



When Louise hooked both Fjords for the indoctrination to the drive/rides!!

# 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 June 13, 2023

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### Attendees:

- *President: Julius Reimer*
- *Vice President: Donna Gregoire*
- *Secretary: Marion Dunn*
- *Directors: Maureen Simard, Theo Miedema, Louise Kempthorne*
- *Members: Deb Logan*



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

**Minutes:** Minutes from May 9th meeting were read by Marion; she thanked Louise for having recorded the minutes. Amendments to the minutes: Mile72 was changed to Mile73. Marion moved to accept the minutes with amendment stated. Debbie 2nd.....carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan was absent so no changes from the April month-end balance of \$6,684.67.

### Old Business

**North Pine Fall Fair: Aug. 18-20:** Julius will be there with his team to deliver salt to the heavy horse pull sessions. Donna scooted over to the NPFF meeting which was in session and spoke with Linda Thornton and Katelyn White. Donna reported that Julia will give Donna a list for donations/activities needing a sponsor. We'd like to sponsor a driving class.

**Spring Wagon Trek – May Long Weekend: May 19-22:** Wow – this area was certainly affected by the wildfires and was in evacuation order zone for a few weeks. Susan is working on reimbursing people who have paid for the Trek – cheques will be mailed out.

**Oilman's Weekend August 2023: August 18, 19 and 20:** Peace Island Park - coinciding with the North Pine Fall Fair. We have enough teams to be at both events. Donna reported that Garnet spoke with Les Christianson and he will be driving a team for us. We have also Julius and Theo/Deb who are planning on coming, as 3 teams will be needed. Free camping for participants.

**Peace Island Park Wagon Rides Gold Panning weekend: August 5, 6 and 7:** Theo says we're booked for giving rides to the public on August long weekend – 2 teams are needed. Julius and Theo/Deb have committed. The Village of Taylor has not budgeted for the whole year, so we have to be on the books for next year for more weekends to provide rides. We will camp in the Finch area, campsites included for participants. Theo also asked to be included in their next planning meeting. Julius may accompany him.

There is also the **Taylor Parade**, which kicks off the Taylor events on Friday, **August 4th**. Let Louise or Garnet know if you'd like to represent NHMHA in the parade.

**Aitken Creek Falls Weekend Drive/Ride/Camp June 24-25:** Julius talked about details for the trip into Aitken Creek Falls off Mile 73 of the Alaska Hwy and 43.5 miles in on the Beatton River Resources Rd. It was decided to meet at the Shepherd's Inn at 5pm and have supper, then head to the camping start-off area. He said some trails are overgrown and he'll check them prior to the drive/ride. None of the area is closed at present for wildfires. Go in and camp Friday, then Saturday drive/ride to the Aitken Creek Falls – camp there overnight. Sunday, wrap up and go out to vehicles stage site. Call Julius for info 250-262-5960

**Summer Daze Weekend Drive/Ride/Camp:** July 21, 22 and 23 – Dunn's Bunkhouse camping and drive/rides. Drive trails and camp at the bunkhouse base camp. Please bring your own meals but a central fire and BBQ will be provided. Water is available for the horses. Cell coverage is good at this location. For more information, call 250-262-6259.

**NHMHA Nostalgia Gathering:** This is going to be a late fall/winter gathering – most likely at Dunn's Shop to see slide shows and the 22 year history of our association.

**Fun Day Wagon Ride Planning - Donna / Family Wagon Ride this summer:** Donna reported that trails are being cut and will be ready for a Fall Ride..

## ***New Business, Admin and Membership***

**Fall Wagon Trek – September Long Weekend:** Sept. 2, 3, 4 – Think about a location and bring your ideas to the next meeting. Julius will contact Mike and Angie Pomeroy to see if their farm can be a venue.

**Doig Gospel Music Festival:** June 17/18. Julius explained the event and a motion was put forward by Marion that we have Julius represent NHMHA by giving rides. If you wish, please contact Julius to participate: 250-262-5960.

**Club Supplies, etc:** Everything is picked up - Susan has the tables and cones. All other items will be stored at Julius's once gathered up. Donna says she has pots, pans and other kitchen items if we need to use them.

**Ride for Disabled:** Donna tabled that we donate to the Ride for Disabled. The group settled on an amount of \$250. Donna moved we donate \$250 to the Ride for Disabled. Maureen 2<sup>nd</sup>...Carried. Marion will have a cheque from Susan and write a cover letter to Lana Neitz of RFD to send the donation.

**Correspondence / Communication:** No correspondence received.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm by Julius/Deb.



**NOTE:** Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm  
NHMHA's next General Meeting will be held on July 11, 2023 at Northern Lights College (Room 101), Fort St. John...

**Website and Membership Renewals:** maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics  
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Membership Renewals can be completed online:

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

Payment can be completed through e-transfer to NHMHA.

