FAIRFIELD / WESTCHESTER PHA CHAPTER MEETING MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2019

The meeting of the Fairfield / Westchester PHA held at Coker Farm was called to order at 7pm. There were 19 members in attendance. The minutes were read from the last meeting which were accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report was presented by Chris Dwyer which was accepted as read. A copy of this report is on file with the recording secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no report.

AID TO MEMBERS:

A note was received from Pat Broderick asking for assistance. All were in favor.

DONATIONS:

The chapter will take out a full page ad to help maintain trails for the Rockefeller State Park Ride.

MEMBERSHIP:

Welcome to Leesa Martin as a professional member.

Our two newest applicants for professional membership are Jessica Schwab and Brittany Kochiss. Their applications will be held over until the next meeting. Karen and Kristen Lutz are still being held until they attend a meeting.

JUNIOR/ ASSOCIATE PHA:

The members will be coming up with a theme for the table baskets for this year's high score banquet.

JUDY RICHTER AWARD:

Judy, along with the Jr /Associate PHA will be coming up with a topic for this year's essay.

HIGH SCORE AWARD PROGRAM:

The points are up to date within a week. If you do not see your name YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED WITH THE PROGRAM.

HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE:

The financial report for our three shows thus far was read. If you would like information on this report please contact Chris Dwyer or Lynn Peters. The June and August shows will be held at Coker Farm. Joanne Golanis will be our secretary for next year's shows. Ideas for our 2020 PHA shows were discussed including repairing Judy's jumps, running electric and wifi out to the gazebo, adding a hunter derby on the grand prix field, adding an April show and organizing better setup and breakdown crews.

The judges for this years final held at Gardnertown Farm will be Danny Fitzsimmons and Creigh Duncan. The date is September 7-8. Setup will be Friday September 6th starting at around 10 am. We will be using both outdoor rings.

Entry forms can be found on horseshowsonline.com. Entries close on Wednesday the 4th. There will be no post entries accepted. Classic and Medal winners will be receiving great prizes from Ariat and The Rider's Closet.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

There will be a horse show calendar installed on the website.

HIGH SCORE BANQUET COMMITTEE:

The date for this years high score banquet will be FRiday November 22nd at The Italian Center in Stamford, CT.

NORMAN BRAY AWARD: We have three candidates. The committee members are Norman Bray, Carol Molony, Easy Kelsey and Judy Richter.

"ART OF" CLINIC: There was no report at this time.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Mary Jane Mitchell will get a list of those FW/PHA members who were recipients of National Scholarship money so that the chapter can match it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Need to get the word out about the PHA Medal Finals show. There was a discussion about the necessity to assign a point keeper for this final. The date for this show is October 25-27 at the Centenary University Equestrian Campus, 56 Califon Rd in Long Valley NJ. Prize list and specs are available at nationalpha.com It is open to anyone who is a member of the high score program.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a lively discussion regarding "Safe Sport" and the current climate thereof. The chapter will be drafting a letter for the National PHA to state our position.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K. Filippelli

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH AT COKER FARM. DINNER AT 6:30. MEETING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 7PM.