

BAKAS PARENT MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 9th and 10th – Area Special Olympics at Bakas
- April 24th – Rider Banquet at All People's
- May 5th – Parent Meeting at Bakas
- May 21st and 22nd – State Special Olympics at Fairgrounds
- June 12th – Summer Sizzle at Bakas (tentative date)

NEED LIST:

Hawaiian themed decorations, money, leis, Hawaiian bandanas

The meeting was attended by Beth Harre-Orr, Sandra Van Dijk, Kim Hajaistron, Joyce Garrett, Carol & Justin Barker, Amy Chrinios & Christina Freeman, Heidi Ferraro, Lee O'Brien, Sharon & Alyssa Ferraro, Walter Swisher, Pat Richards, and Patti Haislop.

Kim read last month's minutes, and Sandra went over the Treasurer's Report. Sandra will start training Joyce to take over the position. The taxes have been given to the accountant. We are going to open another CD. Kim gave a \$100 check from her neighborhood women's group.

April 9th and 10th are the Area Special Olympics at Bakas. Sharron and Heidi got the pizza donated from Westshore Pizza and Sans Pizza for Friday's dinner. Thanks to them and the restaurants for the donation. Amy will pick up the coffee donated from Starbucks, and bring a dozen donuts or bagels when you come Sat. morning. Special Olympics will provide the Subway lunches for the riders and Heidi will pick them up. There will be hot dogs, chips and drinks for family members, donated by Kim.

April 24th is the date for the Rider Banquet at All People's Life Center. An invitation and RSVP card should have been received and returned. Patti has all the decorations, except the paper for the tables. We have a 50 foot backdrop of an island scene and grass skirts that can be worn during pictures, so bring your camera. We have leis, hibiscus hair clips, hibiscus floating candles, and 3 dozen straw hats. Danni is coordinating the food. Barbara Swisher is still looking into a DJ, and the commissioners will be invited.

May 21st and 22nd is the date for the State Special Olympics at the Fairgrounds. The top finishers from the Area games will be competing. More information will follow.

Camp Sparks applications are available at Bakas. This is a summer camp for kids age 5 and up who are in ESE programs at school. Space is limited, so get your application in.

Since Feb. we have generated over \$3,700 for the BOCC in riders fees. Beth will follow-up to find out when the County Commissioners are meeting so we can present a check for an additional \$300 to \$500. Budget cuts are being talked about again and we might need parents, riders, and volunteers to come out to the town hall meetings to plead our case to continue our funding. Our instructors have been reclassified to show their special certification, and Beth has 3 tiers of things that can be cut. We have Zander up for sale and Suzie and Jet are looking for a home, which will cut costs. We also have some equipment which is not vitally important. Hopefully, all our efforts will "pay off".

The free medicals went with about 15 riders participating. Each medical student learned much about our riders. They want to come out again in Aug. or Sept. This is a service for our riders and they provide the physicals that are needed annually and every 3 years for Special Olympics.

Please slow down while driving in and out of Bakas. We have had some complaints by a resident.

As thanks for the hard work and dedication of our Barn Brats, on April 13th, Bakas will have a team of 8 teens participate in a Parks and Recreation Limo Scavenger Hunt. We paid the \$100 entry fee and this should be a fun day for them. On May 1st, the Brats that raised money in the horse auction (they raised about \$21,000) will be taken to Arabian Knights dinner theatre in Orlando.

June 12th is the tentative date for the Summer Sizzle at Bakas. More details and information will be coming.

American Invitational Show Jumping tickets were available for free at Bakas. This annual event takes place the Sat. night of our Area Special Olympics at Raymond James Stadium. If you have not gone, it is an exciting and thrilling thing to see.

The next parent meeting will be held May 5th at Bakas. We eat at 6 and start the meeting at 6:30. Please bring something to share, not just some food, but your ideas and time. See you on the 5th!!

Minutes taken by Kim Hajaistron.

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