

BAKAS PARENT MEETING MINUTES MARCH 3, 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 13th – Rider physicals at Bakas
April 7th – Parent Meeting at Bakas
April 9th and 10th – Area Special Olympics at Bakas
April 24th – Rider Banquet at All People's

NEED LIST:

Volunteers for the Area Special Olympics and Rider Banquet.
Crayons, waters, soda cans, hot dogs, hot dog buns, and small chip bags
Hawaiian themed decorations, leis, Hawaiian bandanas

The meeting was attended by Dani Johnson, Kim and Michael Hajaistron, Suzanne Sylvestre, Amy Chrinios and Christina Freeman, Joyce Garrett, Cathy Myers, Pam, Bret, and Ryan Curry, Carol and Justin Barker.

Kim went over last month's minutes, but the Treasurer's Report was not given because Sandra was not available.

Free medicals will be provided **March 13th** at Bakas. Please sign up at the barn or by email. A doctor and USF medical students are volunteering to do the annual and Special Olympics physicals. They can see 3 riders at a time.

April 9th and 10th is the date for the Area Special Olympics at Bakas. Amy will help Dani with the layout of the bios. and pictures for the program. We will have about 30 riders from Bakas and 2 other stables will be participating. Fri. night will be the trails competition from 5 to 9. Kim will pick up pizzas and sodas for dinner. Sat. morning the riders need to be here at 8 for check-in and the parade of athletes. Beth will call Starbucks and request the coffee, which Amy will pick up. The Bakas staff will provide donuts and bagels to sell for breakfast. Sat. lunch for the riders and volunteers will be provided by Special Olympics, but for all others, we will have hot dogs, sodas, and chips for sale. Gina will talk to some volunteer groups and ask for help. Carol and Pam will man the concession stand Fri. night, but we need more Bakas parents to volunteer for other times. See the sign up sheet in the office for shift times.

April 24th will be the Rider Banquet at All Peoples from 5 to 8. We are going with a Hawaiian theme and Joyce will talk to a woman who puts on these types of parties. We

expect about 150 guests. Gifts for the riders will be a lei and/or bandana, certificate done by Joyce, and a horse trophy to take home. Dani is looking into the cost for the trophies and caterers. The cost for dinner is free for the rider, \$12 for adults, and \$6 for kids 10 and younger. An invitation will be sent in the mail by Beth Hemmert. This is a prepaid event, and it is important that you RSVP the number of guests, along with your check. Suzanne will post the invite on the web site. We will not be taking money at the door. If we do not know you are coming, your rider will not get a personalized certificate or trophy. Carol will look into Fritz Brothers and Barbara Swisher will let Beth know about the DJ that does the Friendship Club events. Barbara and Patty Haslip will be asked to help coordinate the event. Pam and Carol volunteered to do the registration and help with set up. We could also use a ton of crayons, because we plan on having white paper tablecloths for the kids to draw on. Kim will get a sheet cake to be decorated by Dani's sister for desert. We need help with decorations, set up starting at 10, and clean up after the event at 8. Amy will be taking pictures and helping with clean up. Gina will be figuring out the Barn Brats gifts. Please help us make this a fun event for our special riders.

If you are on the phone committee, get a new contact list and call your people for the banquet next month.

The Diva Angels donated \$350 toward the scholarship fund. Over \$1,000 has been raised from the motorcycle rally.

Speaking of donations, we discussed what will be done with the \$10,000 from Highland Parks. Could a third each go toward the horses, scholarships, and Parent Group?

St. Mary's Episcopal School came out last week and they donated money, paper goods, food, etc. Beth sent them a thank you and their generosity was greatly appreciated.

Last month's Special Olympics Coach's Certification at Bakas went well. No Bakas coaches needed to be certified, but 40 other coaches from around the state came out.

The next parent meeting is scheduled for **Wed. April 7th**. Potluck starts at 6, meeting at 6:30. We have lots of events coming up so please come out and help plan to make them successful. We need some new faces and ideas around the table. See you on the 7th.

Minutes taken by Kim Hajaistron.

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