

IGRA Rodeo Judges Committee Report
November 9, 2012 - 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
Florentine G, Tuscany Resort & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

The Rodeo Judges Committee met with 10 participants present, representing 8 associations:

Michael Lentz	ASGRA	committee chair
Wade Earp	TGRA	
Tom Sheridan	ILGRA	
James Jenkins	CGRA	
Jim Mitchell	SGRA	
Scotty Shadix	GSGRA	
Chieko Tomasulo	SCCGRA	
Anthony Ovaldson	SGRA	
Doug Holmes	AGRA	
Amy Griffin	ILGRA	

Guests

Douglas Graff, Brian Helander, Chuck Browning

Chairman Lentz reported that the following 10 2012 IGRA Certified Judges have met the qualifications and were recertified for Rodeo Year 2013:

Clint Coil (Rookie Judge) - ARGRA
Gene Fraikes (Senior Judge) – TGRA
Amy Griffin (Senior Judge) - ILGRA
Rick Jones (Senior Judge) - RRRA
Michael Lentz (Senior Judge) - ASGRA
Jack Morgan (Senior Judge) - CGRA
Anthony Ovaldson (Senior Judge) - GSGRA
Kyle Putman (Senior Judge) - IAGRA
Tom Sheridan (Junior Judge) - ILGRA
Dolores Zuspahn (Senior Judge) – KGRA

Kris Baldwin, Jim Gant, and Frank Elam, Jr. were certified for 2012 but are not being recertified for 2013.

The committee had no specific recommendations for rodeo or certification rules changes for 2013.

Several committee members voiced concern about perceived inconsistency of judging activity both in and outside of the arena. We identified increased communication, and improved education and training as approaches to address this problem. Chairman Lentz reported that the judges had implemented bi-monthly conference calls and reinstated the judge's seminar requirement for re-certification during 2012.

The committee reviewed some recent competition video footage and discussed possibilities for using this resource for judge's training and education. Committee members Anthony Ovaldson and Tom Sheridan committed to work in the next year to produce some new training materials using this and other video resources.

There was a discussion of several rodeo rules changes being presented at this Convention including an extended effort to evaluate the Chute Dogging event rules proposal. The recommendations for Chute Dogging were forwarded to the Rodeo Rules committee.

Michael Lentz
2012 IGRA Judges Committee chair