan: Julius said he would call them again.

First Aid Course Opportunities: no update Carla has some ideas.

Club Storage Trailer: needs a bit of attention. Bins are not organized well. Located at Julius's yard.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Member Update: current Member Contact List available from Marion

Northern Lights College/UNBC: Marion suggested we plan an event for the NLC as a *Thank You* for the meeting room we enjoy at no cost. We have done this in past. Perhaps a sleigh ride day this winter. Carla, Todd and Julius would be interested in providing rides. More planning next meeting.

Christmas Party Planning: time to think about date and location. Everyone seemed happy with the Baldonnel School. Dec. 4th or 5th was suggested. A motion was put forward by Marion to proceed with the party plan; Louise 2nd; carried. Marion offered to contact the school and see if there is availability. A Sleigh Day was suggested to be a separate event.

2027 Calendar: We voted earlier in the year to produce the calendar. Marion will look into printing costs to see what our best option is this year. The members present decided we would keep the same size of calendar, with stapled spine.

Miscellaneous, Correspondence and Communication: no update

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm by Julius, 2nd Todd.

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

Next general meeting and AGM is October 13th. **Room fcc1617**

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

View the photos and slide shows on the NHMHA website... <https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/events.html>

