

Fairfield Westchester Professional Horsemen's Association, Inc.



The meeting of the Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter was held 3/10/14 at Coker Farm. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Scott Tarter. There were 22 members in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Naomi Gauruder and accepted.

The Treasurer's Report was ready by Naomi Gauruder and accepted.

Art of Clinic - this year's topic is the "Art of Back to Basics" and will be held on 4/14/14. Location is still being worked out, please see the website for final details. Eric Hasbrouck will be our speaker and will have about 5 horses and riders as demonstrators. The goal is to have horses at varying levels, from green, 2'6", 3' and a seasoned, older campaigner. Discussion topics will be on flat work, ground poles, gymnastics and simple jumping exercises to help teach the horses new things and keep them fresh, happy & interested without over jumping. Food at 4:30pm with clinic to follow. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO COME HELP SET THE COURSE THAT AFTERNOON. To volunteer or to RSVP, please contact Chris Dwyer at CDwyer@NEEquine.com

Aid to members - A Celebration of Carol Thompson's life will be Monday 4/28, 5PM at the USET Headquarters in Gladstone NJ. All students, friends and colleagues are invited to attend.

Bill Prout is not doing well & is scheduled for heart surgery next week.

Charitable Donations - The PHA will take ads in the GRTA Annual program, Hunt Ball Program & Prizelist this year.

The FWPHA will sponsor the 2'6" Hunter Derby at the Shallowbrook Horse Show.

Membership - Welcome to our 2 new professional members, Richard Killian & Heather Gnewuch. Our newest applicants are Eric & Denise Hasbrouck. Their applications will be held over until the next meeting.

Junior PHA - Lisa Sherman reported that a JR PHA meeting was held in March with 5-6 barns being represented. The President will be Brook Archer & Vice President will be Caleb Glassberg. Next meeting will be 4/4/14 at 6:30PM at Kelsey Farm. All farms are encouraged to send a representative (or more!). They have also created a Junior FW-PHA Facebook Page - please LIKE them!

High Score Awards Program - points are up to date on the website. If you do not see your name or horse's name listed, then you are NOT a current member!

Horse Show Committee - the Horse Show committee met last month, and reviewed all positions and defined their job responsibilities and salaries for each job. It was decided that the committee and show manager will hire officials, and that jobs will not be open to 'bid'. Anyone wishing to be considered for a job at our shows should contact Lynn Peters at Lynnpeters10@aol.com

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Website - there is now a current calendar online of all the FW-PHA high point shows. The website is still under review for typos and errors in the posted copy. Anyone with website suggestions should contact Christine Nastasi at talloaksny@earthlink.net

High Score Banquet - tabled

Frank Flynn Award - any suggestions for next year's recipient, please contact Judy Richter

Greek Neff Award - tabled

Jack Rockwell Award - anyone with an idea for a topic for next year please contact Naomi Gauruder at Naomi@BHCManagement.com

Old Business - no report

New Business - There will be a NY City Carriage Barn open house on 3/16 from 1-4 PM at the Clinton Park Stables. This is being sponsored by the Horse and Carriage Association of NY.

Christine Nastasi reported that Cornell is holding a genetic and conformation study and asking Junior Riders who are interested to send in measurements of their horse & hair samples. More information will be available on our website shortly.

The Long Island PHA Chapter is holding a USHJA Trainer Certification Clinic with Karen Healy on 3/24-25/14 at CW Post College.

The National PHA is working on holding an Invitational National PHA Finals on October 24-26, 2014. Top riders from each Chapter will be invited to attend. Classes offered will range from Children's Hunter Pony, Horse, Adult Hunters, 2'6" Child & Adult Hunters, Equitation & Medals at those levels as well as jumpers. Details are currently being finalized, but Mark your calendars!

Anyone interested in volunteering for a committee, please contact Scott Tarter at Scott@Twinlakesfarm.com

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Naomi Gauruder

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE 4/21, 6PM AT COKER FARM