

Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes
September 17, 2018

The meeting of the F-WPHA Chapter was called to order at Coker Farm by President Fred Schauder. There were 25 members in attendance.

Gary Gauruder read the minutes from the June 2018 meeting which were accepted as read.

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer report from June 18, 2018 to September 17, 2018 which were accepted as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Fred read a letter from Pat Gregory who suggested for next year's finals to add in a ground pole class. Fred stated he heard from some trainers that they felt the finals could've been more special. Lynn Peters stated she sent a letter to Bill and Trish Dencker thanking them for their hospitality for hosting the finals. Bill and Trish stated to Lynn they are happy to host the show again.

Aid to members: John Scapelhorn stated he has a request for additional aid to members from Gary Gauruder who had additional medical expenses from his recent medical issues. John also stated he was made aware that Donny Hoer is going through serious cardiac issues and request aid for his medical bills. Both requests were voted on and accepted by the floor.

Naomi stated Ashley Sharpe fell while riding her horse and suffered serious facial injuries and suggested to have flowers sent to her which was accepted by the board.

Charitable Donations: None at this time.

New Membership: Chris Dwyer stated Kelly Raymo and Audrey Petcheck applied to be the newest professional members to the F-W PHA. Both came to the meeting to advise the floor that they are local trainers and want to become members. Both of their memberships will be held over until the next meeting.

Junior PHA: Christine Nastasi stated the Junior PHA want to set up a swap meet with vendors to sell items such as crafts, food, tack, etc. and are working on finding places in the Westchester area to have people set up tables to sell these items before Christmas time to raise revenue. Christine also stated the topic for the dinner program cover is on the Junior PHA's Google Drive and Facebook pages.

High Score Program: Scott Tarter stated that he has 3 – 4 horse shows already up online for to start for next year's points and have new high score memberships coming sent to him already. Scott stated for next year the 3', 3'3" and 3'6" Jumpers will be part of the high score program. Scott stated if anyone sees an issue with last year's points to contact him by September 30th. Christina Schauder stated she would like to see the ribbons given out at the dinner go through 12th place. Amanda Ek also would like to see the division printed on the ribbons for the dinner. Both ideas will be looked into by the committee for cost effectiveness.

Horse Show Committee: Lynn states the F-W PHA shows this year brought in a substantial profit. Scott states he like to see the rider/ horse combination in each hunter and equitation different as not to allow the same rider/horse combination to compete in multiple classes. Scott also states that the rider must pick a fence height if they are qualified to compete in multiple divisions at the finals.

FWPFA Website: Scott states he like to see more pictures sent to him or Amanda to post on the website. Lynn would also like to get some of the photos like from the finals sent to the Chronicle for good public relations.

High Score Banquet: None at this time

Jack Rockwell Award: The Jack Rockwell Award has now been renamed as the Judy Richter Award and that all essays for the award be sent to judyrichteraward@gmail.com with the topic regarding an “unsung hero” that he or she has had in their life.

Frank Flynn Award: None at this time.

Art of Clinic: Tabled

Old Business: The floor voted to match the National PHA donation to the National PHA Scholarship Award. Cala Sharp was looking for the F-W PHA to donate to Zone 1 finals which the floor voted and was accepted

New Business: Lynn stated at the recent National PHA meeting the National PHA was looking to switch its tax status to a 501(c) 3 tax exempt status to raise more funds and that the F-W PHA needs to do the same. Easy Kelsey stated the Greenwich Riding Trail Show will be October 30th in Greenwich, CT. The nominations for the executive staff of the F-W PHA is open in October and that a slate of candidates will be available by the November meeting. The ballot slate closes in December 2018 exact date to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Coker Farm October 15th starting with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary