

FAIRFIELD / WESTCHESTER P.H.A CHAPTER MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 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 17 members in attendance. The minutes were read from the August 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.

HORSE SHOW COMMITTEE:

- Our Fall Finals was a success! We are thankful to Gardnertown Farm for hosting. Congratulations to all riders and trainers on a successful wrap up to a great season! We are so thankful to all of our volunteers and staff for all of their hard work!
- The FWPHA is going to look into different options for banners and signs for presentation areas and will aim to purchase a new banner for next season.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- The FWPHA is continuing to explore options for investment of funds.

AID TO MEMBERS:

- No report at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The FWPHA has received a flyer from the Equus Fest East at the Ulster County Fairgrounds on Saturday September 25th, 2021. www.EquusFestEast.com

CHARITABLE DONATIONS:

- No report at this time.

MEMBERSHIP:

- No report at this time.

JR/ ASSOCIATE PHA:

- The JR/Associate PHA is looking to host a riding clinic. More information to follow as it is available.

HIGH SCORE PROGRAM:

- All of the points for the 2020-2021 regular season points are up to date. The points from Finals, and the Horsemanship Test should be available online by Friday, September 17th, 2021. All points will be final as of Friday, October 1st, 2021. If you have any questions about your points please contact: Scott@TwinLakesFarm.com
- As a reminder, trainers of applicants MUST be a CURRENT PHA Member in order for applicants to receive points.

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USEF / USHJA COMMITTEE:

- None 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

HIGH SCORE BANQUET COMMITTEE:

- The High Score Dinner will be returning back to the Italian Center in Stamford, CT and will be held on November 5th, 2021. 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 completed application must be received via email by October 14th, 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.

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

“ART OF” CLINIC COMMITTEE:

- The FWPHA is thrilled to announce the return of our Art of Clinic for 2021, with the “Art of Ground Poles” presented by Cynthia Williams on Monday, September 27th 2021 at Sunnyfield Farm. Registration will be from 5-6 PM with the clinic to begin at 6 PM. Cost is FREE to all FWPHA Members, and \$20 for non-members (to include a 1 year associate membership).
- PLEASE SEND ALL RSVP FOR ART OF CLINIC TO: cddwyer@neequine.com

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GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

- None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pegasus Therapeutic Riding will be holding a “Giddy Up Gala” cocktail party outdoors at Pegasus Farm – 310 Peach Lake Road, Brewster, NY 10509 on Saturday October 2nd, 2021 from 4 – 8 PM honoring Dr. William Bradley. Tickets are available still, please visit www.pegasustr.org. Any questions, please contact Jeff at (845) 293-7237

The next meeting will be Monday October 11th, 2021 at 7:00PM on Zoom. Zoom Link will be available on the website.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ek