

FWPHA Meeting Minutes – November 11th, 2024

The "Zoom" chapter meeting of the FW/PHA was called to order by President Scott Tarter at 7:05 PM. There were 17 members in attendance. The minutes were read from the October meeting which were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report: Christine Dwyer presented the financial report which was accepted as read. A copy of this is on file with the recording secretary.

Correspondence: The National PHA Scholarship committee thanks the FW/PHA chapter for its donation. A note was received on behalf of the Serenity Project thanking the chapter for our donation.

Charitable Donations: No requests at this time.

Grievance Committee: The USEF hearing requested by Naomi Gauruder was held on November 6th. The hearing panel has 30 days to render its decision. Naomi continues to make her restitution payments.

Aid to members: Lifetime member Betsy Reed has asked for financial aid. The chapter will donate \$1,000. Barb Cochrane was badly injured last week at her farm. She is currently mending in the hospital. MaryJane Mitchell will keep us updated if she needs any assistance.

Membership: Current paperwork is still needed for Matt Brayman and Deborah Corr in order for their memberships to begin.

Junior PHA: Lana Ciaramella will now join Lisa Quinlan to help revitalize this committee, thank you Lana!!

High Score Program: A 2'3 hunter, equitation and Medal division will now be added to the program.

Horse Show committee: A balance sheet from our Fall Finals show has been requested from HITS. None has been received thus far.

All non rated FW/PHA shows must adhere to the framework of the CHJA. You must have a USEF licensed judge and steward.

High score banquet committee: We are all set for this Friday's banquet. Although we have around 145 people attending, there is a great need to revitalize this very special evening to its former glory. We are looking for more committee members to help with this.

Website committee: New pictures are desperately needed for our website. Please send what you have to Scott.

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Judy Richter Essay Award: The essays are currently being read and reviewed. The winners will be revealed at the banquet on Friday.

Norman Bray Award: Tabled for this year.

"Art of" committee: Peter Lutz has graciously accepted our request to conduct a course walk either at the spring Old Salem or Fairfield Hunt Club show. More details to follow.

Old Business: Please respond as soon as possible when you receive an email with details of our upcoming holiday party. We need a fairly accurate head count.

New Business: A (lively, enthusiastic, passionate, vibrant...please pick one) conversation was had regarding the chapter's stance on the continuation or dissolution of the National PHA as an entity. A vote was taken and the chapter supports its continuation. The vote of 12 to 4 to keep the National as an entity was counted and will be delivered to the National at its meeting 11.18. The National PHA Scholarship fund is separate from the National PHA and would continue on its own should the National PHA cease to continue.

The following have been currently nominated to fill the slate of officers for our chapter;

President- Scott Tarter

Vice President- Lisa Sherman

Vice President- Carla Sacco

Treasurer- Christine Dwyer

Recording Secretary- Barb Filippelli

Corresponding Secretary- Trish Dencker

If anyone has a nominee or would like to be considered a nominee for any of the above positions, it needs to be received by Friday November 15th. Please send any nominations to valleypondfarm@gmail.com

There being no further business (or collective brain cells left), the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K. Filippelli