

## FAIRFIELD WESTCHESTER PHA MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 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, Donnie Hoer. 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** - The treasurers report was read by Chris Dwyer and was accepted as read. It is on file with the recording secretary.

**Correspondence** - Correspondence was received from Pegasus regarding their annual "Boots and Bling" fundraiser, regarding sponsorship for their event.

**Finance Committee** - The FWPHA continues to research investment opportunities.

**Aid to Members** - None requested at this time. As a reminder to all members, please make sure to keep your information up to date, as well as contact information for your beneficiaries.

**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.

**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 Nastasi.

**High Score Program**- The practical and the Final results should be posted by this week. Any discrepancies or questions MUST be raised by OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>. After that date, ALL RESULTS WILL BE FINAL. 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** - 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** - The USEF Annual Meeting will be in person in Seattle, December 12-15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**High Score Banquet** - This year's high score banquet will be November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. All nominations should be sent to President Barbara Filippelli, with a deadline of October 31st

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

**Grievance Committee** - The next court date in the case against Naomi Gauruder will be 9/15/2022

**Old Business** - None at this time.

**New Business** - There are no reported new upcoming veterinary changes regarding USEF/USHJA.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ek