



Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting June 9, 2026

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This meeting was held at the NLC, Room 1702

Attendees:

- President: Julius Reimer
- Secretary: Marion Dunn
- Treasurer: Susan Clarke
- Directors: Louise Kempthorne, Maureen Simard
- Members: Brian Dunn, Donna Gregoire, Peggy Brown, Evelyn Green

Julius called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. A Quorum was in attendance

Minutes: Minutes read from the May 18th, Marion moved they be adopted; Louise 2nd; carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan reported current financial status:

Chequing: Revenue \$20 from memberships, \$50 wagontrek registration. (Total WagonTrek revenue was \$420). Expenses: \$120 sponsor two classes for NPFF, bank charges \$2. The adjusted bank balance was \$1,983.04. 2 outstanding cheques (Brad Clarke –\$20 pd to farmer Rob Larson for tractor; Louise – trek food \$340.90). The trek net income was \$248.85, but Maureen noted we haven't paid for latrine rentals yet. Susan adjusted Tammy and Marc's trek registration fee to 2-single memberships (\$20), \$25ea for trek (instead of non-member fee) and the surplus was then allocated as donation (\$10).

Savings: Closing balance for Savings was \$5,682.84.

Motion: Susan moved we transfer \$1k from chequing to savings; Marion 2nd; carried

Motion: Susan moved we adopt the financial report; Maureen 2nd; carried.

Old Business

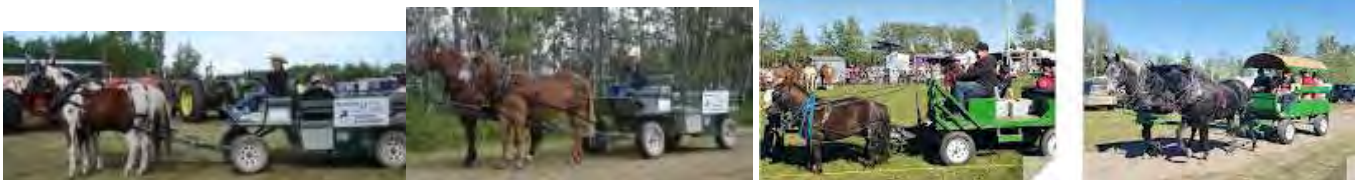
Oilmen's Weekend (August 21-23): Louise and Maureen will pick up the club wagon from Julius to use in this event – which also needs some repair to seats and some welding. They volunteered to have the seat covers repaired with a waterproof cover. **Motion:** Susan moved to repair, purchase new or recover seats; Marion 2nd; carried. Julius has a ph contact for fabric if that would be of assistance.

Spring Driving Clinic May 30-31: The clinic provided a good time to 8 participants and 4 observers on Day 1, and 5 participants on Day 2. We had no non-member participants but enjoyed the driving, arena and grounds at Julius and Nicki's place. Thank you to Reimer's for the facilities!

We had a discussion related to advertising our events – thoughts are that our scope isn't large through our fb because of the closed group status (approx 385). We post on fb, send out emails to members, and post on our web pg - which is open. Suggestions were discussed and we will try posting on the "Everything Horse Page" - they feature Northern Alberta and BC Horse Shows and clinics.

North Peace Fall Fair August 14-16: Marion provided our logo first on April 23 to NPFF and again May 23 – this time at the request of the NPFF secretary (Connie West). She also offered us a half page space in the Booklet to feature our club. Marion notified the BoD and on the short notice. Although only Susan responded, Marion submitted club info and photos of past involvement in the FF. Of these, the NPFF chose the team in front of the antique tractor pull (see the final booklet entry below).

Fall Fair plans – Julius is planning on hauling salt blocks to the Heavy Horse Pull ring (Sunday 5pm), but rides throughout the grounds may not occur. Safety is a concerning issue with crowds moving about all the areas. It is possible we may provide public wagon rides but not yet decided. Photo candidates were:



Canada Day Parade July 1: Julius, Susan and Marion planning on being in parade.

Summer Daze Camping/Ride/Drive July 24-26: dates accepted. No pre-registration required. No fee. Come out if you can – lots of room. Notice attached and to be sent out by email and on our website.

Taylor Gold Panning Weekend: August 1 – Parade: Details not known for Marshalling yet. Susan, Marion, Julius planning on entering parade. **August 2 – Gold Panning Wagon Rides:** Julius will be giving wagon rides at Peace Island Park.

Fall WagonTrek Sept 4-7: Williston Lake in same location as last year; camp in the top portion of the clearing. Louise spoke with Shona and she hopes to be there. Louise will bring the signs to our next meeting. Louise, Maureen and Donna said they will not be at the trek. Trail Cleanup day August 9th: Louise, Marion / Brian, (Maureen?)...Others please come!

Tumbler Ridge Visit Plan: Julius spoke with a teacher and Principal of Tumbler Ridge school who both thought it would be a very good event to hold and will get back to Julius... target it for September.

Future WagonTrek Locations: Brian spoke to Scott Frazer (foreman) of S. Peace Ranch, who will discuss with owner, Brian Neilson. If ok, we will plan to scout it out.

First Aid Course Opportunities: Carla Horrocks asked that we discuss interest related to medical first aid for horses. She has information related to that. Plus, she has given sessions on equine nutrition and would be willing to cover the topic. The members present were interested, and Susan offered to reach out and find out more information on the scope and plan.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Club Storage Trailer: Donna asked for the club trailer be relocated from her yard and Julius said he'd move it off (needs to be before July 8). Donna also wished to sell the tent to NHMHA for \$200. **Motion:** Maureen moved NHMHA buy the tent, Marion 2nd; carried. Susan issued a cheque to Donna.

Member Update: The Member Contact List available; contact Marion on our email.

Miscellaneous, Correspondence and Communication: NPFF will publish us in the fall fair booklet.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm by Julius, 2nd Donna.

NOTE: Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm

Next general meeting and AGM is March 10th, at Northern Lights College, 7pm.

Website: maintained by ConnieLynnGraphics nhmha.harnessclub@gmail.com.

View the photos and slide shows on the NHMHA website... <https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/events.html>



The Northern Horse & Mule Association is a non-profit organization formed in 2002, to enjoy and promote the equine driving discipline, to encourage the development and improvement of the "driving horse", increase contact and communication with other driving organizations holding similar interests and to display for and familiarize the general public with driving horses for whatever their intended use and the enjoyment.

Our members and other volunteers serve to promote the objectives of our Association, enjoying driving in social events and in serving the community. Our activities create opportunities which also benefit other equine based or charitable organizations. Owning a horse or team is not required in-order to become a member... Just bring your Enthusiasm!

Regular NHMHA Events that we enjoy annually include: Sleigh Days, High-on-Ice, Spring and Fall Wagon Treks, Taylor Gold Panning Days Rides, North Peace Fall Fair, Peace Island Park Rides, Summer Daze weekend, Christmas Sleigh Drive and Party, Horse Driving Clinics and Demo's, Fundraisers and Fun Days throughout the year.

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