

Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes
May 22, 2017

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Coker Farm by President Fred Schauder. There were 8 members in attendance.

Prior to the start of the meeting there was a presentation by Kirsten Schuitema from the Princeton Equestrian League. Kirsten explained that her boss Andrew Philbrick has started a high score program much like FWPHA's program in New Jersey and would like our shows to offer their program at our shows for points toward their finals. Their program is much like Marshall & Sterling's point system and includes division from leadline to Grand Prix's. The PEL high score program can be offered at rated and non-rated shows and the cost is \$25 a person to join and \$25 per show for show management. The PEL finals are held from October 11-15th and you only need 30 points to qualify for their finals. The members thank Kirsten for her presentation and would consider offering the program to the FWPHA members.

Gary Gauruder read the minutes from the April 2017 meeting which were accepted as read.

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer report from April 18, 2017 to May 22, 2017 which were accepted as read. Naomi stated that a CD that was due has been cashed out and the floor wants to contact Phil Richter to see if he has any ideas to reinvest this CD to get a higher percent of investment.

Corresponding Secretary: Gary read an email from David Holm who stated he has stage 4 lung and bone cancer but remains in high spirits. Lynn Peters stated Bill Prout is cancer free but very weak.

Aid to members: None at this time.

Charitable Donations: None at this time.

New Membership: None at this time.

Junior PHA: None at this time.

High Score Program: Fred would like to revisit the idea of pointing non USEF rated shows with either half or full points for our program. Fred would like a guideline for these shows including USEF judges, USEF stewards, etc. and Lynn Peters will revisit our previous protocols and put together a recommendation.

Horse Show Committee: Lynn states they are all set with the show at Fairfield County Hunt Club on June 2nd and 4th.

FWPHA Website: Fred stated he talked to Scott Tarter who said he is working on updating the website.

High Score Banquet: The Banquet was originally set for October 27th, however due to a conflict with the National PHA Horse Show, the membership agreed to move the date to November 10th. Naomi has confirmed that date is available with the Italian Center.

Jack Rockwell Award: Tabled.

Greek Neff Award: Tabled.

Frank Flynn Award: Tabled.

Walter Distler Award: Tabled.

Art of Clinic: Chris Dwyer stated she was working on an idea of a clinic later in the year where you have trainers teach and demonstrate the different types of disciplines such as dressage, eventing and reigning to name a few so the membership could learn more about other types of disciplines.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: Chris wanted to thank Lynn Peters on coming up with the criteria of the Raymond A Molony Horseman's Award. The purpose of the award is to acknowledge a professional member in good standing of the PHA that demonstrates outstanding horsemanship and teaching horsemanship first. Winners would be nominated by their trainers, write a brief bio on the person and have 2 letters of recommendations for that person. The award's winner will be chosen in the fall and the recipient would receive a trophy and a cash reward that would be matched by the National PHA. Any donations from chapters or the public would be recorded by the treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Fairfield County Hunt Club on June 19th starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary