



Fairfield Westchester PHA Chapter Minutes  
September 14, 2015

The meeting of the FWPHA Chapter was called to order at Coker Farm at 7:03 pm by President Ken Okken. There were 20 members in attendance.

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

Treasurer: Treasurer Report was tabled until the next meeting.

Correspondent Secretary: Lisa Sherman stated she received two thank you notes from Sean and Janine Dwyer thanking the FWPHA for their college scholarship.

Aid to members: None at this time. Ken Okken gave an update on Diane Hatt stating she is getting better in rehab and that her home has been cleaned and donations from other PHA chapters have come in to help Diane in her recovery.

Charitable Donations: None at this time.

New Membership: Shelby Siclari Heady was voted in as a new member however Michael Clarke's membership has been held over to the next meeting to see if he has met the conditions of his loan repayment to the FWPHA. Chris Dwyer states Caleb Glassberg has put in an application to become a professional member of the FWPHA signed by Naomi Gauruder and Scott Tarter. Caleb has been working at Zephyr Farm for the past year and a half and has been getting paid for it. Lisa Sherman asked if there is a conflict with him becoming a professional member of the FWPHA and his amateur riding status with USEF. Lynn Peters states she wants to clarify that Caleb's application doesn't damage his amateur status and that we should have the answer by the next meeting to vote Caleb in or not.

Junior PHA: Lisa states she is looking for more Junior Committee Board Members since Caleb and Brooke Archer have now gone off to college. Lisa also states they were looking to continue the battle of the barns baskets at the banquet this year and have them be in a Halloween theme since the banquet is a day before Halloween. Kate Bykowski states that the barns could also do a "create your own basket" if they can't come up with a Halloween theme. Lisa would like to hear from barns that they will do these raffle baskets sooner rather than later so she has a count on how many baskets will be raffled off for the Junior PHA.

Lisa said the Junior PHA will be doing the photo booth again and that she has looked into going on a field trip to an equine fair at the eastern states on November 14th in Massachusetts. However, Lisa states the transportation (buses) to the fair would be very expensive. Lisa said she would look for less expensive travel means and if anyone had any other ideas to contact her.



High Score Program: Scott Tarter stated all the year-end results are updated online and that the results have been given to Lynn Peters and Audrey Feldman to order the necessary prizes and ribbons for the banquet.

Scott stated there has been discussion to change the finals to the August date to draw more participants to the finals and possibly have a three day event with Twin Lakes Farm giving up their date to FWPHA the Friday before the weekend. Scott said he has already received 3 new high score applications for the 2016.

An email was received and read from John Scapelhorn about the finals. He thought that giving out flowers to the participants and using out of the area judges worked very well. John did point out that for next year's finals a suggestion of adding another photographer and having more volunteers handing out ribbons. Lynn states she likes to see more participants for the finals and do better promotions for the finals.

Horse Show Committee: None same discussion as above.

FWPHA Website: Scott stated all the web emails for the board members have been set up. The emails are on the FWPHA website however some of the emails are not active at this time.

High Score Banquet: Audrey Feldman states the date for this year's banquet is October 30<sup>th</sup>, however the original date of November 18<sup>th</sup> has been reserved for next year with the Italian Center in Stamford, CT. Audrey states she has spoken with Christina Schauder and they are working to get the tables in order. As mentioned, ribbons and awards have been ordered and that she along with Christine Nastasi have been working on getting sponsorships. Audrey states they have several sponsorships committed and that anyone wanting to sponsor any part of the banquet or help with the banquet to please contact Audrey and/or Christine directly.

Chris Dwyer stated that the FWPHA should look to borrow projectors for the slide show which will be put together by Catherine McIntyre.

Jack Rockwell Award: The deadline to submit applications has been extended to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Greek Neff Award: Scott stated he has received 1 nomination so far.

Frank Flynn Award: Judy Richter states she has 1 person in mind for this award.

Walt Distler Award: None at this time. Any ideas contact Lisa Sherman.



Art of Clinic: Kip Rosenthal has volunteered to do a clinic for the FWPHA pro bono on any category the FWPHA choose. Chris Dwyer said she is looking at a mid to late April 2016 date for the clinic.

Audrey said there is a Nona Garson Clinic at Boulder Brook Farm on October 3<sup>rd</sup> anyone interested to contact her.

Old Business: Scott thanked the FWPHA for the donation for his father's passing.

New Business: Lynn Peters stated the National PHA Horse will run Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at Centenary College in New Jersey and is pushing for more FWPHA members to show. Lynn also said the National PHA is asking for sponsorship from all Chapters and she made a motion that FWPHA give a sponsorship to the National PHA Show which was voted on and accepted by the floor. The National will take the top 5 of our divisions see the National PHA website and facebook page for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting will be at Coker Farm on October 19<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting starting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gary Gauruder

Recording Secretary