FWPHA Chapter meeting Monday June 9th 2025

The meeting of the Fairfield / Westchester PHA held via Zoom was called to order at 7PM. There were 14 members in attendance.

The minutes were not read from the May 2025 meeting.

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

Correspondence: None received at this time.

Finance Committee: Still looking for a new accountant.

Membership Committee: Welcome to our newest professional member Logan Allison.

Aid to Members: Patricia Hudson, wife of long time member and avid PHA supporter Don Hudson passed away on May 25th. Our sincerest condolences and many many hugs Don.

There will be a celebration of life for Pat Hitchcock on July 26th to be held at the North Salem Ambulance Corp.

Junior Associate PHA: Funds raised for the Best Child Rider will be divided between The Junior PHA and the horse show.

High Score Award Program: Points are up to date within a week. IF you do not see your name or your horse's name in the program you are NOT a member so please make sure you've completed all applications correctly.

Horse Show committee: A huge shout out to Carla Sacco, Chris Dwyer and Trish Dencker without whom the June show would not have happened!!!!!!! Thanks also to Logan Allison for trophies. There were close to 100 horses entered along with a record number of practical tests taken. Dates for the remainder of our 2025 shows are July 13th at Gardnertown Farm, August 3rd at Twin Lakes Farm with our finals being held on September 7th at Old Salem Farm.

Website committee: WE need new pictures!!! Send to Scott.

High Score Banquet: The date for our banquet is Friday November 14th at The Italian Center in Stamford, CT

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Judy Richter Essay Award: This year's topic is "What equestrian memorable moment made a lifetime memory for you?"

Norman Bray Award: Tabled until the next meeting.

Art Of Clinic: No report.

Grievance Committee: Naomi Gauruder is continuing to make payments.

Old Business: No Report.

New Business: Congratulations go out to Fred and Christina Schauder and Country Lane Farm on the purchase of their new farm (formerly Ridgefield Equestrian Center) We wish them the best in this new endeavor!

A new committee has been formed, headed by Chris Dwyer, to examine the possibilities of the chapter offering "Aid to School Horses" or a school horse emergency fund. Parameters were discussed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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