



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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

General Meeting May 13, 2025

Email: nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com

The meeting was held at NLC, FSJ, Room 105

Attendees:

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

President Julius called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. A quorum was present.

Minutes The April minutes were read by Marion and 2 changes were noted, changed, and moved by Marion to be adopted; seconded by Maureen, carried.

1. Re: Trek: a box of the burgers from the ~~Christmas party~~ Fall WagonTrek surplus.
2. Added "**FUTURE WagonTrek Areas Suggested:**" heading to the 3 locations: Sunset Prairie, One Island and Bear Mountain.

Treasurer's Report Marion relayed the report that Susan provided in her absence: the adjusted balance as of April for chequing was \$ 1,591.29, and \$6,097.23 for the savings account. She reported revenue items of \$4.21 for the savings account interest, and \$25 for membership.

Marion moved the financial report be adopted; seconded by Donna. Carried.

Old Business

Spring WagonTrek May 16-19 The members were told of the clean-up day held May 3rd. Two main trails were cleaned of obstacles by a group of 5 (Julius, Louise, Susan, Evelyn and Marion) and the third was scouted but the lake trail was not located (possibly pine beetle tree removal caused destruction of the trail). A Monday short ride trail needs to be determined.

There was discussion on "to do" details and participation levels for the WagonTrek at the Doig Community Pasture. Some details needed attention:

- outhouses will be transported through Julius;
- water for horses will be owner-supplied or from the dugout at the Doig, using Julius's trashpump to pump to a trough – bring water if you can;
- generator will be brought by Marion/Brian and 2 bottles of water for the coffee/tea – Louise will bring a bottle as well;
- BBQ for the lunch on trail may be Garnet's (per Donna) or possibly a backup from Louise;
- The coffee totes, tables and one tent will be picked up by Marion/Brian; Donna will attend but is scheduled for hip surgery prior to the trek. Donna reported an inventory on our supplies and what is needed. Louise and Marion will purchase the items and lunch food; and
- Donna brought 3 trek signs to the meeting and Louise will put them in place.

Donna got consensus that we won't save any leftover food – maybe some until the fall trek but not later – people can take it home.

Participants: Online poster/registration form and communications were done through our website, email, text and the harness fb group, which has resulted in approximately 24 participants planning on coming.

With regard to timing in arriving at the Doig camping area, Louise plans to be there early Friday as will the Horrock's family group. Marion and Brian will bring other supplies/tent in the afternoon.

Oilmen's Weekend at Peace Island Park Deborah reported she is waiting for a reply from her contact as to whether we will be involved in the Petroleum Association's Oilmen's weekend.

Harness Train and Drive Clinic The dates of May 31 and June 1 were decided upon and the location will be Julius's arena. The format is the same as our previous beginner clinics with lesson horses, harness and vehicles provided. Posters/registration need to be done for communication.

People will bring their own lunch but the club will provide coffee, tea and water/juice.

SummerDaze Bunkhouse Campout, July 11 through 14 – Montney No new information. Camp/drive/ride at Brian and Marion Dunn's Bunkhouse. Camp base for short drives and rides.

Taylor Parade (Friday, August 1) No new information. Gather at 5pm; Parade at 6pm. People planning to participate are Theo/Deb and Julius. The participants may camp afterwards at the Peace Island Park.

Peace Island Park Gold Panning Days (Saturday /Sunday, August 2 -3) No new information.

North Peace Fall Fair, August 15-18 No update other than Donna has talked to Bonnie Carlson but not Julia Fellers as yet re: NHMHA sponsoring two driving classes in the Fair.

Fall WagonTrek No update on the new locations.

New Business, Admin and Membership Forum

Senior's Wagon Ride Request Julius was contacted by the Senior's Centre to see if there was anyone who could take on wagon rides that Jim Sodergren had been providing to them. This needs an "easy entrance access wagon". Theo said it depends on dates and times for the request. Donna will contact Jim to see how and when he was conducting the rides in order to discuss this further.

Correspondence / Communication Julius told us of the Kiskatinaw Fall Fair, August 23-24 if anyone is interested in participating in the driving events. He entered the classes last year and had fun, plus wins!

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm by Julius; seconded by Theo.



NOTE: Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm.
Next meeting is June 10th at Northern Lights College, 7pm.

Website nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com

See Y'all at the WagonTrek!!

