



## Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes

January 12, 2015

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Coker Farm by President Scott Tarter at 7:00pm. There were 12 members in attendance

Naomi Gauruder read the minutes from the November meeting which were accepted as read.

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

Aid to members: None at this time.

Correspondent Secretary: Kate Bykowski read thank you letters from New Canaan Mounted Troop for our donation for an entry fee of a division at a FWPHA show for their silent auction fundraiser, one from Ron Carroll for aid to members, one from Shelby Cashman for matching her national college scholarship and we received a donation to the Jack Rockwell Fund from Allegra Manacher.

Charitable Donations: A donation was given to Equus Foundation.

Membership: Nicole Wright was voted in as our newest member. No new members had applied. A list of members removed for non-payment and a list of new lifetime members were read by Gary Gauruder.

Horse Show Committee: Will meet at Coker Farm on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 p.m.

High Score Banquet: Tabled.

Art of Clinic: Any ideas for this year's clinic, please submit to Chris Dwyer. One idea brought up was to have Mark Leone do a clinic on equitation springboard for riding.

High Score Committee: High Score names are updated online. If you do not see your name online, you are not a member. Reminder that when you submit an application to the high score program to add in the \$20 associate member fee to the total of the application i.e. if you want to sign up just the rider, the total fee will be \$55 (\$20 for associate fee and \$35 for rider fee). Any questions contact Scott Tarter.

Junior PHA: Caleb Glassman stated the raffle at the High Score Banquet went really well and they raised a total of \$1200 for their membership. Caleb also stated the photo booth was a great success and will try to get sponsors for that, for this year's banquet. Caleb is looking to organize a Junior PHA clinic where the topic would be to "Ask a Judge."

Jack Rockwell, Flynn and Neff Awards: Tabled.

Old Business: None at this time.

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New Business: Election voting was done and the new board is as followed:

President: Ken Okken  
Vice Presidents: Scott Tarter and Chris Dwyer  
Treasurer: Naomi Gauruder  
Correspondent Secretary: Lisa Sherman  
Recording Secretary: Gary Gauruder

Scott Tarter passed on the gavel to new president Ken Okken. Ken gave an acceptance speech which included that he is from New Jersey and has over 20 years experience with the Sussex County Horse Show starting with the Junior Essex Troop and working up to manager with Tim Cleary running the Garden State Horse Show. Ken states he brings a lot to FWPHA with his experiences as a trainer, steward, judge and running horse shows. Ken states his biggest change he will bring to the organization is that he does not accept people bringing up 3<sup>rd</sup> party grips or hearsay rumors. Ken states if you as a member have an issue, bring it up at a meeting or submit it in writing so your voice can be heard. Ken states that it is in the best interest in the sport to show up and be heard than not say anything at all.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Coker Farm on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. starting with dinner.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary