



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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Discussion at the Christmas Party venue Ft. St. John

General Meeting December 10, 2023

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Attendees:

- *President: Julius Reimer*
- *Vice President: Donna Gregoire*
- *Treasurer: Susan Clarke*
- *Secretary: Marion Dunn*
- *Directors: Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne, Garnet Dunn, Theo Miedema, Alice Daoust*
- *Members: many members attended the Christmas party venue but a formal meeting was not called.*

Meeting was not formally held; input was solicited over the NHMHAemail request

Minutes: Minutes from November 14th meeting were distributed to members online and posted to the NHMHA website www.NHMHA-harnessclub.ca.

Treasurer's Report: Susan provided cheques issued to:

- Target Printers for printing the 2024 calendar, which was distributed at the Christmas Party
- 3 cheques in care of Marion to send to HCBC for the club membership renewal, the Acera Insurance through HCBC for Director and Officer Liability coverage and NHMHA club Insurance.
- Reimbursements for food purchased: Turkey, Ham

Old Business

Christmas Party December 10, 2023 The sleigh day and party was a wonderful event with good weather and sunshine. The drive started at 2pm start on the trails, followed with the dinner and party.

The main dishes provided by the club were: the boneless ham cooked by Louise, the turkey, stuffing/gravy cooked by Marion, a brisket cooked by Pomeroy's. Decorations and set up was handled by Marion, Evelyn, Maureen and Louise. Totes for club supplies/plates/napkins etc. were set up for coffee/tea/hot chocolate stations and food tables.

Donna did a fantastic job of purchasing and wrapping the Kid's presents for those ages 14 and under, and Door Prizes. We had set a \$500 budget at the last meeting and it was tough to keep within it. Marion handed out tickets for door prizes and for the optional adult gift exchange presents. Along with the club door prizes, others were donated by Marion, Alice, Donna, Angie and Maureen (who had a game to add to the kids prizes).

We are greatly appreciative of having the Pomeroy Barn Dance Hall for this event – Thank you very much to Angie and Mike Pomeroy for hosting the NHMHA trails and hall. It was so cozy with the wood stove and furnace.

High On Ice 2024: No update. Last meeting it was decided that Donna would let Karin Carlson (City of FSJ) know we do not have the teams ready to support the event this year. Bev Richards had offered to drive her team but with only Julius's team to add, we couldn't take the event on. Perhaps we can assist Bev under the Ride for Disabled banner.

December Meeting Date Change: the general meeting business was to be held on the night of the Christmas Party at the Pomeroy Dance Barn prior to dinner, but due to the many activities underway, it did not materialize and an online input effort was decided upon instead.

Calendar: NHMHA's 2024 Calendar was ready and distributed at the Christmas party, with enormous kudo's to Connie for getting it ready on this schedule. She volunteers a lot of time for the calendar but had a busy fall schedule. There was a suggestion that we add a tribute to recognize the passing of past members – Gordon Meek and Chris Lamoureux. When producing the calendar, Marion remembered also that Everett Patterson had passed in 2023. However, with great distress and apology, a tribute to a member was missed - the loss of Fred Burton was not included prior to going to print and as a result is provided in a separate memorial, and will be added to the printable Calendar tribute page.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Correspondence / Communication:

- Email from Bev was received re: her offer to drive for the High On Ice festival; as noted above.
- Northern Lights College – emails and forms were completed the previous month for the use of the room. We have received a response from Julie at NLC and no fees will be charged, and Room 101 or 130 is assigned to us.

Driving Clinic for 2024: Holding a clinic was discussed at the November meeting; Maureen will see if Bev and Dale Richards would consider hosting a clinic at their arena. More discussion for the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting input was collected until January 2nd for input to these minutes.

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



NHMHA's next General Meeting is February 13th at NLC in FSJ, Room 130.

Website and Membership Renewals: maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics
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Membership: <https://www.nhmha-harnessclub.ca/membership.html>