

Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes
September 12, 2016

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Twin Lakes Farm North at 7:00 pm by President Ken Okken. There were 18 members in attendance.

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

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer report from May 24th to September 12th which were accepted as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Sherman-Quinlan read a thank you from Ann Greci for the contribution to the National PHA Scholarship Fund.

Aid to members: Naomi states that Cynthia Jensen is still recovering from her fall and is beginning to steward.

Charitable Donations: A donation was made to Zone 1 and Zone 2 Finals.

New Membership: None at this time.

Junior PHA: Lisa states the Junior PHA will like to do a course walk at Old Salem Farm in May 2017.

High Score Program: Scott Tarter states the 2015-16 High Score Program Points are up to date and on September 15th the points become final. Scott also states that for the 2016-17 season the long stirrup 13 and over division will be added into the hunter, equitation and medals program.

Horse Show Committee: The committee states all 3 FWPHA horse shows resulted in a moderate profit and there was a question asked to the committee whether to keep the finals at Fairfield County Hunt Club or moved it somewhere else. The committee will explore that option.

FWPHA Website: Scott states a request was made to have the schooling show apps on the FWPHA website which Scott said he will do.

High Score Banquet: Ken states Naomi will take over running the banquet and making up the dinner's program this year. Ken states Christine Nastasi will coordinate the Battle of the Barns and the photos for the cover of the program. Ken also wanted to thank Christine for handling the program for the dinner over the past 2 years. Ken states he needs to have sponsors for the photo booth and the divisions of the high score program for the dinner. A DJ will be hired once again for the dinner's music entertainment again this year.

Jack Rockwell Award: A meeting this month is schedule to discuss the topic for the award which will have 3 aged groups awarded. One of the suggestions was to discuss from a rider's point of view of what you would want your trainer to be like or who would you want to train with and why. Final topic will be forth coming.

Greek Neff Award: Tabled.

Frank Flynn Award: Ideas to be sent to Judy Richter.

Art of Clinic: Tabled.

Old Business: Lisa requested a payment for the June shows armbands to the Junior PHA which Naomi will send shortly.

New Business: Easy Kelsey wanted to remind everyone the Day in The Country is September 25th in Greenwich. Naomi stated at the National PHA meeting it was brought up to include Adult Amateur Riders into the National Medal Class. Also that it is election time for the National PHA board and suggestions were made from the floor to keep the current board with two exceptions, electing Naomi Blumenthal President and Mary Jane Mitchell to Vice President.

Also election time for the FWPHA is also upon us and the following have been nominated to the board.

Ken Okken and Fred Schauder for President

Chris Dwyer and Scott Tarter for Vice Presidents

Naomi Gauruder for Treasurer

Gary Gauruder for Recording Secretary

Lisa Sherman-Quinlan for Corresponding Secretary

Any additional nominee must be sent to Lisa Sherman-Quinlan at Sherman9198@gmail.com by October 15th.

FWPHA matched the National PHA's awards to our chapter's scholarship winners and then reimbursed the National PHA back their award.

Anyone having archives for the National PHA website please send to John Scapelhorn and Amanda Ek.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Coker Farm on October 17th starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary