

Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes  
February 22, 2016

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Fairfield County Hunt Club at 7:00 pm by President Ken Okken. There were 14 members in attendance.

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

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer's report which included the period January 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 through February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 which was accepted as read. Naomi stated one of the CD's is coming up for renewal. Christine Nastasi asked if we had looked into hiring a financial advisor and was advised that in the past the older members had rejected the idea of investing with a financial advisor which will not change at this time.

Corresponding Secretary: None at this time.

Aid to members: Naomi stated Stan Sinarski was in the hospital and is on the road to recovery. Christina Schauder was kicked in the arm by a horse and had successful surgery to repair her injuries. Christina is also on the road to recovery.

Charitable Donations: Naomi stated USET asked for a donation and the was rejected by the floor.

New Membership: Chris Dwyer stated she received 2 new applications for professional membership. Chris stated Emily Emmond and Kris Bramley both current trainers at Fair Hill Farm were both endorsed by Naomi Gauruder and Stan Sinarski. Their membership will be held over until the next meeting to be voted upon. Kelanie Farrell was accepted as a new professional member and Janie Weber, after much discussion, was also accepted as a new professional member.

Junior PHA: Lisa Sherman stated the Junior PHA will have their next meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> in Katonah, NY. Lisa stated the Junior PHA will be doing more clinics in the future.

High Score Program: Scott Tarter stated entries are up to date and that the Children Hunter Horse division is now setup to be split in the Orgpro program.

Horse Show Committee: Ken states there was much discussion on the committee to start offering high score points at schooling shows and will be pointed separately from the high score program in place now. The heights for the divisions will be 2'9" and under. Ken states there will be separate awards for the schooling show high score program that will run from April to April. The top 15 of each division will be invited to the horse show finals. It will be for equitation only and there will be crossover allowed. The suggestions will go back to committee for final discussion.

Naomi stated the June FWPHA show will be on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Fairfield County Hunt Club, the July show will be at Chase Meadows on July 9<sup>th</sup> and the finals will be at Fairfield County Hunt Club on August 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>. Naomi said August 5<sup>th</sup> (which is Twin Lake Farms date) will be a USEF show with double points, the 6<sup>th</sup> will be a derby and possible jumper day and the 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Equitation Medal

Finals day. Naomi suggested that the FWPHA reimburse Twin Lake Farm for the use of their date which was accepted by the floor.

FWPHA Website: Tabled.

High Score Banquet: Tabled.

Jack Rockwell Award: Tabled.

Greek Neff Award: Tabled.

Frank Flynn Award: Tabled.

Walter Distler Award: Anyone who becomes a new Junior PHA member will be eligible for the award.

Art of Clinic: Chris Dwyer stated she has been working on a clinic in Danbury, CT on April 25<sup>th</sup> which will deal with the conformation of shoeing and barefoot management. Chris stated she has Steven Krauss a journeyman farrier from Cornell University set to do the clinic. The exact date, place and time will be announced in the near future.

Old Business: Rich Killian stated he will be getting in touch with John Scapelhorn regarding getting archives to John for the National PHA.

New Business: Scott states Helen Bilby wanted him to say hello to everyone for her.

Chris stated New England Equine Practice will be holding a clinic on horses well-being on March 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7pm. Anyone welcome to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Kelsey Farm in Greenwich, CT on March 21<sup>st</sup> starting with dinner at 6:30 pm and meeting to follow.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary