

FAIRFIELD WESTCHESTER PHA MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2022

The meeting of the Fairfield Westchester PHA was called to order at 7:05pm by President Barbara Filippelli. Via Zoom, there were 14 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report - Barbara read the minutes from the October meetings which were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was read by Chris Dwyer and was accepted as read. It is on file with the recording secretary.

Correspondence - No report at this time.

Finance Committee - The FWPHA continues to research investment opportunities.

Aid to Members - None requested at this time.

Charitable Donations - No requests received.

Membership - We hold three memberships pending their attending a meeting to introduce themselves: Dr. Kathy Hunter, Dr. Samantha Allan, and Abigail Lowin. Ruth Nicodemus and Kara Burgess, both introduced themselves at the meeting for application for professional membership. Their membership will be voted on at the next meeting. The FWPHA is always looking to add to its Professional Membership.

Jr/Associate Committee - The Jr/Associate PHA is excited to be hosting a raffle again at this year's high score banquet. Please contact Lisa Quinlan or Christine Nastasi if you can donate a basket

High Score Program - 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.** FWPHA will be following the new USEF point schedule with places 1st-8th. The new seasons points will be posted the day after the banquet, November 19th, 2022. Entries received between September 1st and December 1st will be in a grace period and will be dated September 1st. However, any entries after December 1st will be counted as the actual date either of competition or postmark.

Horse Show Committee - Finals was a success. Thank you to those members who again show up to help. We are in desperate need of fresh faces to add to our faithful horse show help! FWPHA continues to finalize horse show dates for this season.

USEF/USHJA - There will be a Zone 2 and an Affiliate Zoom meeting December 6th, 2022. Further discussion was held regarding Channel 1 and Channel 2 points.

Information is available on the USEF website. Discussion was held regarding issues with USHJA membership not showing up on their website. Please be aware of this issue and document any problems you may encounter.

High Score Banquet - This year's high score banquet will be November 18th, 2022, at The Italian Center in Stamford, Connecticut.

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 entry fees for ONE division on one horse ridden by the winner at either of the PHA Horse Shows. The topic of this year's Judy Richter award is: "If you could go on a riding vacation anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?"

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 - No report at this time.

Grievance Committee - No report at this time.

Old Business - None at this time.

New Business - The FWPHA is exploring the topic of hiring someone to further our interests. We are looking for input towards job description and listing. Any thoughts and ideas should be sent to Barbara Filipelli. This is an election year. We will be looking for nominations for President, two Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations may be sent to our current Corresponding Secretary, Christine Nastasi. by December 15th at the latest.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Holiday Party date and location TBA in early December.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ek