



Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes

June 15, 2015

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Coker Farm at 6:00pm by President Ken Okken. There were 23 members in attendance

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

Treasurer's Report was Tabled as Naomi Gauruder was unable to attend.

Correspondent Secretary: None at this time.

Aid to members: John Scapelhorn stated Ray Francis may need aid in the future but at this time none was needed.

Charitable Donations: None at this time.

Membership: Michele Grayson was accepted as a new member. Gary Gauruder stated friends of Naomi Gauruder, Suzanne McGowen and Keeley O'Hara from Evergreen Farm in upstate New York were looking to transfer from the Syracuse PHA Chapter to FWPHA due to a conflict with Suzanne's brother who is on the Syracuse PHA board. Also Suzanne's son Kelsey from Evergreen Horse Transportation was looking to join as a new member of the FWPHA. Suzanne and Keeley are in good standing with the Syracuse Chapter and wanted to stay with a PHA Chapter they can contribute to without any conflicts. All three submitted a membership form as well as payment for our yearly dues. Ann Greci stated she will contact Naomi Blumenthal of the Syracuse PHA Chapter to ensure they are in good standing before FWPHA accept them as new members.

Junior PHA: Caleb Glassberg stated the June show went well and more than 80 people participated in the best rider contest. Also Caleb stated many people did the horseless horse show as well as the obstacle courses set up for the exhibitors and spectators.

High Score Program: Scott Tarter stated everything is up to date on the website for the members of the high score program and that finals are on Labor Day weekend September 5th this year at Gardnertown Farm. A reminder, the last horsemanship test will be held at the finals at Gardnertown Farm.

Horse Show Committee: Lynn Peters states the May (June) show was a great success. Lynn stated that Twisted Bit that was one of the vendors should've been more organized and supported by the membership of the FWPHA at the show. Gary stated the acceptance of credit cards for payment of the show was implemented at the June show with success.



FWPHA Website: Scott Tarter stated he is seeking more help for the FWPHA website. Ken stated he like to see old trophies photographed and put on the website with a caption with each trophy explaining their history. Ken also stated we should find a place to display and preserve each trophy.

High Score Banquet: A suggestion was to have a dance for the kids at the High Score Dinner Banquet and to have each winner's name and photo displayed at the dinner while they are accepting their awards. Catherine McIntyre stated doing some type of power point presentation at the dinner which she would volunteer for.

Awards: Suggestion for the Jack Rockwell was to have an essay on asking a horse one question and explaining why you chose that question and another was on explaining why horseback riding is considered a sport. Lynn suggested putting the essays that win in the dinner's program. Greek Neff, Frank Flynn and Walter Distler's Awards suggestions were tabled at this time.

Art of Clinic: Chris Dwyer stated the speaker's at the Art of Conformation Clinic were amazing but the turn out for the clinic was disappointing. Suggestions from the floor were to revisit the dates to have the clinics and other topics that might draw more people to the clinics. The floor congratulated Chris on her hard work she puts in on organizing the past clinics.

Old Business: Ann Greci stated that 6 junior scholarships were given out this year.

New Business: Scott states he would like all members to remember Walter an Elsie Distler who have both recently past and for their contributions they made to the FWPHA over the years. Kathleen Rice wanted members to remember that the National PHA show will be at Centenary College in New Jersey again from October 23rd to the 25th and they need more FWPHA members to get involved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Coker Farm on August 10th with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary