



Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes, October 20, 2014

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Coker Farm at 7:00pm by President Scott Tarter. There were 15 members in attendance.

Scott Tarter read the minutes from the September meeting which were accepted as read.

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer's report for the current period which was accepted as read.

Correspondence - a Thank You note was received from Sean Dwyer, thanking the chapter for matching the National's Scholarship award. A Thank You note was received from Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Program for our sponsorship of their horse show.

Charitable Donations - The FWPHA chapter will donate 1 division's worth of entries to the New Canaan Mounted Troop 75th anniversary fund raiser.

Aid to members - Ron Carroll has suffered a stroke. The chapter has sent him aid. It was re-discussed how each case of Aid must be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on the person and their particular situation. A 'one size fits all' model is not appropriate for our mission. Tony Catalano will research the ability for our Chapter to provide some type of short term disability insurance to our membership. (In the past we have researched Health Insurance, but not short term disability).

Twin Lakes Farm and Elizabeth and Scott Tarter re-paid the balance of the \$20,000 aid that was given to them after the roof was blown off Twin Lake 2 years ago by hurricane Sandy. Although aid and not a loan Elizabeth and Scott choose to repay it so the funds would be available for others in need for the future.

Finance - we need to re-visit our investments. It was suggested we try to find a Title Sponsor for our Awards program.

Membership - welcome to our newest members, Scott Barry & Caroline Cotes. There were no new memberships presented.

Junior PHA - Lisa Sherman & Naomi Gauruder will present the Walter Distler Award on behalf of the Junior PHA. The Junior PHA will hold a Basket Raffle at the Awards dinner. The theme for each basket should be based on a horse related movie. Any farms wishing to donate a basket, please contact Christine Nastasi.

Horse Show Committee - Tabled

High Score Committee - TONS of new memberships rolling in! The new season & memberships will be updated online the night of the awards dinner.

High Score Banquet - The Awards Dinner will be November 14, 2014 at the Italian Center in Stamford CT. This year's dinner will be held in honor of Walter Distler.



Please make sure that all names of award winners are spelled correctly on the Website - this is where we will get the spelling for engraving the trophies! Equitation winners will receive a Jacket (unisex sizing) Hunter & Jumper winners will receive a dress cooler. Please get sizes to Lynn Peters (Lynnpeters10@aol.com) By October 27th!

Richard Killian will supply the digital images from the awards dinner which will be posted on the FWPHA website, free of charge, for exhibitors to copy. Anyone wishing for a higher resolution from what is posted may contact Richard directly for the file.

Ads for the High Score Award Journal are due NOW to Christine Nastasi.

Jack Rockwell Applications are Due October 25th!

Frank Flynn - suggestions on a recipient should be directed to Easy Kelsey & Judy Richter

Greek Neff - suggestions on a recipient should be directed to Scott Tarter.

Art Of Clinic - suggestions for 2015 topics are welcome to Chris Dwyer

New Business - there will be a Health Insurance representative speaking at our next meeting.

Holiday Party - It was voted that everyone attending our Holiday party will be charged \$20 to help offset the cost of our dinners.

National PHA Finals being held 10/24-26 at Centenary College. 15 riders from our Chapter will be attending.

Elections: It's election time! Nominations for the following positions are due by November 10th to Lisa Sherman the correspondence secretary at Sherman9198@gmail.com. At our November 10th meeting, nominations will be closed. Current officers who are interested in continuing their positions will contact the email address as well to declare their intent to re-run for office or do so on November 10th.

Positions: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Naomi Gauruder

Next Meeting will be November 10th at Coker Farm.