



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting April 9, 2024

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The meeting was held at NLC, Ft. St. John in Room 131

Attendees:

- *President: Julius Reimer*
- *Treasurer: Susan Clarke*
- *Secretary: Marion Dunn*
- *Directors: Theo Miedema, Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne*
- *Members: Wayne Ash, Debbie Logan, Brad Clarke, Ray Warren, Evelyn Green*

Thank You to Dale and Bev Richards for taking on the task to fix the Club Wagon!

Julius called to order at 7pm. A quorum was present.

Julius welcomed our new member, Ray Warren.

Julius notified the membership that Shane Wagner passed away on March 19th. Many knew Shane as a past member of NHMHA who recently helped with the High On Ice 2024 wagon driving with Mike Pomeroy's team. Ray Warren suggested we honor Shane's memory in our 2025 calendar.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 13th meeting were read by Marion, who thanked Donna for having filled in as secretary. A change was made to the summer drive to read: Boot Lake or Gundy. Marion moved the minutes be accepted; seconded by Julius, carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan reported that our adjusted bank balance for end of March is \$1,388.82. Bank Interest \$4.75. There is one outstanding cheque issued to N. Peace Fall Fair for our sponsorship of 2 driving classes for \$120. Therefore total expenses are \$124.75. March Net Income \$124.75. Our Savings Account balance is \$6009.30 after we had \$7.63 interest earned. Susan moved to adopt the report as read; 2nd by Louise. Carried.

Old Business

High On Ice: Wrap-up info included Marion reporting NHMHA and Ride for Disabled (NPRD) shared the City of Ft. St. John's donation of \$2000 equally (Cheque for \$1000 issued Feb22 from NHMHA to NPRD). It was a great collaboration!

Summer Drive Boot Lake or Gundy Area:

Louise said we need to take this ride off the table because 3 other events are happening at the same time. If it will be reorganized, communication will go out via meetings, group fb, email and web site.

Spring Wagon Trek May 17-20, 2024: The registration poster for our Doig Pasture wagon trek went out by email and facebook, and was posted on our website. Details were discussed: there will be 2 tanks of water: Julius and Garnet? Julius will try to organize for an outhouse. Marion/Brian will bring a generator for coffee area. Garnet providing the BBQ for kitchen area. General eating supplies (cutlery, cups, plates etc.) are in our club totes at Julius's. Condiments need to be purchased. Susan has our club's gift certificate for Butcher Block to purchase the hotdogs/hamburgers. Need the tables picked up and transported; everyone brings their own chairs. Tents from Donna. Ray Warren offered to bring a fire ring. If there is a fire ban for campfires but we're still able to hold the trek, there are several people with the propane fire burners. Approximately 19 people at the meeting said they were going to attend. Unfortunately Geri Demyen is having hip surgery and will not attend this year. Donna is also having hip surgery.

Trek May 4th Trail Cleanup – May 4th is chosen for the trail and base camp cleanup. Bring your quads, chain saws and muscles! Meet at 11 am at the base camp site (11km in from the gate).

North Peace Fall Fair August 16-18: The two classes we've sponsored are Pleasure Driving Single and Team Driving Open. Julius will be helping the Heavy Horse Pull by delivering salt blocks with his team of mini's.

Oilmen's Weekend Peace Island Park: August 16-18: Deb Logan may be contacted soon about details for the event. Last year there was a shortage of wagons but was supplemented with the pony/horse rides. May try to have both again this year.

Summer Trail Ride Hudson's Hope Area:

Waiting on more info for trails/plans. Alice is checking on what's available for Shona to set a scouting date for the trails. This site will hopefully be the location for our Fall WagonTrek, August 30 to Sept. 2.

Driving Clinic for 2024: A driving clinic will be targeted for fall.

New Business, Admin and Membership

New Business:

- Summer Daze bunkhouse weekend at the Dunn's pasture will be targeted for July.

Correspondence / Communication:

- A Celebration of Life for Cleo Baker will be held at the Northern Lights College, June 3 at 5pm. Some members are participating in providing wagon rides at the site.
- A memorial and wagon ride for Shane Wagner will be held at Mike and Angie Pomeroy's barn on May 12th at 11am. Contact apomeroy@pris.ca

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm by Theo.

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



NHMHA's next meeting is the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) on May 14th at NLC in FSJ, Room 130.

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

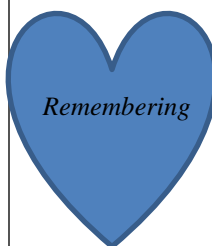
Membership: <https://www.nhmha-harnessclub.ca/membership.html>

We have added a revised page to our printable calendar on our website.

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



Cleo Baker and Milly (Susan in background)



Shane Wagner at High on Ice, Mike Pomeroy