

Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes  
April 18, 2016

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Twin Lakes Farm at 7:10 pm by President Ken Okken. There were 19 members in attendance.

Gary Gauruder read the minutes from the March 2016 meeting which were accepted as read.

Naomi Gauruder tabled the treasurer's report.

Corresponding Secretary: None at this time.

Aid to members: Naomi stated Cynthia Jensen is on the road to recovery.

Charitable Donations: None at this time.

New Membership: Missy Wright from Limelight Farm which was signed for by Jen Zala and Christine Nastasi. Keirstin Johnson from Riverside Farm which was signed by Scott and Liz Tarter. Their membership's will be held over until the next meeting.

Junior PHA: Lisa Sherman stated she needs transportation to get jump rails from Garden State Show in New Jersey to Connecticut so the Junior PHA can start working on them for the upcoming FWPHA shows.

High Score Program: Ken stated that he sent the committee an email regarding the "Schooling Show Series" which stated barns can only run a maximum of 4 shows and the highest jump height will be 2'6". Ken said there will be a mile restriction of 20 miles away from another show. The barns have to pay for the application 60 days prior to the show date they apply for. The show will must have USEF judges and the results must be electronically submitted. The time frame for the show series to run will be between April 1 – March 31<sup>st</sup> and target a September date for a year end awards. Exhibitors can cross enter in both the High Score Program and the Schooling Show Series, and possibly offer Western and Dressage Classes also starting next year.

Horse Show Committee: None at this time.

FWPHA Website: Scott Tarter will link the Junior PHA Facebook page onto the FWPHA website.

High Score Banquet: Naomi will contact the Italian Center for dates for the Banquet. Also, Naomi will run the banquet this year.

Jack Rockwell Award: Ken stated it time to think about a topic for this award.

Greek Neff Award: Tabled.

Frank Flynn Award: Tabled.

Walter Distler Award: Tabled.

Art of Clinic: Chris Dwyer stated the check in for the upcoming clinic on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Matrix Conference and Banquet Center in Danbury, CT will be at 6pm. Gary will send out emails to remind members of the clinic.

Old Business: Tabled.

New Business: Scott suggested to send ads to Today's Equestrian to promote this year's FWPFA finals at Fairfield County Hunt Club in August. Naomi will contact Today's Equestrian.

At the National PHA meeting, USHJA's representatives were there to explain the importance of having a working relationship with the National PHA. Also discussed was new guidelines for memberships into the National PHA. Also, in order to attend a National PHA meeting you must be a director or an invited guest by a director. A motion was made to adopt the new guidelines for membership for our chapter wherein membership applications will now be held over for a minimum of 60 days but not more than 120 days to be voted on. The new member will be on probation for 1 year and have no voting rights until the 1-year probation is up. The new member also must show up to the meeting to hand in his/her membership application or that application will not be accepted until such time that person hands in their application. The floor voted on and accepted these new guidelines for new membership into our chapter

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Twin Lakes Farm North on May 23rd starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary