

Northern Horse & Mule Harness Association

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General Meeting September 7, 2026

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This meeting was held at wagontrek site!

Attendees:

- *President: Julius Reimer*
- *Treasurer: Susan Clarke*
- *Secretary: Marion Dunn*
- *Directors: Louise Kempthorne, Brad Clarke*
- *Members: Bruce Szafron, Todd and Carla Horrocks, Evelyn Green*

Julius called the meeting to order at 3:24pm.

Minutes: Minutes August 11th were read by Marion and adopted.
Treasurer's Report: Susan reported that a compilation of EFT's and the September deposit was yet to be done. The financial report will be available at the next meeting. Marion submitted an expense receipt for reimbursement of $77.83 for food/supplies.

Old Business

Fall WagonTrek September 4-7, 2026: This event was attended by 34 participants (3 wagons). Great slide show on our website from everyone's photos: https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/events.html Thank you to everyone who organized, prepared for, helped out and attended the NHMHA Fall WagonTrek at Hudson's Hope and Williston Lake Trails. We had a wonderful time with excellent weather Thanks to the trail cleaning by everyone who helped—especially Maureen and Louise who scouted and cleaned trails ahead of the Trek weekend. Also, a few days ahead, Louise, Evelyn, Lee and Horrocks finished the trail cleanup and also brought firewood back to the camp site.

Marion organized the outhouses which were supplied by Butler Ridge of Hudson's Hope. Lunch on the trail was set up by Susan and Brad and cooking on the trail was done by Lee and Lisa, Dale and Mavis and other helpers – goods transported in the big wagons. Thanks to everyone who prepped and transported goods, equipment, supplies for the trek, putting up signs etc. And Thanks to Shona for sharing her knowledge of the trails and participating with us. Lots of good food at dinners with the Potluck, and fun campfires! We were joined by one of our "old-timers"…. Stan Large, for one of our days. NHMHA received a donation from Bruce – much appreciated! We held our monthly general meeting at this site although many couldn't stay long enough for the meeting due to travel time needed to leave for home. Some recommendations for "next time": cut down on the number of hamburgers per person – we didn't need a full case this time around but usually have too many (better than not enough!).

Taylor Gold Panning Weekend: Waiting on them to contact Theo regarding a donation.

North Peace Fall Fair (NPFF) August 14-16: went well with Rides given by Julius both days and joined by Lee on Sunday. Julius drove the salt blocks into the heavy horse pull arena, and Brad was the line judge who conducted team weight pulling calculations as well. There were 3 teams participating. Our association sponsored 2 driving classes which were well attended this year! (vs no participants last year). Marion entered one and placed 2nd. We were pleased with our write-up in the fall fair booklet and everyone enjoyed good weather this year!

Oilmen's Family Weekend (August 21-23): Good weather weekend again!! The Oilmen's were a smaller group this year but all went well and they enjoyed our rides. Susan and Julius drove Friday. Julius drove Saturday morning and then had to leave for another event. Saturday rides throughout the day were provided by Louise, Maureen, Susan, Dale & Mavis, and Theo. Lead line rides were given on Saturday by Susan, Marion, Paige and Louise from close to noon until 4:00pm. Marion had a petting pen set up with 3 friendly mini's for Saturday. Theo gave rides Sunday. Louise and Maureen used the club





wagon which was beautifully restored with painting, some welding and new upholstery covers by Louise. Looks great! Jason from the Petroleum Association will contact Louise to follow up.

Tumbler Ridge Visit Plan: Julius said he would call them again.

First Aid Course Opportunities: no update Carla has some ideas.

Club Storage Trailer: needs a bit of attention. Bins are not organized well. Located at Julius's yard.

New Business, Admin and Membership

Member Update: current Member Contact List available from Marion

Northern Lights College/UNBC: Marion suggested we plan an event for the NLC as a *Thank You* for the meeting room we enjoy at no cost. We have done this in past. Perhaps a sleigh ride day this winter. Carla, Todd and Julius would be interested in providing rides. More planning next meeting.

Christmas Party Planning: time to think about date and location. Everyone seemed happy with the Baldonnel School. Dec. 4th or 5th was suggested. A motion was put forward by Marion to proceed with the party plan; Louise 2nd; carried. Marion offered to contact the school and see if there is availability. A Sleigh Day was suggested to be a separate event.

2027 Calendar: We voted earlier in the year to produce the calendar. Marion will look into printing costs to see what our best option is this year. The members present decided we would keep the same size of calendar, with stapled spine.

Miscellaneous, Correspondence and Communication: no update

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm by Julius, 2nd Todd.
NOTE: Meetings are held every second Tuesday of each Month: 7 to 9pm
Next general meeting and AGM is October 13th. **Room fcc1617**





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https://nhmha-harnessclub.ca/events.html