



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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

Held at Northern Lights College, Room 104, Ft. St. John

General Meeting November 14, 2023

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Attendees:

- *Acting President:* Donna Gregoire
- *Secretary:* Marion Dunn
- *Directors:* Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne, Garnet Dunn
- *Members:* Wayne Ash, Evelyn Green

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Donna Gregoire

Minutes: Minutes from October 10th meeting were read by Marion, Maureen 2nd/ adopted.

Treasurer's Report: Susan was not able to attend but notified the only change to last month's balance was the bank interest charge of \$4.75. A donation cheque was mailed to NHMHA from City of Taylor in the amount of \$300, which will be submitted to Susan. Marion also reported that Susan opened the Savings Account at the NPSCU, with Julius and Marion also as signatories. Marion moved to adopt financial update/2nd Evelyn. Carried.

Old Business

Fall Drive/Ride at the Bunkhouse October 21-22: The weekend ride at Dunn's bunkhouse was shortened to a one day event due to very poor weather. Only a few riders plus Brian for the bonfire / meal.

Christmas Party December 10, 2023 The sleigh day and party notice went out with a request for RSVP by December 3rd. The drive will be a 2pm start on the trails, followed with a dinner and party (and the general meeting business).

Maureen will ask Louise to post, on FB, an interactive potluck item listing so people know what they could bring. Louise is cooking the ham and Marion will cook a turkey, stuffing/gravy. Julius has the totes for supplies/plates/napkins etc. We will provide coffee/tea/hot chocolate. There aren't a lot of plugins for hotpots so keep that in mind but there is an oven in the kitchen area.

Donna volunteered to purchase the Kids' presents for those ages 14 and under, and Door Prizes. We had set a \$500 budget at the last meeting. Marion has the roll of tickets to give out for door prizes. She also has 2 door prizes to donate and Maureen has a kid's game.

A Nostalgia Recap of the NHMHA decades will be part of the Christmas Party slide show.

There will be the Adult Gift Exchange, optional for participation – \$25max. If you bring a gift you receive a gift (please wrap the gifts)... it's quite a lot of fun!

We'll touch base with Angie Pomeroy to set up times to get decorations set up; Marion targeting for Dec 5 or 6, and Louise / Maureen will finish on Saturday. Anybody who wants to help, please contact Louise.

High On Ice 2024: Donna will let Karin Carlson (City of FSJ) know we do not have the teams ready to support the event this year, despite an offer from Bev Richards to drive her team.

December Meeting Date Change to NOTE: the general meeting business will be held on the night of the Christmas Party at the Pomeroy Dance Barn prior to dinner.

Calendar: NHMHA's 2024 Calendar draft was shown to the members present – still need 2 winter photos. Will be ready to distribute at the Christmas party. There was a suggestion that we add a tribute to recognize the passing of past members – Gordon Meek was noted and also Chris Lamoureux.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Correspondence / Communication:

- Email from Bev was received re: her offer to drive for the High On Ice festival; Marion thanked Bev for her support but as noted in the old business, we don't have sufficient capacity to provide for the event this year.
- Northern Lights College – emails and forms were completed the previous month for the use of the room. We haven't heard back on whether any fees will be charged. Marion to follow up with Julie from the college.
- Horse Council BC had a survey related to HCBC involvement re: jumping and hunter/jumper events; was not relevant to our driving discipline.

Driving Clinic for 2024: Holding a clinic was discussed and as a start, Maureen will see if Bev and Dale Richards would consider hosting a clinic at their arena.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm by Donna/Marion 2nd. All in favor.

NOTE: Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm HOWEVER we have an exception for December.



NHMHA's next General Meeting is December 10th at the Christmas Party

Website and Membership Renewals:

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Membership:

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

Christmas Party Invitation:

<https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/upcoming-events.html>

CHRISTMAS SLEIGH DAY AND PARTY
Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association
LOCATION: Pomeroy Barn Dance Hall
December 10, 2023
Sleigh Drive: 1pm Harness up, 2pm Depart for sleigh drive, 1.5 hours weather dependent, Saddle horses welcome
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME
5pm Dinner: Turkey & Ham, COMFORT/NOT CHOCOLATE PROVIDED, Please bring a Potluck dish
DOOR PRIZES: KIDS GIFTS (14 and under), ADULT GIFT EXCHANGE (optional - bring a wrapped gift if you wish to participate)
RSVP REQUIRED BY DECEMBER 3rd to 250-219-6074 (Louise) or nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com
There is no charge; compliments of Mike and Angie Pomeroy and NENEKA
This event is for NHMHA Members, family/friends