

# FAIRFIELD / WESTCHESTER P.H.A CHAPTER MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2021

The “Zoom” meeting of the Fairfield / Westchester P.H.A. was called to order by President Barbara Filippelli at 7:05 pm. There were 12 members in attendance. The minutes were read from the October meeting which were accepted as read.

## **TREASURER’S REPORT:**

- The treasurer’s report was presented by Treasurer Chris Dwyer and was accepted as read. A copy is on file with the recording secretary.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

- No report at this time.

## **AID TO MEMBERS:**

- No report at this time.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- No report at this time.

## **CHARITABLE DONATIONS:**

- No report at this time.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Membership dues for 2022 will be going out by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Membership dues will be DUE by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- IF PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS HAVE NOT BEEN BROUGHT TO CURRENT BY MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022, ALL POINTS ACCRUED TO THAT POINT WILL BE FOREFEITED.
- Professional members who are in arrears for 3 or more years will need to re-apply for membership, with a completed membership form, signed by two current professional members, and attend a meeting before membership will be voted on.
- PLEASE check your membership status.
- New memberships will be pending for the following applications until they have attended a meeting: Andrea Zaleski, Dana Moran, Stephanie C. King.
- Kelly Stackpole from Rising Starr Horse Rescue attended this meeting to introduce herself. Her professional membership will be held over for voting at the December meeting. Her membership was signed for by Chris Dwyer and Dr. Bradley.
- Stephanie C. King from Sky Blue attended this meeting to introduce herself. Her professional membership will be held over for voting at the December meeting. Her membership was signed for by Christine Nastasi and Audrey Petscheck.

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**JR/ ASSOCIATE PHA:**

- No report at this time.

**HIGH SCORE PROGRAM:**

- The new year's points will be posted on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- It is the responsibility of the rider and the trainer to ensure that they are PHA members in good standing. If the rider and/or trainer is not a member in good standing, their points will not count. **IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR NAME, YOU ARE NOT A CURRENT MEMBER.**

**USEF / USHJA COMMITTEE:**

- No report at this time.

**WEBSITE COMMITTEE:**

- The website is in transition for web servers. It will be completed as soon as possible.
- Venmo is available via our website for membership payments. @FWPHA-FWPHA

**HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE:**

- Our dates are set for 2022.
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Fairfield County Hunt Club, Westport CT
  - July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Riverdale Stables, Bronx NY
  - August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 at Riverdale Stables, Bronx NY

**HIGH SCORE BANQUET COMMITTEE:**

- The High Score Dinner HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED to January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and will be returning back to the Italian Center in Stamford, CT. Further ticket information will be available soon.

**JUDY RICHTER ESSAY AWARD:**

- The topic for this year's Judy Richter Award is:
  - How have horses or riders inspired you?
- The deadline for completed application has been extended until **NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
- The Judy Richter Award is presented at the FWPHA Awards Dinner. Contestants in three age groups, 12 and under, 13-17, and 18 and over are asked to write an essay on a topic that has been chosen for that year. The committee then reads the essays and chooses a winner from each age group. The winners each receive a \$500 certificate to be used for lessons with any Professional Member in good standing of the FWPHA, a junior or associate membership for one year, and all entry fees on one horse ridden by the winner at either of the PHA Horse Shows. Application will be available on the website ASAP.

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**NORMAN BRAY AWARD:**

- The Norman Bray Award is given each year at the FWPHA Awards Dinner. A committee meets and chooses a professional member who has demonstrated to be an outstanding sportsman and an asset to the horse world. The award recognizes an individual each year that has consistently provided support to the Association through volunteerism, sportsmanship and fulfillment of its mission.
- Please send nominations in to the President Barbara Filippelli, information available on the website. [Valleypondfarm@gmail.com](mailto:Valleypondfarm@gmail.com)

**“ART OF” CLINIC COMMITTEE:**

- Future Art of Clinics’ are in the works!
- Keep an eye on meeting minutes, emails, and social media for more information. It will be posted as it is available.

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:**

- None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Four scholarships have been matched from the scholarship fund from the National PHA. Congratulations to our scholarship recipients!

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- The FWPHA will be hosting our annual Holiday Party this year at Ristorante Lucia’s – 454 Old Post Road, Bedford NY 10506 on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM for beer/wine and light refreshments. The cost of the holiday party will be covered by the FWPHA for current professional members, however guests are welcome with RSVP, at a cost of \$50. In light of the ongoing pandemic, the party will be for vaccinated guests only. Please bring proof of your COVID vaccine with you, OR send it with your RSVP.
- RSVP to Chris Dwyer at [cdwyer@neequine.com](mailto:cdwyer@neequine.com)

The holiday party will be held in lieu of our December meeting. Look for January meeting information on the website.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ek