

**NATIONAL PHA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018**

The meeting of the National PHA Board of Director's was called to order at 11:10am by President Naomi Blumenthal. There were 19 directors present representing five chapters.

Secretary's Report – There were no minutes available from the last meeting so there was no report. Lynn Peters was appointed by Naomi Blumenthal to fill the role of Recording Secretary until the next election of officers.

Treasurer's Report – Chris Dwyer presented the report which was accepted as read. A copy is on file with the Recording Secretary.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence to be read.

Aid To Members – Kathy will follow through with possible request from Western Hudson Valley Chapter. Reminder that one must be a member in good standing in order to receive aid.

Finance Committee – Chris reported that we are moving forward on investing with Philip Richter at Hollow Brook Wealth Management

Scholarship Committee – Jody reports that a donation was made to the scholarship fund in the name of Jerry Raucher. She sends thank you's for all donations received for donor tax purposes. She has moved the accounting to a bank closer to her location for convenience, and will be investing funds into a Vanguard Account.

Website – Kathy continues to update information as needed. Please notify her if any edits or changes are needed. Christine Nastasi has created a form for charitable donation requests that will be put on the website. She will create a similar form for the scholarship fund. John suggests that an attempt is made to create a more dynamic website, with more information to attract new members. It is suggested that as chapters update their own sites that they send information to Kathy for posting on the National's site. Karin suggests that the PHA logo be on each page and to beware of having too much information which may discourage

reading. It was suggested looking into whether or not Facebook or Instagram may be a more effective means of getting information out about the PHA. Lynn will send Kathy a copy of the By-Laws to be posted to the website.

Horse Show Committee – Kathy reports that the show ran great. Lots of positive feedback (despite Saturday's downpour and the loss of power for several hours), and it continues to grow. The show is planned for the same weekend in 2019- October 25, 26 and 27 and will be back at Centenary. Jody asks we push for sponsorships. It was noted that there needs to be more promotion for the Horsemanship Test. Karin asked for an assistant for next year to help with the proctoring duties. Christine N. will see if she can get volunteers from the FW-PHA junior members. It was suggested that a second test be developed for a younger age group for next year – 10 and under – which was agreed upon. Karin will work to develop that test.

Education Committee – No report

American and State horse Councils – Jody and John discussed the signage recommended by the New York State Horse Council, Inc. regarding inherent risk. Both provided information where signs can be found on line. Jody will send information to other directors.

Hawkins Award - Jody Moraski was this year's recipient. She was presented the award at the WHV PHA awards banquet in November.

Ray Molony Award – Carol present the award to John Scapelhorn.

Young Professionals Committee – No report

USHJA – It was voted to support Kathy Pinera to represent the PHA at this year's convention. Our status as an Affiliate Member is current. Discussion followed concerning full-time paramedics at horse shows. John discussed the licensing of course designers going forward, and the new rule proposal of all shows needing licensed course designers. Everyone should be aware that the microchipping rule is now in effect and the number must be recorded with USEF. Discussion followed. Notable is the new rule for Zone 2 in the Children's Hunters that if a rider has multiple horses showing, any junior rider may show that rider's

horse/pony in the under saddle class as long as the owner is in the class on one of their horses/ponies, and the 'catch rider' may not have shown in classes with fences over 3'6". Kathy will report back on information she gathers at the convention on all of the topics discussed.

Charitable Donations – No requests received – see Website report for addition information.

PHA Medal – Gary reports that seven shows have held the PHA medal class since August 1st. Discussion followed on the need to promote the class and that the specs now permit juniors and adults to show and at different fence heights.

Junior Committee – No report

Discipline and Grievance Committee – No report

Old Business – Website, Horse Show covered in above reports. There were no chapter updates.

New Business – Covered in above reports (signage, website, horse show)

Next Meeting - The next director's meeting will be on Monday, May 5, 2019 at Restaurante Lucia beginning at 11:00.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Peters

