



Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes  
March 23, 2015

The meeting of the FWPCHA Chapter was called to order at Riverdale Stables by President Ken Okken at 6:55 p.m. There were 21 members in attendance.

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

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

Correspondent Secretary: Chris Dwyer stated Dr. Bill Bradley had knee surgery and is doing well. A get well gift basket will be sent to Dr. Bradley for his speedy recovery.

Aid to members: Alan Magnotta stated he received no request at this time. Naomi stated she received a call from Fred Becher who had his indoor ring roof collapse in the past month and has lost lesson revenue because of it. President Ken Okken wanted an aid to members form filled out by Fred before any aid was given to him. Naomi stated she will send that form to him ASAP.

Charitable Donations: Naomi stated David Wright donated back his yearly dues as he became a lifetime/senior member this year. Ken stated that he investigated the request from Ox Ridge for a sponsorship for the FWPCHA class at their June show. He stated that Ox Ridge made no attempt to come to any of the FWPCHA meetings and that the charity they stated that was going to benefit from the show, Pegasus, has not come to a formal agreement to accept being one of the beneficiaries from the show. The board agreed to give Ox Ridge a smaller donation than originally asked for and give a bigger donation to Pegasus for the charity. Naomi also stated GRTA requested an ad from the FWPCHA to be put in their booklet from their June show which was voted on and accepted.

Membership: Both Lara Ciaramella and Kirsten Cowan held over from last meeting were accepted as new FWPCHA members and their dues were paid in full. Nicole Wright who was voted to be a member in January has not paid her yearly dues as of yet and her membership is suspended until dues are up to date. Chris Dwyer stated Emmy Tromp has submitted an application with payment to become a new professional member which was signed by Chris and Naomi. Emmy's application will be held over until the April meeting. Fred Schauder brought up the fact that when people submit their application to become a new member, that the yearly dues be part of the application.

Junior PHA: Christine Nastasi discussed the June show contest that the Junior PHA will be putting on during the regular FWPCHA show. Christine stated the Handy Hunter Course will have kids bring their horses/ponies to the stone dust ring at Fairfield County Hunt Club and they will compete over ground poles, keyholes and rails on top of barrels for prizes. Christine would like to see the specs for the competition be posted on facebook and in the prizelist when she writes them. Christine also states the Junior PHA is coming up with a contest for the cover of the High Score Awards Dinner Program which



will have 4 age groups coming up with the cover design. Each of these contest are to raise money for the Junior PHA Fund. The discussion of having \$5 of the \$20 Junior/Associate fees go to the Junior PHA Fund was accepted by the members. Fred Schauder suggested that a portion of the dues collected from 2013 – 2014 year from the Junior/Associate membership be deposited in the Junior PHA Fund and that starting April 2015, \$5 from the dues collected go directly into the Junior PHA Fund which was accepted by the members.

High Score Program: Scott Tarter stated that all entries to the program are up to date.

Horse Show Committee: Lynn Peters stated the show in August is all set to be held at Chase Meadows Farm and that the September finals show will be held at Gardnertown Farms. Lynn also stated that the officials for the June show (held May 30-31<sup>st</sup>) are hired and that show will be held at Fairfield County Hunt Club. The judges are Walter “Jimmy” Lee and Susan Horn.

FWPFA Website: Scott said anything needed to be updated on the website needs to be emailed to him and he will upload it to the website.

High Score Banquet: Tabled.

Awards: Frank Flynn, Greek Neff and Walter Distler Awards were tabled. Any suggestion on a topic for the Jack Rockwell Award should be emailed to Naomi or Norman Bray.

Art of Clinic: Chris Dwyer stated the Conformation clinic will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. (check in at 5 p.m.) at a location still to be determined. Chris confirmed the speakers at the clinic are Carol Molony, Ray Francis and Audrey Petschek.

Old Business: Catherine McIntyre suggested that the FWPFA needs to be promoted more and she is willing to promote the FWPFA on facebook and other avenues of the media.

New Business: John Scapelhorn wants the FWPFA donate sponsorships and scholarships to the regional's IEA members. John and Lana Ciarmella staed they will work on it. Naomi wants to see the same for IHSA Regional members. Ken said he would like to see the FWPFA accept credit cards as payment at the shows and for membership. Naomi stated she would look into the various companies to get the best rate.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Next meeting will be at Twin Lakes North Campus, 960 California Road, Bronxville on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.