

**FAIRFIELD / WESTCHESTER P.H.A CHAPTER MEETING
MONDAY JULY 12TH 2021**

The “Zoom” meeting of the Fairfield / Westchester P.H.A. was called to order by President Barbara Filippelli at 7:05 pm. There were 13 members in attendance. The minutes were read from the June meeting which were accepted as read.

Please note, for all Zoom meetings, members will need to have their name displayed in order to gain access to the meeting. Four legged friends are always welcome.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

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

HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE:

- Our July horse show was a success! Thank you to all who attended and special thanks to our volunteers.
- Prize list information for August 8th at Riverdale Stables is available on the website. Please look for a schedule update for our August horse show on our website ASAP.
- We will not guarantee entry for any post entries for our August horse show. However, any post entries which are accepted will be charged a \$25 post entry fee.
- Our Fall Finals will be September 11th and September 12th hosted at Gardnertown Farm.
- The FWPHA is looking to start a horse show internship program to allow Junior and Associates to learn horse show positions such as secretary, in-gate etc. More information is attached to this month’s minutes and will be available on our website and social media.
- We hope to have dates and locations for our 2022 horse shows soon. Look for updates on social media and our website.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- No information at this time.

AID TO MEMBERS:

- None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None received at this time.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

- A request for a charitable donation was received for the Zone 1 Hunter Finals. Further information is required before it can go to a vote.

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MEMBERSHIP:

- No professional applications have been received at this time.

JR/ ASSOCIATE PHA:

- No report at this time.

HIGH SCORE PROGRAM:

- Points are up to date within a week.
- As a reminder, trainers of applicants **MUST** be a **CURRENT PHA Member** in order for applicants to receive points.
- If you do not see your name or your horses name, you are not a current member!

USEF / USHJA COMMITTEE:

- None at this time.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

- The website is in transition for web servers. It will be completed as soon as possible.
- Venmo is available via our website for membership payments. @FWPHA-FWPHA

HIGH SCORE BANQUET COMMITTEE:

- The High Score Dinner will be returning back to the Italian Center in Stamford, CT and will be held on November 5th, 2021. Further ticket information will be available soon.

JUDY RICHTER ESSAY AWARD:

- The topic and application information for the Judy Richter Essay Award will be available soon on our website and social media.
- The Judy Richter Award is presented at the FWPHA Awards Dinner. Contestants in three age groups, 12 and under, 13-17, and 18 and over are asked to write an essay on a topic that has been chosen for that year. The committee then reads the essays and chooses a winner from each age group. The winners each receive a \$500 certificate to be used for lessons with any Professional Member in good standing of the FWPHA, a junior or associate membership for one year, and all entry fees on one horse ridden by the winner at either of the PHA Horse Shows. Application is available on the website.

NORMAN BRAY AWARD:

- The Norman Bray Award is given each year at the FWPHA Awards Dinner. A committee meets and chooses a professional member who has demonstrated to be an outstanding sportsman and an asset to the horse world.
- Please send nominations in to the Norman Bray Award Committee, information available on the website.

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“ART OF” CLINIC COMMITTEE:

- The FWPHA is thrilled to announce the return of our Art of Clinic for 2021, with the “Art of Ground poles” presented by Cynthia Williams on Monday, September 27th 2021 at Sunnyfield Farm. Registration will be from 5-6 PM with the clinic to begin at 6 PM. Cost is FREE to all FWPHA Members, and \$20 for non-members (to include a 1 year associate membership). We hope to see you all there!

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

- None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The FWPHA is looking to add Dressage to its programs. More information will be shared as it is available.
- IEA and IHSA Coaches in particular, if you have riders who are in need of Show apparel, please get in touch with the Rider’s Closet. Trainers and riders, donations are also gladly accepted of any riding apparel in used or good condition. Unfortunately, helmets cannot be accepted.
<https://www.georginabloomberg.com/the-riders-closet/>
- Attached to this month’s minutes is the National PHA Flyer. **We ask that all facilities hosting an FWPHA Sanctioned Horse Show please print and post this flyer!**

The next meeting will be Monday August 9th, 2021 at 7:00PM on Zoom. Zoom Link will be available on the website.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ek