

## **BAKAS PARENT MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2010**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Turn in date for raffle items
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – Motorcycle Rally
- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Meeting
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Challenged Show
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Special Olympics coaches training

### **NEED LIST:**

Small give away items for goodie bags, raffle items, people to get involved.

The meeting was attended by Beth Harre-Orr, Kim and Michael Hajaistron, Sandra VanDijk, Amy Chirinos and Christina Freeman, Cathy Myers, Pam, Bret, and Ryan Curry, Carol Barker, Beth Hemmert, Suzanne Sylvestre, and Joyce Garrett.

Beth started the meeting by updating us on how Danni is doing. She is recovering well and is eager to get back to Bakas.

A plaque will be ordered for the Austin Foundation who has generously donated \$7,500 again this December. This is the third year in a row!

Mr. Thornton, the Parks and Recreation director said that the BOCC were impressed with our show of support at their budget meetings. Beth went over the \$40 fee per session (4 lessons per session) which will start Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. You will receive an application in the mail (also available on the web site) to be filled out and turned in along with your check to the BOCC. If you are getting reduced lunch, \$20, free lunch \$10. The parent group will present a check 2 or 3 times a year to the BOCC to make up for the riders who get a discount. We decided that instead of tracking exactly how much, we will estimate and write a check. For riders not in school, we will use the same scale as the lunch program, just turn in a copy of your tax return. We have approximately 80 riders a week. If someone bounces a check, they will not be able to ride until the account is made current with a money order. We can not accept cash, so your checks need to be made out to the BOCC directly.

It was also decided that a \$10 fee will be charged when the annual physical is turned in to help offset costs. This will go into the Parent Club funds.

**Sat. Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>** is the date for the Motorcycle Rally. Beth will ask the Roving Rangers to help cook and bring the tables and chairs. Classes will be held here until 12 giving the bikers a chance to see a class. They should arrive at Bakas around 11:30, so we need the place set up by then. We need volunteers to run the concession stand and sell raffle tickets. The Gasparilla Parade will be that same day, but if the weather is nice, Beth expects about 75 bikers. We could use volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Pam and Joyce are putting together gift baskets, Kim and Carol will do the shopping for the food, and Beth and Sandra will help with registration in Brandon. We desperately need stuff for the goodie bags and raffle items. We would like to have many items to be raffled off. Please drop them by the barn by **Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Also bring your kids out on the 30<sup>th</sup> to see the iron horses.

The Challenge Show is **Sat. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>** in Wiersdale. 6 horses and 15 riders will go up Friday night for a team dinner with competition on Sat. Wish us luck!

Also **Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** there will be 35 to 40 Special Olympics coaches from around the state here for training. Special Olympics provides the food and no parent involvement is needed, but you are free to come out and watch.

Sandra went over the Treasurers Report. In 2008 we spent \$52,000 and made \$56,000 for a \$4,000 profit. She said we typically spend \$75 to \$80,000 a year on expenses. She passed out the Nov. statements. We made about \$2,000 but this is before the Holiday Party expenses, which will be accounted for next month.

She also reminded us that she needs someone to replace her. They need to be able to come by the barn about 2 times a week to write checks and go to the bank. She spends about 2 hours here and no accounting background is needed. We also need a new president. If you are interested in these or any other positions, please see Beth.

Kim read the minutes from last meeting and was informed that Jeanie Hilton received a \$1,000 donation from Wal-Mart. Please ask other businesses you frequent for donations. It doesn't hurt to try.

The job descriptions for our certified instructors are being re-done so they are no longer classified as just "Ranger" positions.

Our next potluck meeting is **Wed. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Bakas at 6:00. Get involved!!

Minutes taken by Kim Hajaistron.

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