

BAKAS HORSES FOR HANDICAPPED

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 11TH, 2023

In attendance: Jen West, Tamara Randall, Amy Chirinos, Teri & Jordan Yarborough, Eileen Davis, Kim Hajastron, Christina Freeman, Cassandra & Brie Doty.

June 1st: Board meeting at Bakas starting at 6. We will not have a meeting in July.

June 11th is the award ceremony BBQ from 5 to 8. Tamara will let Jen know what we need and how we need the site set up. Jimbo's BBQ will be used again and Kim will get the drinks, dishes, and cutlery. We could use some help. Tamara has the reserve prizes and the buckles will be shipped this week. Kim will ask Chrissy Marino, our title sponsor, if she is able to come to the ceremony.

August 3rd: is the Board meeting at Bakas. We need help with the fall events.

August 26th is the tentative date we have for the Rider Banquet. We will not have the ice cream social. Teri will check with Keystone Rec Center next week to see if that date is available. She will let Amy know to book the DJ, and Eileen the caterer. We will keep the same cowboy theme, Tex-Mex menu, time, cost, and get personalized bandanas as the rider award. Jen will make the flyer as the date draws near and Amy will post the information on Facebook.

Tarama has the next Charity Horse Show Series scheduled for Oct. 15th, Jan. 21st, and Feb. 18th. It will just be a Western show and Tamara might schedule a separate English show. She has the secretary and a judge already scheduled. She is going to train Michelle to do some of what she does so there will be coverage in case of an emergency. Eileen will send Jen the above dates for county approval and Lake Park scheduling.

We asked Cassandra to help Erin keep the website up to date. We would like to add more meat to it and post upcoming events. Cassandra will be able to focus on Bakas in the coming months. She has fielded calls into our dedicated phone line, mainly about horse donations, but also about tack donations and volunteering.

Eileen received the taxes back from the CPA and has them if you have any questions. She distributed the Feb. Treasurer's Report. She also added up the Charity Horse Shows which so far (before awards expenses) made \$9,700 profit. We received a sizable donation from a rider who passed and left us in their will. The funds will be put into a CD and we are so grateful and amazed at the bequest, along with sadden at the loss. Please consider us when making your will or estate plans.

Ray is retiring and moving to GA, so we are looking for a county ranger. We are sad to see him go, but are happy for his next adventure. Eileen will talk to Ray about what he wants to do with Pooh Bear. We are also going to advertise on the PATH website for a therapist/instructor. These shoes will be hard to fill, but hopefully we will soon have more wonderful staff.

The 45 spots for the 3-week summer camps were filled in 8 hours!! Jen opened up 3 days the last week of June for just Bakas's riders. Next year, she will open it up to Bakas's riders first, and then the rest of the community.

June 1st is the next meeting. Last months minutes distributed, read, and approved. This month's minutes taken by Kim Hajaistron.