



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 September 12, 2023

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Attendees:

- *President: Julius Reimer*
- *Secretary: Marion Dunn*
- *Treasurer: Susan Clarke*
- *Directors: Maureen Simard, Louise Kempthorne*
- *Members: Deborah Logan, Evelyn Green, Brad Clarke*

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Julius Reimer

Minutes: Minutes from August 8th meeting were read by Marion, Maureen 2nd/ adopted. Update: regarding club equipment, the cones and 2 tables were still at Clarke's and will be moved to Julius's shop.

Treasurer's Report: Susan provided financial report for August: There was no recorded income in August. The adjusted balance was \$6,240.67. Bank interest \$4.75. There are 2 O/S Cheques (Evelyn, and Louise – deposited but not cleared) for reimbursed spring trek fees. Donations received in August: Theo submitted the Donation Cheque from the Oilmen's weekend event from Petroleum Association in the amount of \$1,500. Julius submitted a Donation Cheque from the North Pine Fair Board in the amount of \$200. Susan moved to adopt financial reports/2nd Louise. Carried.

Old Business

North Pine Fall Fair: Aug. 18-20: Julius attended Sunday's N.Pine Fall Fair, driving his Mini team to deliver salt for the heavy horse pull sledge, and he also gave rides on the fair grounds. Julius received a donation for \$200 for NHMHA.

NHMHA also sponsored 2 driving event classes:

- C79 Pleasure Driving Single - Open (\$60):held Sunday August 20 and
- C80 Team Driving – Open (\$60) held Sunday August 20.

We should perhaps request a receipt for our 2 class donations. Discussion was that next year we should enter an obstacle driving course event.

Oilman's Weekend August 2023: August 18, 19 and 20 – Peace Island Park: - Event recapped: teams were Theo/Deb and Julius/Nicki/Joey. In addition, lead-line rides were given on ponies and horses: Susan and Brad Clarke, Deb Logan and Marion Dunn had 2 horses (King and Doll) and 3 mini's (Cricket, Cheekey Monkey and Stormy) for rides on Saturday. Julius's helper. This was very well received and we will propose to repeat this part next year as well! The wagon rides were all three days, 11:30am to 4:30pm.

Fall Wagon Trek – Aitken Creek Falls Weekend Drive/Ride/Camp September Long Weekend - Sept. 2, 3, 4: Louise reported there were eleven participants and everyone enjoyed this trek and venue. There was a Friday crew that did Site Cleanup – Louise and Joey cut some trees and brought a Fire Ring and grate. Signs were up and are now in Julius's possession. Maureen noted that minutes said to meet at the Shepherd's Inn before 6pm but that wasn't the case this time and caused some confusion. Luckily, contact was made by some to meet up with others and follow the map/directions, which were very good. Saturday was on a trail towards Whiplash Ranch but brush got too thick so they had to turn back. A local family – John Harding – joined the group and sang at the campfire and brought a water tank for horses. Sunday was

a drive to the Falls. It was a beautiful trail but has been too dry for the falls to be flowing. On the way back a very cold rain caught the group, but otherwise, the weather was warm. On Monday, a short ride and drive on lease roads finished up the trek. Julius and Joey. The radio's and First Aid Kits were on site at the trek.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Drive/Ride October 7 at Louise's: trails are good for smaller wagons/riders. Not much road, so horses shouldn't need to be shod. A notice will go out with Map/Directions. This will be a day-ride.

Financial: Susan notified the members that she advises we open a savings account; we used to see \$interest in our chequing account but since Cov19 that stopped. We have a substantial balance which should be earning some interest. We can have 2 transactions per month to transfer (chq'g <->savings). Everyone agreed this was a good idea. **Motion:** Susan moved we open a savings account, 2nd Marion/ carried. Susan will start it and have the second signor endorse it at NPSCU.

Christmas Party Planning for the Christmas party started with discussion on venue – we'd like to see if Mike and Angie's "Pomeroy Barn" would be available. The target date is Saturday, Dec.10. Julius will inquire. The Nostalgia Recap will be part of the Christmas Party slide show.

Correspondence / Communication: Marion asked if anyone else knew of FB poising to charge for the platform. No one has... therefore we'll just carry on as is until we are notified of a charge.

Calendar: NHMHA's 2024 Calendar was discussed. Motion: Marion moved we produce the calendar with one copy for each member or one to each family, 2nd Louise/motion carried. Send your best high resolution pictures to Marion on our gmail. A draft will be presented in the November meeting and printing will be the first week of December – whichever comes first. Extra copies can be printed if requested before printing goes to the Printer. Last years' price was \$10.50 per copy but not known this year yet.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm by Julius/Marion.

NOTE: Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm
NHMHA's next General Meeting will be held on August 8, 2023 at Northern Lights College (Room 101), Fort St. John...



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