



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting January 9, 2024

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Attendees:

- Vice President: Donna Gregoire
- Secretary: Marion Dunn
- Directors: Theo Miedema, Alice Daoust
- Members: Debbie Logan, Bev Richards, Dale Richards

... Note: the weather and road conditions was horrific!



Donna Gregoire, VP, called the meeting to order at 7:17pm. The meeting location had been moved to Room 130 instead of Room 101 at the college. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Minutes from December 10, 2023 were distributed to members online and posted to the NHMHA website www.NHMHA-harnessclub.ca. The Minutes from December were read by Marion; edited to add Donna as VP on the Attendee listing and then moved to be accepted; 2nd by Alice and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan provided her report to Marion to present to the membership. There was one cheque outstanding (issued to Louise: \$70.40) and the reported book balance was \$6,917.32 as of December 31, 2023. Marion moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read; 2nd by Donna, carried.

Marion reported that the Savings Account was now activated at the N.P.Savings and Credit Union, and tabled a motion from Susan with regard to moving funds from the NHMHA chequing account over to the savings account. **Motion** by Marion "Motion that we agree to transfer \$5000 from the NHMHA chequing to the new Savings Account"; seconded by Alice and carried.

Old Business

High On Ice February 16-19, 2024: Agreed that if we could get at least 4 teams we could commit to H-on-I on the 17th and 18th, 12noon-3pm. Bev and Donna have furthered discussion with the City of FSJ and will let them know within the next week if we do not have the teams ready to support the event this year. Bev Richards had offered to drive her team, and Julius's team, and further to that Julius will ask Mike Pomeroy if he can help. Dale and Bev will ask Mavis and Dale Sutherland. Bev offered to ask Lee Chambers, and Julia Fellers. Marion offered to have her mini's available to give kiddy sled pulls, or rides – and Deb/Theo would also consider this if they can't drive a sleigh. This was a positive addition to the Oilmen's weekend last year. Others could participate for rides too. Bev said "Ride for Disabled" could bring hot drinks. Donna and Bev are working with the City to scope out Kin Park as the venue and set up a route.

In moving forward for next year, Donna said we'd start in June to attend meetings for 2025

Calendar: The Calendar was available for distribution at the meeting. Most were distributed at the Christmas party. 2024 Calendars: Marion and Connie are working on updating the calendar tribute page to honor Fred Burton. It will be available from our website in printable format.

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

Driving Clinic for 2024: More discussion on holding a clinic. The month of April is a good target if an indoor venue is available, and summer if an outside arena would be used. Julia Fellers is hosting a clinic with Elisa Missio Marocchi as clinician in June but is thought to be filled already. Several formats are possible: having club members providing direction/demonstration, or having a clinician run the clinic. Come to the next meeting to discuss these and any new ideas!!!

New Business, Admin and Membership

Year in Review 2023: A draft of the years' recap was prepared by Marion for input (*attached*). Please provide any changes or additions to her prior to next meeting for finalization of the review.

Spring Wagon Trek 2024: our May long weekend trek had several locations put forward: the Doig Community Pasture (as planned for last year but cancelled due to the wildfires); or look into a Hudson's Hope location where some of our members have participated in past poker rallies. Alice described the latter and said she could speak with a contact (Shona) to find out about trails that are good for wagons. It was recommended we ask for permission to use the Doig as soon as possible to secure our original camping area. Marion will ask Garnet and Julius to talk to Jack Trask. *Update: Julius has received permission from the Doig Pasture Boss for us to use our regular camping and trail areas for our trek if we like, for the May Long Weekend.*

Correspondence / Communication:

- Marion said the PO Box fee will be due in January; will bring forward to the February meeting to further the renewal steps. The cost was \$206 in 2023.
- Northern Lights College – We are assigned the Room 130 for our monthly meetings.
- We'll have membership forms to fill in at the next meeting if you haven't done so already online.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm by Dale Richards; 2nd Donna, carried.

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>

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

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