

**BAKAS HORSES FOR HANDICAPPED  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 30, 2023, 6:30pm**

**Attendance:** Jen West, Amy Chirinos, Kim Hajaistron, Teri Yarborough, Michelle Letter, Christina Freeman. *March meeting minutes distributed to the board, discussed, and approved.*

**Important dates/Upcoming events:**

- **April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, State Games at WEC in Ocala:** for those who qualified at the Area Games. Tamara posted on Facebook that snacks and drinks are needed. Kim has left-over snacks from the previous events, and Teri will provide Gatorade.
- **May 4<sup>th</sup>, Board/Parent Meeting at Bakas**
- **TBA, Show Series Awards Dinner:** Tamara ordered buckles for show series. Once the delivery date is received, the Awards Dinner will be planned. Tamara is also securing donated and purchased reserve prizes.

**Follow up from last meeting:**

- **Grill:** Betty Davis writing a Lowe's grant for grill, shed, kitchen. Kim proposed calling a Grill Cleaning Service to clean current grill. – Pending – Kim called the service but they haven't called back. Amy is submitting application to Costco for the grill as well.

**New Business:**

- **Next show series** – Tamara is planning.
- **Square access** – Per Eileen, \$953 in square transactions for the last two events (in one weekend). Positive reviews from all that used the Square devices.
- **T-shirt inventory:** Betsy's neighbor owns a t-shirt company and also works with Special Olympics. Johanna will place an order within the next few months.
- **Bylaws** – Amy distributed to review and discuss in future meetings.
- **Banquet discussion:**
  - Keystone Rec Center discussion – seats 155. Terri visited with Joe and Julia, waiting on a certificate of occupancy. We can't plan the event until they have that document. Potential May 20 or June 3 date. Teri will follow up.
- **Fund Raising:** Outreach to local neighborhood magazines by Michelle for sponsorship for horses. Question about Cheval Stroll magazine (Cassandra) – Michelle will ask her local magazine for information about the Cheval magazine.
- **IT discussion:** IT update from Cassandra:
  - For group or mass text messages, we need to create a form to show the regulating agency that we have permission to text large groups.
  - For branded campaigns, we will need permission for the recipient to opt in.
  - Freedom app phone app was discussed for Bakas contacts. Request log in from Cassandra, if not already done.
  - \$3000 Microsoft grant for apps – Cassandra working on it.
- **Financials:** Year started fantastic. Bakas horse show went well and two large corporate sponsorships came in. Tamara requested a sponsorship list.

Minutes taken by Michelle Letter, Secretary. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.