

Meeting Minutes, Monday October 14th

The chapter meeting of the Fairfield / Westchester PHA , held via ZOOM< was called to order at 7pm. There were 10 members in attendance. The minutes were not read from the September meeting.

Treasurer's report: Not presented

Correspondence: None received at this time

Charitable Donations : None requested at this time.

Aid To members: none requested at this time.

Finance Committee: No report at this time.

Membership committee : No report at this time.

Junior PHA : No report at this time.

High Score award program: All points are final for 2024

High Score Banquet Committee:

The date for this year's High Score banquet is Friday November 15th at The Italian Center in Stamford, CT. Doors open at 6:30, Buffet dinner begins at 7pm with Awards ceremony starting at 7:30. Email invitation will be forthcoming to all.

Horse Show Committee: All non rated schooling shows that are in the high score program have the same criteria as the CHJA shows. You need a USEF licensed judge and a steward.

Judy Richter Award: 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 member in good standing of the FWPHA (check to be sent directly to trainer), a junior membership for one year, and all entry fees on one horse ridden by the winner at either of the two PHA horse shows.

The 2024 essay topic is " Which horse , fictional or real, would you want to ride if given the chance and why?" Please send essays to liz@twinlakesfarm.com Deadline is November 1st.

Norman Bray Award: Tabled at this time.

Art of Clinic: No report at this time.

Grievance Committee: The date for Naomi Gauruder' s hearing with the USEF regarding her suspension will be November 6th.

Old Business: THE FOLLOWING IS REALLY IMPORTANT. PLEASE ATTEND THE CHAPTER MEETING ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 11TH so your voice can be heard:

Does the F/W/PHA support the National PHA as an entity or should it be dissolved?

Please attend the November meeting and join the discussion with your thoughts.

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The results of the FW/PHA survey were discussed.

This is an election year for our chapter. The following seats are open for nominations ; President, Vice President(s), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary. Preliminary nominations can be sent to valleypondfarm@gmail.com

New Business: This year's holiday Party will be held at The Horse and Hound in South Salem, NY on December 2nd. More details to follow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY NOVEMBER 11TH VIA ZOOM. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AS THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING