FAIRFIELD WESTCHESTER PHA MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 8th, 2022

The meeting of the Fairfield Westchester PHA was called to order at 7:05pm by President Barbara Filippelli. Via Zoom, there were 18 members in attendance. The FWPHA is saddened to report the passing of longtime member, Cosi Napolitano. His family will be in our thoughts.

Secretary's Report - Amanda read the minutes from the last meeting which were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report - A final account of the June Horse Show finances was read by treasurer Chris Dwyer and were accepted as read.

Correspondence - None currently.

Finance Committee - No report.

Aid to Members - None requested

Charitable Donations - No requests received.

Membership - We still hold two memberships pending their attending a meeting to introduce themselves: Dr. Kathy Hunter and Dr. Samantha Allan.

Jr/Associate Committee - The Junior Associate Committee is looking to find a facility with an indoor to aide in hosting a clinic in the future. If you are willing to host, please contact Christine at

High Score Program- The new year's points were posted on November 15th, 2021 and are up to date within a week. 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.*

Horse Show Committee - The FWPHA Finals is set for September 10th, 2022 and will be at Gardnertown Farm. As always, we need assistance with the Horse Shows. We are looking for fresh faces to help with set up and day of activities. The FWPHA is discussing different options for horse show dates and how to better host our current dates.

USEF/USHJA - No report.

High Score Banquet -We hope to announce the date and information regarding our High Score Banquet by the next meeting.

Judy Richter Award – 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. We will have the topic for this year's essay at the next meeting.

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.

Art of Clinic - The committee is looking at Fall Opportunities. Information will be posted as it is available.

Grievance Committee - None at this time.

Old Business - None at this time.

New Business - A trainers award class was brought up for discussion and was tabled for further discussion at a later meeting when more information can be shared.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 12th via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ek