

Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes
January 11, 2016

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Riverdale Stables at 6:58 pm by President Ken Okken. There were 16 members in attendance.

Gary Gauruder read the minutes from the November 2015 meeting which were accepted as read.

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer's report which included the period November 16th 2015 through January 11th 2016 which was accepted as read. Naomi stated payment was sent to the National PHA to repay them for fronting the money for our clinic and that 2 Jack Rockwell Scholarships were also paid during this time frame. Naomi also read the annual report for 2015 which was accepted as read.

Corresponding Secretary: None at this time.

Aid to members: None at this time.

Charitable Donations: Naomi stated she received a request for a donation from Quaker Farm Ranch in Pennsylvania which was denied and Naomi also asked for a sponsorship for a 2'6" Hunter Derby from the FWPHA for her Blue Ribbon Venture Show at Shallowbrook Equestrian Center in Somers, Ct in June 2016 which was voted on and accepted.

New Membership: Chris Dwyer stated she has received 2 new requests for professional membership. Chris stated Kelanie Farrell who is an instructor with Riverdale Stables and endorsed by Scott Tarter and Amanda Ek and Janie Weber, owner of Stepping Stone Farm who was endorsed by Scott Tarter and Lisa Sherman. Both will be held over to the next meeting to be voted upon. Elaine Lowin, Jenn Zala, Kate MacPhail and Jen Soloman were voted in as new professional members of the FWPHA. Michael Clark's membership was denied due to his open loan from the FWPHA, which when the loan is payed off, Michael can reapply for membership. Gary read the list of members who were removed from membership for non-payment and the list of members elevated to lifetime/senior membership.

Junior PHA: Lisa Sherman stated the Junior PHA have their next meeting on January 29th. Kelsey Farm will be hosted a clinic on January 31st featuring Cari Swanson who trains horses for tv, movies, etc. and will go from 3:30pm – 5:30 pm. The clinic will benefit the Junior PHA and Kelsey Farm is looking to hosting other clinics on a monthly basis to benefit the Junior PHA

High Score Program: The high score committee met prior to the meeting and came up with some new additions to the program as well as clarified some language. The committee said there will be a Walk, Trot, Canter Division and cross entry will be allowed in the Walk, Trot, Canter and Walk Trot Pleasure divisions. The committee clarified that if management offers any walk trot or walk, trot, canter classes, for the purpose of our own high score program, points will be awarded to the rider. The Children Hunter division will be split by small, medium, large ponies and horses. Children Hunter Horses will be further split by age of rider 14 & Under and 15-17 years of age. If necessary, we will California split further within the age groups. All changes will be retroactive back to the beginning of the year starting on September 1, 2015.

Horse Show Committee: Naomi stated the committee is in negotiation to have our finals at Fairfield County Hunt Club in Westport, CT for August 5th thru August 7th.

FWPFA Website: Tabled.

High Score Banquet: Tabled.

Jack Rockwell Award: Tabled.

Greek Neff Award: Tabled.

Frank Flynn Award: Tabled.

Walter Distler Award: Tabled.

Art of Clinic: Tabled.

Old Business: Kathleen Rice thanked the FWPFA for allowing her to be the FWPFA representative at the USHJA Conference in Florida in December.

New Business: Kathleen stated at the USHJA conference she learned that the new push from USHJA was to have all horses going for zone points to be micro chipped for positive ID of the horse by December 1, 2017. She said the proposal to start by December 1, 2018, will require all horses competing in USHJA rated classes will be required to be microchipped or they will be ineligible to compete in those classes. These are the proposals and not a rule as of yet. Scott Tarter questioned whether a veterinarian was the only one to do the micro chipping or can a horse farm owner be allowed to chip their horses without a vet present. Kathleen said that starting 2017 the USEF Medal and the ASPCA Maclay Medal will allow the medal to be run with only 3 to 5 riders who compete in the classes for ½ points. The Maclay will take the top 31 in Regional Finals and test the top 8 for fairness. USEF will limit a rider to 12 qualifying classes in a qualifying period and if the rider is not qualified for those medals after 12 classes, the rider can continue to compete up until they obtain those necessary qualifying points.

John Scapelhorn states the National PHA, which started in 1939, is looking to compile past PHA records to produce an archive cd which will include such accomplishments as the National PHA sponsoring the first dressage class, the Cleveland PHA Chapter sponsoring the 1st Grand Prix in the USA, etc. John said any chapter that have historical documents please send to Mary Jane Mitchell or John Scapelhorn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Fairfield County Hunt Club in Westport, CT on February 22nd at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary