

**BAKAS HORSES FOR HANDICAPPED
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1st 2022**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Dec. 9th – Holiday Party 5 to 9 at Bakas
- Dec. 11th – Charity Horse Show at Lake Park 9 to 5
- Dec. 16th – Winter Wonderland Dance at Keystone Rec. Center 6:30 to 8:30
- Jan. 5th - Bakas Board Meeting 6pm at Bakas
- Jan. 8th – Sp. O. Coaches Training at Bakas 8 to 12
- Jan. 15th – Charity Horse Show at Lake Park 9 to 5

NEEDS LIST: Donations of funds or items, find sponsors, riders, and volunteers for shows

In attendance were: Jen West, Tamara Randall, Eileen Davis, Amy Chirinos, Kim and Michael Hajaistron, Johanna Rossinni, Cassandra and Briahna Doty, and Michelle Letter.

Dec. 9th: Santa and Thunder Ranch will be making an appearance at Bakas. Please bring 2 dishes to share, an auction item and a fat wallet/checkbook to buy some great gifts at the party. Jen will have Dani text/email the flyer out to all riders. Roberto will be grilling chicken and Kim will get the drinks, hot dogs/hamburgers, and paper goods. There will be Santa gifts for the kids, hay and pony rides, and wonderful items to bid on. Tamara will ask for toy and stocking stuffing donations. The parent group will have to shop for the Santa toys since the staff is not allowed. There will be a horse giving tree at the party, so pick a horse and provide them with a gift also.

Dec. 11th: the second horse show will be held at Lake Park. As usual, we need lots of hands to help and donations for the concession stand. Tamara will post the Sign-Up Genius list, so please shop and drop off at the stable. She will have to act as secretary since Barbara will be out. Gina will start calling for volunteers.

Dec. 16th at Keystone Rec. center is a Winter Wonderland dance for special needs adults from 6:30 to 8:30 given by the Parks and Rec department. This is a free and fun event.

Jan. 5th: is the next Board Meeting at Bakas starting at 6. Please bring a dish to share.

Jan. 8th: is the Special Olympics Coaches training here at Bakas. We will need some breakfast items donated and a few volunteers to help serve for a few hours.

Jan. 15th: is the 3rd horse show at Lake Park.

Upcoming events: Board meeting is **Feb. 2nd**, Area Special Olympics at Bakas **Feb. 24th and 25th**, last Charity Horse Show **Feb. 26th**, and **April 7th and 8th** is the State games at WEC in Ocala.

We discussed the nominations for board members. Johanna will have the ballot box with the shirt table at the Holiday Party. Please consider becoming an officer. We will also make an announcement at the party about who we are and what we do.

Cassandra needs the board members email address and cell phone number. Please send that information to it@bakas-h4h.org. Eileen and Cassandra are getting a credit card reader and Eileen has permission to open a separate account for these transactions. We will need 3 readers for concessions, merchandise, and horse show registration. We have PayPal abilities, but need to be able to accept plastic.

Tamara is working on finishing the calendar. She needs good photos of the horses and a few rider quotes to finish it up. Please text her any pix and quotes ASAP.

We could use donated Christmas decorations, so please drop them off this month. We also need large heavy plastic storage boxes.

We need to buy a shed to store our decorations, paperwork, etc. We could also use a commercial flattop grill, since ours is getting used a lot and is on its last legs (wheels).

Jen has rat traps on order since the county only does insect control.

The KC show went well with one national champ, two reserve, and a top ten. We will be getting prize money in Jan.

Goddard gave us a nice donation and had a fun time last month at their Fall Festival. They had a lot of staff from the school decorate and help. The Kona ice truck was cancelled because it was too cold. We might see if they want us to host a summer event.

We will work on the By-Laws more in 2023.

Cassandra will create a separate flyer about the non-profit parent group to be given to new riders.

Erin is trying to update the website. Kim will send her the minutes, and Tamara will send the newsletter.

Eileen went over the Treasurer's Report and we finally have a net profit as of Nov.!! We could still use sponsors and donations to add to the coffers and pay for the holiday party.

January 5th is the next board meeting at 6 at Bakas. We will be setting up plans for the new year and working on projects we have been putting off.

Minutes taken by Kim Hajaistron. Last month's minutes distributed, read and approved.