



The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Julius Reimer. A quorum was present.

Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

PO Box 274, RPO Downtown, Fort St. John, British Columbia, V1J 6W7

Held at Northern Lights College, Room 101, Ft. St. John

General Meeting April 11, 2023

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Attendees:

- *President: Julius Reimer*
- *Vice President: Louise Kempthorne*
- *Secretary: Louise Kempthorne*
- *Treasurer: Susan Clarke*
- *Directors: Maureen Simard, Garnet Dunn*
- *Members: Donna Gregoire, Brad Clarke, Wayne Ash, Cleo Baker, Evelyn Green, Stan Large*

Minutes - Minutes from March 14th's meeting were recorded by Louise and read by Marion. Motion to accept the minutes as read. Marion/Maureen, carried

Treasurer's Report: Susan reported the month end balance was \$6614.42, but with an o/s deposit for a membership fee, the adjusted bank balance will be \$6,624.42. Income: \$10.00 from membership Expenses: \$5.25 bank charges. Nothing outstanding. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as given. Susan/Marion, carried

Old Business

North Peace Savings and Credit Union— required documents were signed in order for Julius, Susan, Marion and Theo to complete signing authority, post-election 2023 (AGM minutes/attachments, bank form). To Do: set up meeting with NPSCU to attend when Theo returns from VA.

North Pine Fall Fair: Aug. 18-20 Julius reported that he's communicated to the Fair organizers that we will be involved. Discussion on the level of our involvement is as follows:

- Fall Fair: thoughts are to give a demo for harnessing and driving, and possibly host/provide prize for a challenge driving event, obstacle course or log pull event
- Julius will be driving his mini-team to deliver salt blocks into the Heavy Horse Pull arena, representing our NHMHA with signage on his wagon
- The Oilmen's weekend falls on the same dates – therefore we wish to cover both events, with the latter being the priority.

Maureen and Louise notified that they would be away on that weekend. As an aside, Maureen said the Peace Draft Club is doing a fall fair (Grande Prairie area).

Spring Wagon Trek – May Long Weekend: May 19-22. Register by May 13th!

Final planning for the Doig:

Marion will get the poster/registration out with ConnieLynn Graphics' and posted to our members (email), fb site and website.

May 13 (Saturday) Trail Clean-up day: Roads, camp and trails will have to be checked out, deadfall clean-up and firewood prepped at campsite. Please come and help!!! Quad's, saws and elbow grease – contact Garnet for timing and directions if you need them. 250-262-9844

May 19-22 Details

Camp set-up:

- Garnet volunteered to organize outhouses, horse water tank – will talk to Brian
- Tents provided by Garnet and Donna will be set up by everyone who can come early on Friday 19th

- Tables and Totes of club supplies will be picked up from Richards (Julius and Garnet)
- Chairs have to be provided by each camper for their own use

Breakfasts – all days: These are the responsibility of each attendee for themselves and their family

Lunches provided:

- Louise volunteered to purchase the weiners and buns for the lunches on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. We're hoping we can have a bonfire to roast the hot dogs over but a backup plan will be set for a BBQ
- Our gift certificate from the Butcher Block from last year will be used for hot-dog lunch supplies (Susan has the card).

Dinners: "Bring your own chairs!!!" Totally POTLUCK! No meat dishes are being provided by NHMHA.

- Each attendee/family is to provide their own beverages (all days), and their own dinner on Friday.
- Each attendee/family - provide potluck contributions for dinner on Saturday and Sunday. The dinner meals will be in the kitchen tent and central campfire
- Coffee/tea and Hot chocolate will be provided by the club at the dinner meal

Registration: online form for registration (download, fill in and email completed form to nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com). Payment by e-transfer to NHMHA at same email, or send cheque to PO Box 274, RPO Downtown, Ft. St. John, BC V1J 6W7. Payment may be done at the site for those who do not do e-transfer. Marion will take care of the onsite registrants and waivers.

Oilman's Weekend August 2023: Garnet spoke with Curtis Whitford of the Oilman's Association and although Curtis isn't the organizer, he acknowledged the NHMHA is positioned to provide wagon rides.

Peace Island Park Wagon Rides: Theo relayed through Julius that we will do the Gold Panning Weekend (August Longe weekend) and he will also find out about other dates.

Fun Day Wagon Ride Planning - Donna and her family will plan a wagon ride on their property this summer once they get the trails cleaned up.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Aitken Creek Falls Weekend Drive/Ride/Camp June 24-25: Julius proposed a trip in to Aitken Creek Falls, off Mile 72 of the Alaska Hwy, and 43.5km in on the Beaton River Resource Rd. He is willing to set up panels for pens if you contact him. jrfencing@hotmail.com

Summer Daze Weekend Drive/Ride/Camp: target for third weekend in July. Marion proposed a slide-show for past NHMHA events/history.

Memorial Event for Gordon Meek – Julius was contacted by Blaine Meek about having a drive/ride on Meek's land in memory of Gordon. More planning for this at next meeting.

Correspondence / Communication: No correspondence received.

Adjournment: Stan Large told a few nostalgic stories and then Julius adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

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

Website and Membership Renewals: maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics
nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com

Membership Renewals can be completed online:

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

Payment can be completed through e-transfer to NHMHA.

Members are eligible for a calendar with your member renewal.

