

**FAIRFIELD / WESTCHESTER P.H.A. CHAPTER MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 13TH, 2020**

The meeting of the F/W PHA held at Coker Farm was called to order at 7PM. There were 21 members in attendance. We mourn the loss of Michael Clarke who passed away on Thursday January 9th of natural causes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Chris Dwyer and accepted as read. A copy of this is on file with the recording secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A note was received from Richard Killian thanking the chapter for awarding him the first ever "Norman Bray" award. Well deserved Rich.

AID TO MEMBERS: There were no requests for aid at this time.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

A request was made for a donation of \$300 to the Southern Dutchess Horse and Pony Association to help with their shows. All were in favor.

MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome to Courtney Becher, our newest associate member. Linda Van Kooy has applied for professional membership. Her application along with Mickayla Formesano will be held over until the next meeting.

JUNIOR / ASSOCIATE P.H.A.

The committee would like to thank all of the farms that donated a basket for this year's banquet which include; Zephyr, Twin Lakes, Riverdale, Coker, Kelsey, Watch Hill, Tall Oaks, Quinlan, Stratford, Five Peaks and a Little Bit of Sparkle. The next committee meeting date will be announced on the website.

HIGH SCORE AWARD PROGRAM:

Points are up to date as of January 1st. IF you do not see your name or your horse's name on line for this program YOU ARE NOT ENROLLED. A reminder to all; All trainers must be a professional member of a PHA chapter in order for points to count.

There will be some restructuring of this committee to redirect some responsibilities to better address any issues including rules and membership.

HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE:

All appropriate paperwork/ licenses have been renewed. The committee will look further into the financial picture of our shows so that a budget can be created. This year the PHA shows will be offering the 3'3 and 3'6 Junior/ A.O hunter divisions. The slate of officials are being finalized.

USEF / USHJA COMMITTEE: No report at this time.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

The website is up to date however a membership list is still being created.

HIGH SCORE BANQUET COMMITTEE:

Our 2019 banquet went really well. The dance floor and music were a great idea, the food was great and presented on time, centerpieces and prizes were awesome and Courtney Becher kicked it out of the park with the slide show presentation. Huge thanks to everyone who helped to make the night such a success.

For next year we need to think about a better ribbon presentation system.

“ART OF” CLINIC:

Gastric ulcers and leaky gut syndrome will be the topic discussed for this year’s clinic. Date TBA but should be sometime in February or March. Details forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS:

Judy Richter reported that her new arena lights by “Equine Bright Light” are great.

NEW BUSINESS:

Please consider joining the New York State Horse Council. It is a very worthwhile organization. Information can be found at nyshc.org.

Ideas to think about going forward;

- Implement a calendar of events on the PHA website
- Revamp and update committees and chiefs
- Explore using Paypal or Venmo for memberships / high score program
- Create a PHA poster board to be displayed at farms and at shows describing what we are all about.

From now on the PHA chapter meeting will be held on the second Monday of every month unless otherwise noted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara K. Filippelli

***NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY FEBRUARY
10TH AT COKER FARM
DINNER AT 6:30,
MEETING BEGINS AT 7PM***