

BAKAS PARENT MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 4th – Parent Meeting
April 3rd & 4th – Area Special Olympics
April 25th – Riders Banquet at All Peoples
May 29th & 30th – State Special Olympics

NEED LIST:

Area Special Olympics: Food Fri. night \$400 to \$800
Sat. bagels and donuts
Rider Banquet: \$500 for decorations and give aways

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m. on the 4th at Bakas, after a delicious lasagna dinner provided by Linda Blum. There were 13 people in attendance.

Kim Hajastron went over last month's minutes, and the only correction was that the Civitan Club, not Sertoma will provide the ribbons for the Area Special Olympics.

Sandra Van Dijk went over the Treasures report. The accountant made a 2 year spreadsheet and we made \$26,000 less this year than last, but we also spent \$16,000 less. We still brought in \$4,000 more than our expenses for the year.

The Challenged Show at Austin Farms was cold, but our 15 riders did well out of the 63 riders from FL and GA. Look on the website or in the newsletter for the results.

Suzanne Sylvestre is improving the website and requests any pictures, content, or suggestions be sent to her e-mail at pps.sylvestre@gmail.com. She is also working with Beth to make sure the focus and pages are good. Go check it out if you haven't lately.

Lorraine Potocki is working with Beth on the press kits. We are also going to get copies of the Bakas DVD made to include in these kits.

We need volunteers to cook and run the concession stand during the Area Special Olympics on **April 3rd and 4th**. We are going to serve hot dogs and hamburgers Friday night. Please see if there is a group that would like to donate the food which will cost between \$400 - \$800. On Sat. morning we ask that you bring in a box of donuts or dozen bagels to sell at the concession stand. Starbucks usually donates the coffee. Lunch for the riders on Sat. will be provided by the Special Olympics. The Tampa Bay Civitan Club will provide the ribbons and the Hillsborough Sheriffs Mounted Posse will give medals to each rider. There will be 3 or 4 other stables competing, with about 150 riders. We will need lots of volunteers to help both days. Beth Hemmert will talk to the Jesuit Key Club and Christa Zentmeyer will talk to people at Sickles to see if they can help.

April 25th on Saturday from 6 to 8 is the annual Rider Banquet at the All Peoples Life Center behind King High School. We have the DJ booked and will probably have the same food as last year. Linda will get the cakes. We need centerpieces, Western decorations, and balloons, along with volunteers to buy stuff, set up, decorate, and clean up. We expect about 150 people at the banquet. We are going to have a medal and certificate for each rider. Deni Andretta will print the certificates and Linda will have a calligrapher write the names. We need to know who is coming to make sure we have a certificate for each rider and it will be prepaid (riders free) to know how much food is needed. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for

kids 10 and younger. An invitation will be mailed to everyone who rode last year with a tear off RSVP at the bottom. It will also be on the website. Beth Hemmert also wants each child to have something to take home like beads, hat, or something. Please get involved to make this a fun time for our hard working riders and staff. We need people to volunteer their time or donate toward the event. Contact Beth at the stable or Sandra VanDijk and Beth Hemmert to volunteer.

The State Special Olympics will be **May 29th and 30th**. We are allotted 12 riders and usually the 1st place finishers age 10 and up from the Area Special Olympics get to go. More details will follow in later months.

The Barn Brat Sleepover was held Feb. 6th for the 25 kids. They went to the Pro Bull Riding show on Fri. night and slept at the barn. Pat and Beth served breakfast and the brats rode on Sat.

Deni found that the cost for a folk concert might be too much but she is still pursuing the idea. She also will look into the Tampa Charity Horse Show to see if they have the funds to help us.

Susan Gordon is having a women's only benefit party at the Highland Park Clubhouse on **May 16th**. Half the profits will go to Bakas. There is a flyer at Bakas and this would make a great Mother's Day gift. There will be mini manicures and pedicures, along with massages and martinis.

March 4th, on Wednesday at 6:30 will be the next parent meeting at Bakas. It will be potluck, so RSVP and bring a little something.

Meeting ended at 8:10, minutes taken by Kim Hajaistron

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