

## **BAKAS PARENT MEETING MINUTES MAY 6, 2009**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – State Special Olympics  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Meeting 6pm  
June 6<sup>th</sup> – Summer Sizzle Dinner 5 – 8pm

### **NEED LIST:**

2 covered dishes, raffle and/or auction items for Summer Sizzle

The meeting started at 6:30 p.m. at Bakas, with a delicious pot luck dinner and lasted about an hour. We had about 11 people in attendance.

Kim Hajaistron went over last month's minutes and if you need me to amend something, my email address is kimandmichaelh@tampabay.rr.com

Sandra Van Dijk acted as board President, Linda Blum could not make it, and headed the meeting and went over the Treasures report. For the month of March, we spent about \$2,500 more than we brought in. Major events for the past month included the Area Special Olympics and the Rider Banquet. Gene Benson won the 50/50 raffle at the banquet and graciously donated it back to Bakas. Our incorporation certificate was also renewed.

For next year's Rider Banquet, we might want to use another DJ, so if you know someone who would be interested and can be interactive with the kids', let us know.

The State Special Olympics will start Friday, **May 29<sup>th</sup>**, with dinner at 5, and competition that night and the next day. Sat. will be the opening ceremonies. We are taking 15 riders and our drill team will compete during lunch on Sat. Press kits will be sent to various media companies and Beth will talk to the Parks Dept. media representative about also getting the word out. Good luck to all our competitors.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** from 5 to 8 will be the Summer Sizzle at Bakas. The tables, chairs, and grill will be provided by the Roving Rangers. Susan Gordon agreed to buy the hot dogs, hamburgers, and paper goods. We ask all families to bring 2 covered dishes and a raffle or auction item. We are going to be raffling off

kid items and auctioning off adult or expensive items. We will have a hay ride and are looking into getting a dunk tank. Susan may be able to provide a snow cone machine. Also, we might have a folk singer for entertainment. We could use volunteers to help consolidate the food table and clean up afterwards. Please bring your food in a disposable container, or take it with you when you leave. A flyer will go out and Suzanne Sylvestre will post it on the website.

Susan's Flip Flops and Lemon Drops party will be on Sat. May 16<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm. She expected to have about 100 ladies with many wonderful auction items and food from various restaurants. A portion of the proceeds will be given to Bakas. If you are interested in this event, call Bakas ASAP for details. She also said that Mary Bryant Elementary will be having a Friday fundraiser for Bakas which generates about \$300. She will also check at Alonso High School to see about student volunteers.

Julie Gentry asked Beth about auctioning off a trail ride at Bakas. She'll talk to Pat about this, and hopefully you can bid on it at the Summer Sizzle.

There is a sign up sheet for Summer Camp for kids \$35 (Tues) and adults \$20 (Wed) from 8 till noon. There is a max of 12 kids per day. They will do arts and crafts, grooming, clean stalls, ride, fish, and do nature walks. Call Beth for more details. (Camps are FULL, call if you want to be put on a wait list. ) Money for camp is due by June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Horse Auction. Donation sheets will be sent out in Aug. and the Barn Brats will do skits with the horses. More information to follow as the date gets closer.

The Jewish Community Center's café is willing to let us display photos of Bakas for about a month. Hopefully, we'll generate donors and volunteers.

Bakas can be designated thru the United Way at your work. Just write our name in on the form! Beth Hemmert's father donated \$500 through United Way. THANK YOU

The Day at the Races was a big success with lots of people showing up at Tampa Bay Downs. We should receive a check in about 2 weeks.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 6 pm is the next parent meeting. It will be pot luck again with a sign up sheet at the barn. This will be the last meeting before the Summer Sizzle, so come out and participate.

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