



Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes

April 13, 2015

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Twin Lakes Farm North at 5:57pm by President Ken Okken. There were 22 members in attendance

Gary Gauruder read the minutes from the March meeting which were accepted as read.

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer's report which included the prior month's transactions which was accepted as read.

Correspondent Secretary: Lisa Sherman stated she sent a letter to Old Salem Farm to have them update their membership to the FWPHA. Lisa also sent a letter to Cynthia Jensen letting her know the FWPHA will be sending a donation to St. Peters Church in Cheshire, Ct in memory of her husband George who past recently. Lisa states she received a letter from Dr. Bill Bradley thanking the FWPHA for sending a get well basket to him and Chris Dwyer stated Dr. Bradley is doing very well.

Aid to members: None at this time. Fred Becher was given aid voted on last meeting to help with his lost training income due to the roof collapsing at his barn due to heavy snow and ice.

Charitable Donations: Ox Ridge was given a donation for their upcoming June Charity Show and Pegasus was also given a donation for their charity. Ray Molony questioned why Ox Ridge was given a donation when Ox Ridge officials said Pegasus was the initial beneficiary for the show, is not part of the show now.

Membership: Emmy Tromp held over from last meeting was accepted as a new member of the FWPHA and her dues were paid in full. Gary Gauruder stated that Jorge Ventucelli has submitted an application with payment to become a professional member which was signed by Gary and John Scapelhorn. Jorge's application will be held over until the May meeting. Christine Nastasi stated that Nadine Jones has also submitted an application to become a professional member signed by Christine and Lisa; however no check accompanied the application. Lisa Sherman stated Eamonn Gillespie a former FWPHA member requested to become a new member however no application was presented only a check for the yearly dues. Lisa and Christine also vouched for Eamonn. Both Nadine and Eamonn application will be held over until the next meeting pending Nadine's dues payment and Eamonn's application being received.

Lisa sent a letter to the show managers who are outstanding in their yearly dues. Old Salem Farm sent a check for their May show manager Alan Rhienheimer in the wrong amount and Carol Molony will return it to Old Salem for the correct amount. Naomi proposed for the upcoming 2015-2016 that horse show managers who wish to participate in the FWPHA high score program should send in their yearly dues as well as payments for their affiliation for the programs by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and/or by 30 days prior to their first affiliated show this was accepted by the membership.



Jane Dacosta stated the FWPHA should look into a 3 year membership option online and/or on the application which was accepted by the membership present.

Junior PHA: Lisa states the Junior PHA members are set to run their contests for the May (June) and will have armbands for the exhibitors wishing to participate. Lisa also said they need more kids to join up for the Junior PHA and help them at the show.

High Score Program: Scott Tarter stated everything is up to date on the website for the members of the high score program.

Horse Show Committee: Lynn Peters said the May (June) show plans are going well and are looking for sponsors for the upcoming FWPHA shows. Naomi and Lynn came up with a sponsor packet for businesses who will be able to sponsor the shows and the high score dinner for the year and will have the ability to have banners advertising their businesses at shows, have ads in the dinner program and have the businesses announced at the shows for more exposure. Ray made the motion to have Naomi and Lynn work on that packet which was accepted by the membership.

Lynn also said that all trophies won over the past year need to be returned to Carla Sacco ASAP so the trophies would be ready to be given out at the May (June) show.

FWPHA Website: Scott stated he picked up another website name for the FWPHA which is fwpha.org to be used in the future for FWPHA business. Scott also said he will have new emails for the board ready for this week so members can email the board easier and not use the board's personal emails for FWPHA business.

High Score Banquet: Lisa Sherman stated we need a committee to be formed to run the high score Banquet and Audrey Feldman stated she would like to head that committee. Audrey was accepted as the head person for the committee by the membership.

Awards: Any suggestion of topics for the Jack Rockwell Award need to be sent to Naomi and/or Norman Bray. The Greek Neff Award ideas need to be sent to Barbara Filippelli and Scott. The ideas for the Frank Flynn Awards need to be sent to Judy Richter and the ideas for the Walter Distler Awards need to be sent to Lisa Sherman.

Art of Clinic: Chris confirmed the location of the Art of Conformation clinic will be at The Pavillion on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with check in starting at 5pm. Chris said that non-members will be charged \$20 and that Barbara Filippelli, Ruth Nichodemus, Lisa Sherman and Elizabeth Pandich will all be bringing horses to the clinic.

Old Business: John Scapelhorn stated he has a conference call on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> with IEA officials to figure out where the scholarship will go for the IEA regional zones and how the scholarship winners are

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picked. John will get back to the board regarding how much the scholarship will be for and the membership all agreed that supporting the IEA was a worthy cause.

New Business: Elizabeth Rice wanted to know if the FWPHA would send pictures to the Chronicle from the FWPHA shows to promote the FWPHA. Also there was a mention that Lionshare is willing to do a clinic in the fall for the FWPHA if the membership wanted one. The membership all thought that that was a great idea.

Jane DaCosta said she would like to see the FWPHA members come out and support the Junior Equestrian Festival at Fairfield County Hunt Club in October were colleges will be looking to recruit new riders for their program and make aware of upcoming possible training certification programs being developed now.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Twin Lakes Farm North on May 11<sup>th</sup> with dinner starting at 6:30 and the meeting to follow.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary