

FAIRFIELD / WESTCHESTER P.H.A. CHAPTER MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2019

The chapter meeting of the Fairfield / Westchester PHA held at Coker Farm was called to order at 7pm by President Fred Schauder. There were 16 members in attendance. The minutes were read from the August meeting which were accepted as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT :

There was no report however Chris Dwyer read the financial summary from our September 2019 finals.

AID TO MEMBERS :

The chapter will wait until there is a donation request from Kevin Babington's family. At that point we can give to the foundation that is being set up to help his children. There was a discussion as to how to get the word out about who we are and what we do as an organization. Possibly fliers given out with each entry at our shows and also creating a poster that can be displayed in our barns.

DONATIONS :

The National PHA has asked for a \$250 donation towards the National Finals. All were in favor.

MEMBERSHIP :

Welcome to Brittany Kochiss and Jessica Schwab who are our newest professional members. If you know of someone who would like to become a member of the PHA please contact Christine Nastasi at talloaksny@gmail.com You will be a member from the date you are accepted through 2020 if you sign up now. Additionally, anyone who would totally love to pay their delinquent dues should also contact Christine.

JUNIOR / ASSOCIATE PHA :

The theme for table baskets for the High Score Banquet will be "Pamper Yourself". Any barn can create a basket for their table even if for bragging rights.

JUDY RICHTER AWARD :

The topic for the Judy Richter Essay Award will be "If it weren't for horses..." Readers for the contest will be Judy Richter, Lynn Peters, Mary Jane Mitchell and Carol Molony.

HIGH SCORE PROGRAM :

Points are up to date within a week.

As of September 27th the 2019 points are permanent. If you think you have a discrepancy you must contact Scott Tarter before that date.

Please go to the high score awards program rules as there have been several changes to division specifications.

There will also be a wording change in the high score award program to read that trainers must be PROFESSIONAL members.

The Westbrook Hunt Club Horse Shows are not a part of the high score program.

HIGH SCORE BANQUET COMMITTEE:

The date for this year's banquet will be Friday November 22nd. It will be held at Serafina at The Italian Center in Stamford, CT. Invitations will go out soon.

HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE :

We no longer need an official point keeper for the National PHA Medal class. The F/W PHA Finals held at Gardnertown Farm went smoothly. Many ideas and suggestions were brought up regarding next year's horse shows including adding hunter derbies and creating perpetual trophies for the Medal Finals. If you are interested in donating a perpetual trophy please contact Lynn Peters at lynnpeters10@aol.com

USHJA/ USEF COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Rice will be attending the December 8th thru the 11th meeting in Denver, CO.

NORMAN BRAY AWARD: Candidates are being considered.

"ART OF" COMMITTEE: There was no report.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Congratulations to the following National Scholarship recipients; Jessica Dencker, John Dencker, William Dencker, Lindsay Schauder, Francesca Azznara and Maxim Zakiryanov. The chapter will match the scholarship money awarded by the National.

Going forward, if your parent is not a current professional member of the PHA at the due date of your scholarship application, the application will not be accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Judy Richter read her first rough draft of the letter to USEF regarding the current state of Safe Sport. She touched on one particular thing which is a third party, so to speak, that separates our sport from other sports under the jurisdiction of this organization and that is THE HORSE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lynn Peters read the proposed adjustments for the description of Treasurer as outlined by our National By-laws. A motion was made to accept these changes and all were in favor.

The PHA is a 501C-8 not for profit organization. Donations can be a tax write off.

The date for this year's "A Day in the Country" horse show is September 29th. There will be tailgate parties galore, a bloody Mary class and much more so please plan to attend.

There was a discussion regarding including schooling shows into the High Score Award Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at nine something PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara K. Filippelli

***NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY OCTOBER 21ST, 7PM AT
COKER FARM. DINNER AT 6:30 ...BE THERE !!!***