



Northern Horse & Mule
Harness Association

NHMHA 2023 RECAP

JANUARY

- * Celebrated our recap of the Christmas Party and Sleigh Drive held at the Pomeroy's Barn Dance Hall, provided by Angie and Mike Pomeroy.
- * We started the year with \$6,867.72 – a nice position to be in for the new year's events!
- * A significant motion was passed to pay renewal fees on HCBC club membership, Insurance and director/officer liability insurance every year without voting on the expenditure.
- * Contacts/Reps for our usual annual events were set up: Donna for the High on Ice; Deb and Theo for Peace Island Park Rides and Petroleum Association Oilmen's Weekend; Julius for N.Pine Fall Fair; All for Spring and Fall WagonTreks;
- * A new PO Box was set up by Marion for the Association: PO Box 274, RPO Downtown, Fort St. John, BC V1J 6W7 at an annual cost of \$206.85.

FEBRUARY

- * High-on-Ice sleigh rides were awarded to another group because our rep had singularly decided we didn't have capacity and informed the CityFSJ. Unfortunately a division in the club sadly resonated through the year. Donna followed up with CityFSJ and was assured we would have priority in 2024.

MARCH

- * The AGM was March 14th and planning for the Spring WagonTrek was finalized.

APRIL – Trek posters went out

MAY

- * The Spring Wagon Trek was planned for the Doig but was cancelled due to wild fires

JUNE

- * A Drive/Ride weekend was held at Aitken Creek Falls June 23-25; 7 participants/2 wagons. A local family joined the group to provide music at the campfire!
- * NHMHA donated \$250 to the Ride for Disabled organization.

JULY

- * Summer Daze Drive/Ride weekend was held July 21-23 at Brian and Marion Dunn's Bunkhouse. Wonderful weather enjoyed by 3 teams and 10 riders.

AUGUST

- * August 5-7 - Gold Panning weekend at Peace Island Park; put on by the Village of Taylor. Julius drove his team in the Taylor parade. Theo and Deb provided rides for the public, and received a donation of \$300 to the NHMHA plus a \$10tip!
- * August 18-19 N.Pine Fall Fair: Julius gave rides at the Fair and hauled salt for the heavy horse pull at the fair. A donation of \$200 was received from the Fair society. NHMHA also sponsored two driving classes at the Fall Fair.

- * August 18-20 Petroleum Association Oilmen's Weekend at Taylor's Peace Island Park: NHMHA gave wagon rides and pony/saddle horse rides and received a donation of \$1500.

SEPTEMBER

- * Fall Wagon Trek September 2-4 returned to the Aitken Creek Falls – 11 participants including 2 teams, with one day of not so great weather! (heavy rain).

OCTOBER

- * October 7th was 22degC and sunny – and a great drive/ride was held at Louise/Doug's, Maureen/Bruce's and Jacqui's ranches and out to Gundy RimRocks. 4 carts/wagons and 5 riders, followed with a weiner roast.
- * October 22 – A drive/ride at Dunn's bunkhouse pasture trails was affected by extremely poor weather. A weekend event turned into a one day ride and wiener roast afterwards!

NOVEMBER – quiet month!

DECEMBER

- * December 10th Sleigh Drive and Christmas Party at Pomeroy's trails with the lovely Beaton River views, and a great dinner in the Barn Dance Hall. Five wagons instead of sleighs, and 6 riders. It was a wonderful event with 41 adults and 19 kids. Santa's gifts had been delivered thanks to elf Donna's help. Adults enjoyed a gift exchange and door prizes. The food was great – thanks to everyone! Huge Thanks to Angie and Mike Pomeroy for the beautiful guided trails and the barn dance hall for the party. It was so cozy!
- * Calendars 2024 – these were available and distributed at the Party – wonderful job done again – Thanks to Connie Lynn Graphics, who donates her time to support NHMHA. The calendar was printed by Target Printers but is also downloadable from our website to print.
- * Financial: As of October 31, the NHMHA balance was \$7,177.22. Expenditures for the party and renewals for the Horse Council BC membership, Acera insurance coverages occurred after this date.

Thanks go to all the members, Board of Directors, volunteers and hosts for our many enjoyed events this year! Looking forward to a great new year in 2024!

Harness pulls us together!

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