

Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes
October 17, 2016

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Coker Farm at 7:00 pm by President Ken Okken. There were 16 members in attendance.

Naomi Gauruder read the minutes from the September meeting which were accepted with one correction – the Thank you note from the National Scholarship committee was sent by Easy Kelsey.

Naomi Gauruder read the treasurer's report which included the period September 13th to October 17th which was accepted as read.

Corresponding Secretary: None at this time.

Aid to members: None at this time.

Charitable Donations: None at this time.

New Membership: None at this time.

Junior PHA: Lisa Sherman reported that the viewing of the Snowman movie was a great success with over 150 attending!

-The theme for the Battle of the Barn Baskets for the High Score dinner will be "Horses of the World" Barns may pick their favorite breed & the fill the basket with items from which that breed originates from. Next year they anticipate a Book theme.

-There will be a 50/50 raffle and Guess How Many at the dinner again.

-CT Horse Magazine will sponsor the Walter Distler award at the dinner and provide coverage of the dinner in their magazine.

-Jack Rockwell topic is "Describe a funny or inspirational moment with horses"

-The JR/Associate PHA is looking into organizing a nutrition clinic.

-October 23 the JR/Associate PHA will attend the Sleepy Hollow Haunted House. Carpooling from Kelsey Farm, the event starts at 6:30 and you MUST have tickets purchased in advance.

-As always the JR/Associate PHA is always looking for more members to participate.

High Score Program: The new season will be posted online the night of the awards dinner. The Rule Book has been updated and will be online shortly. This year the FWPHA will publish a calendar with all the dates of our High Score horse shows. It will be available at the awards dinner and to trainers in the program.

Horse Show Committee: The Horse Show Committee will hold a meeting before the next meeting and review this year's profit & loss statements and attendance, and come back with recommendations and a plan for 2017 shows.

FWPHA Website: No report.

High Score Banquet: Invitations and sponsorship forms are up and available online. This year ALL dinner reservations MUST BE PRE-PAID!! Deadline to reserve seats at the Awards Dinner is November 1st! The Dinner is November 18th at the Italian Center in Stamford CT.

Jack Rockwell Award: Application is available on our website.

Greek Neff Award: Scott Tarter reported a winner has been chosen.

Frank Flynn Award: Any suggestions please contact Judy Richter or Easy Kelsey.

Walter Distler Award: A winner has been chosen.

Art of Clinic: Any suggestions please contact Chris Dwyer

Old Business: The FW-PHA Holiday Party will be held December 5th at the Matrix Center in Danbury CT.

Board Elections – Lisa Sherman has received a few additional nominations. The current list of people running for office is as follows:

President: Ken Okken, Fred Schauder, Scott Tarter

Vice President (2 positions): Chris Dwyer, Lisa Sherman

Corresponding Secretary: Christine Nastasi

Recording Secretary: Gary Gauruder

Treasurer: Naomi Gauruder

Ballots for President, with current Bio's will be mailed to current professional members shortly and will be returned to Lisa Sherman.

New Business: Our Quickbooks accounting will be available online shortly for our Board of Directors to have access to view. The USHJA Zone 1 has allowed the FW-PHA to nominate a Board member to sit on their committee since we are one the largest affiliates registered in Zone 1. Naomi Gauruder was appointed to the seat by President Ken Okken. A travel stipend was approved to help Naomi attend the USHJA annual meeting in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next Meeting will be November 14th at Coker Farm. Board/Horse Show Committee meeting at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, general meeting at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Naomi Gauruder