



# 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 October 10, 2023

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### Attendees:

- *President: Julius Reimer*
- *Secretary: Marion Dunn*
- *Treasurer: Susan Clarke*
- *Directors: Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne, Theo Miedema*
- *Members: Wayne Ash, Deborah Logan*

**Meeting called to order at 7 pm  
by Julius Reimer**

**Minutes:** Minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were read by Marion, Louise 2<sup>nd</sup>/ adopted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan provided financial report for August: There was no recorded income in August. The adjusted balance was \$7,735.92, reflecting the donation revenue of \$1500 from the Petroleum Association, \$200 from the N.Pine Fall Fair plus a \$10 donation from an individual at the Gold Panning Days. Expenses: Bank interest \$4.75. There is 1 O/S Cheque (Evelyn for reimbursed spring trek fees). Susan moved to adopt financial reports/2<sup>nd</sup> Maureen. Carried.

### Old Business

**Drive/Ride October 7 at Louise's:** Louise recapped the great day hosted by her, Maureen and Jacqui. Four carts and wagons plus 5 riders enjoyed a 22°C weather, fall leaves and fragrance, and amazing scenery. The trails led to the Gundy Rimrocks where a small hike along the ridge was enjoyed by a few people. The 4 hr ride was followed by a bonfire and HotDog / potluck gathering at Louise's. Thanks to the Hosts for the great trails and good food !!!

**Fall Drive/Ride at the Bunkhouse October 21-22:** There will be a weekend ride at Dunn's bunkhouse – stay overnight Friday/Saturday night if you like. Plan to head out at noon for the trails.

**Financial:** Susan is working on opening a savings account at NPSCU.

**Christmas Party December 10, 2023** Plans for the Christmas party were furthered with the confirmation from Julius that Angie and Mike Pomeroy have booked their Pomeroy Dance Barn as the venue. The party will be for Members and their guests. The drive will be a 2pm start on the trails, followed with a dinner and party. Louise reminded we have a gift card from Lawrence's meats which could be used for the ham, which she will pick up and also cook for the dinner. Marion moved the NHMHA pay for a turkey/2<sup>nd</sup> by Maureen/carried. Brian will obtain the turkey and Marion will cook it plus stuffing/gravy. Other food will be potluck format. Marion put 2 further motions forward that NHMHA buys Kid's presents for those aged 14 and under (2<sup>nd</sup> Louise/carried) and Door Prizes (2<sup>nd</sup> Theo/carried) and these will be sourced after further discussion at the November meeting. A Nostalgia Recap of the NHMHA decades will be part of the Christmas Party slide show. A draft notice will be presented with features of the Adult Gift Exchange, and a request for an RSVP by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A decoration committee will be discussed at the next meeting.

**High On Ice 2024:** Discussion on the event resulted in the members deciding we would let Karin Carlson (City of FSJ) know we do not have the large wagons to facilitate the H-O-Ice rides.

**Santa Parade 2024:** Marion said the City FSJ, Paola Banks, asked if we could drive Santa in the parade and she suggested that they contact Dustin Chambers since he had handled this the past several years.

**December Meeting Date Change to NOTE:** It was decided that since the Christmas Party is close to the December meeting date, we will conduct the general meeting business at the Pomeroy Dance Barn during the evening.

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

**Correspondence / Communication:** Marion completed the renewal forms for the NLC room use. We haven't heard back whether there will be a fee or not.

**Calendar:** NHMHA's 2024 Calendar is being worked on – please send your high resolution photos to our email asap for consideration in the calendar. One copy for each member or one to each family (membership must be in good standing at the time of going to print) will be produced.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm by Julius/Theo.

**NOTE:** Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm  
NHMHA's next General Meeting will be held November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Northern Lights College (Room 101), Fort St. John.

**Website and Membership Renewals:** maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics

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

