

FAIRFIELD WESTCHESTER PHA CHAPTER MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

The chapter meeting of the Fairfield-Westchester PHA held at Coker Farm, Bedford, NY was called to order at 7pm by President Fred Schauder. There were 22 members present.

Before the formal start of the meeting, new member Brittney Kochiss gave a brief presentation on insurance needs that we all need to consider as professionals in the horse business. Brittney's expertise is insuring horses, horse farms, and horse professionals.

SECRETARY'S REPORT– Lynn Peters read the minutes from the September 26, 2019 meeting. There was one addition – Emma Bagnato was also a scholarship recipient. With that addition the minutes were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Chris Dwyer read the report which was accepted as read.

CORRESPONDANCE – Christine Nastasi read a note from Pat Broderick thanking the chapter for the aid she'd received.

AID TO MEMBERS – No requests at this time. The passing of Jay Shuttleworth was noted.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS – No requests received.

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Lutz and Kristen Lutz were present to fulfill requirements for membership. Their confirmation will be held until the next meeting. Three new membership applications were presented. All three were in attendance to introduce themselves: Courtney Caverzasi, professional member; Mikayla Formosano, professional member; and Meg Walsh, who is now our newest associate member. Courtney's and Mikayla's membership confirmation will be held over to next month's meeting.

JR/ASSOCIATE COMMITTEE – A slide show is planned for this year's year end awards banquet. Please send in up to three photos in jpeg format including rider name, horse's name, division, awards being received. Send to Christine at: fwphajuniorcommittee@gmail.com. On next year's high score entry blanks we are looking for emails of both the participant and their parent for contact information. Please print clearly! The 'juniors' are once again having a Battle of the Barns raffle baskets. This year's theme is "Pamper Yourself". Let's get creative here! The 'juniors' will also be holding a 50/50 raffle. A discussion was held as to whether or not centerpieces could be auctioned/raffled off to benefit the aid to members fund. This was tabled for next year. Members are being asked to consider a journal ad and/or division sponsorship to help defray banquet expenses and keep our money available to our members who may need assistance.

HIGH SCORE PROGRAM – As a reminder, trainers must be professional FWPHA members in good standing in order for any of their student's points to count. Please read the most recent High Score Rulebook – posted on the website – as there have been some changes to last year's program. *Please note* – All member horse shows offering FWPHA points; the fee per horse show is \$30.00. Participation has been very low in the adult amateur division (especially the

older group) as well as long stirrup. Scott encourages participation in those divisions so they can continue to be offered as part of the high score program. Discussion was had concerning combining the amateurs into one division, and also combining the long stirrup and short stirrup divisions. For this year they will all be their own divisions with consideration to be given to combining next year if numbers remain low.

HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE – Plans for next year's shows are already in the works. There will be a meeting of the committee on Monday, November 18th at 5:00, before the regular chapter meeting. Plans for next year are – looking to include Outreach Classes/Divisions and including some type of 'Special Class' (pro/am, pairs over fences, challenge of the barns). As Fall Festival (finals) have been at Gardnertown for the past several years, there were thoughts from members for exploring other venues to move that show every few years as had been done in the past. The committee will look into possibilities. Also being looked into by Courtney is the possibility of Logo Wear to sell at this year's banquet and next year's horse shows. Emma Schauder will work with Courtney on this.

USEF/USHJA – Kathleen Rice will be attending the convention as will Ken Okken. They will report back to the chapter.

HIGH SCORE BANQUET – The banquet is Friday, November 22nd at Serafina at The Italian Center, Stamford, CT. Invitations are out as are requests for sponsorships and journal ads. Reservations are coming in. The menu is set. We will once again be supplying the alcohol. Fred will take care of this. The IEA Team from Twin Lakes Farm will be donating 'dance socks' for the dance portion of the evening's festivities. We're all looking forward to seeing exactly what 'dance socks' are. Regina has secured a DJ who has agreed to donate his services for the evening's festivities.

ART OF – Chris is looking into the possibility of a January event at New England Equine Practice centering around 'Leaky Gut'. An exact date will be announced.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – Judy's letter to USEF is being fine tuned.

NEW BUSINESS – Maryjane passed around the journal from the Rockefeller Trail ride to show the ad we'd taken in that journal. Regina is working on a new tri-fold for informational and promotional use.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

For Barbara Filippelli, respectfully submitted,

Lynn Peters

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH, 7PM AT COKER FARM. DINNER AT 6:30... SEE YOU THERE!