

Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes  
September 18, 2017

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Twin Lakes Farm North by President Fred Schauder. There were 17 members in attendance.

Prior to the start of the meeting there was a presentation by Alan Bazaar from Hollowbrook Wealth Management who discussed the possibility to reinvest our portfolio for the future to increase our assets which all agreed was in our best interest.

Also, Brittney Kochiss from Daigle and Travelers Insurance made a presentation to discuss equine insurance and liability insurance that would benefit our organization.

Gary Gauruder read the minutes from the June 2017 meeting which had a correction where FWPHA had 6 not 5 participants selected to possible win a scholarship from the National PHA Scholarship Fund. The minutes with correction was accepted as read.

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer report from June 16, 2017 to September 18, 2017 which were accepted as read.

Corresponding Secretary: None at this time.

Aid to members: Naomi stated lifetime member Vincent Jones broke his hip and requested we should give him aid which was accepted by the floor.

Charitable Donations: There was a request to give a donation to the IEA Scholarship Fund which was voted on and accepted. Also, another request to donate to USHJA's Zone 1 and Zone 2 finals which we have done in the past was voted on and accepted.

New Membership: Gary stated past due notices for delinquent members have been sent out. A suggestion was made to list the outstanding members not up to date on their memberships to be posted which was accepted. The following is a list of members not current (See attached PDF file).

Junior PHA: None at this time.

High Score Program: Scott Tarter stated he has 19 new entries into the high score program already and has the old and new year for the high points series online now.

There was a discussion regarding allowing non-USEF rated shows to be part of the high point series but after much debate it was determined not to allow this at this time but will revisit in the future if there are more interest.

Horse Show Committee: A suggestion was made to look for other facilities for our finals which included Chase Meadows and Gardnertown and to move the finals back to September again. The committee will research this and come back with a recommendation for next year's finals.

FWPHA Website: Naomi stated she will help Scott to revamp the FWPHA website.

High Score Banquet: The FW-PHA Finals Banquet will be on December 1, 2017 at Ethan Allen Inn in Danbury, CT. Doors open at 6:45pm and the battle of the barns will return with the theme to be determined in the near future. Invitation will be online shortly.

Jack Rockwell Award: All application need to be sent to [jackrockwellaward@gmail.com](mailto:jackrockwellaward@gmail.com) and closing date is October 15, 2017. All documents sent electronically need to be in a PDF file format.

Greek Neff Award: Tabled.

Frank Flynn Award: Tabled.

Walter Distler Award: Tabled.

Art of Clinic: Chris Dwyer is looking for suggestions for a clinic in 2018.

Old Business: Ann Greci stated the following from FW-PHA were picked to pick to receive a National PHA Scholarship: Lindsay Schauder, Max Zakiryanov (Carla Sacco's son), Jeanine Dwyer, Alexandra and William Dencker and Lena Rae Reeb (Leslie Kogos daughter).

New Business: Ann requested reimbursement for the FWPHA winners in the National PHA Scholarship Fund which was voted on and accepted. The deadline for the Raymond Molony Award to be applied for is October 1<sup>st</sup>, any nominees from FW-PHA must be sent to Chris Dwyer.

Gary stated Mallory Diedrich, a FW-PHA member, passed away recently.

Naomi stated a recipient for the Walter Distler Lifetime achievement award has been picked and will be announced at the awards dinner.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Next Meeting will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Coker Farm in Bedford, NY starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary