

Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes
November 16, 2015

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Coker Farm at 7:03 pm by President Ken Okken. There were 16 members in attendance.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Jenny Swartz and Lynn Coakley spoke on behalf of the Equus Foundation on what Equus Foundation is all about and how their fundraising helps with the care of retired horses.

Gary Gauruder read the minutes from the October meeting which were accepted as read.

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer's report which included the period October 20th thru November 13th which was accepted as read.

Corresponding Secretary: None at this time.

Aid to members: None at this time. Ken gave an update on Diane Hatt's condition which was that she was come home the week of November 16th and her condition has improved.

Charitable Donations: Fred Schauder requested a contribution to this year's National PHA show held in New Jersey this past September. A vote on the floor was taken and all agreed to match last year's donation to the National PHA.

New Membership: Chris Dwyer stated she had several new requests for professional membership sent to her. Chris stated Kate McPhail who owns her own farm for several years and was endorsed by Chris Dwyer and Naomi Gauruder, Jennifer Soloman who works for Twin Lakes Farm as a trainer and was endorsed by Scott Tarter and Amanda Ek, and Jenn Zala a trainer at Limelight Farm endorsed by Christine Nastasi and Elizabeth (Pandich) Trufano will all be held over to the next meeting to voted in for membership. Gary stated the 2016 membership renewal forms will be sent out shortly and that it will include a space for credit card payments. Also the form will have an option of a 1 year and a 3 year membership. The cost of membership will stay at \$60 per year.

The floor voted on extending to vote on Michael Clark's membership until next meeting until his loan payment agreement gets sorted out.

Junior PHA: Kate Bykowski states the Junior PHA made less this year than last year and they will work on ways to make more money in the coming year.

High Score Program: Scott Tarter stated he has received so far 130 new applications for the high score program for the 2016 show season.

Horse Show Committee: Lynn Peters states that the FWPHA show dates for June, July and August/September need to be confirmed sooner than later. The committee is looking to have the finals possibly at Fairfield County Hunt Club in Westport, CT and having it on August 5th, 6th and 7th where there would be a regular show on Friday the 5th, a hunter derby day on Saturday the 6th and Medal

Finals on Sunday the 7th that will only have Equitation medals and Jumper Classics that day. Location of the shows will be determined at a later date.

FWPHA Website: Scott stated the pictures from the banquet are on the website thanks to photographer Rich Killian.

High Score Banquet: The members want to thank Audrey Feldman for doing an incredible job putting together the banquet this year.

Jack Rockwell Award: Tabled.

Greek Neff Award: Tabled.

Frank Flynn Award: Tabled.

Walter Distler Award: Tabled.

Art of Clinic: Chris stated an idea for next year's topic could be a clinic held by a Farrier and/or a Veterinarian who would talk about specialized cases in hoof care and shoeing.

Old Business: Naomi reminded that managers for upcoming FWPHA affiliated shows must have their memberships renewed by this past October and that the FWPHA needs to make this mandatory. She suggested that the high score committee create a form that informs managers of current shows of the new rule.

New Business: Janie Weber of Stepping Stone Farm, a non-FWPHA member, questioned the FWPHA mileage rule regarding conflicting horse shows. It was explained that FWPHA does not have a mileage rule and follows USEF recommendations on mileage rules between shows. Ken will advise Ms. Weber of our findings.

It was discussed that the National PHA should have our bylaws reviewed by an attorney to make sure we are legally correct with our procedures, protocols on memberships and aid to members. This will be recommended at the next National PHA meeting on November 30th. The FWPHA Christmas Party will be announced shortly. The floor voted on paying for part of Kathleen Rice's trip to the USHJA Yearly Meeting in Florida in December as a FWPHA representative.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Riverdale Stables in Bronx, NY on January 11, 2016.

To All Members have a wonderful Holiday season and we will see you in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary