

Report of the Animal Issues Committee to the 29th IGRA Annual Convention

The committee met Friday, November 15, 2013 from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Members Present

Jeannine Tuttle	TGRA
Linda M. Frazier	MGRA
Clint Hummon	FGRA
Diane Ross	DSRA
Edgar Garcia	AGRA
Ken Wells	NGRA
Mark Scammell	SCCGRA
Amy Griffin	ILGRA

Public Relations

Quiet year for animal rights protests.

Stock Contractors

One stock contractor had a dog that had to be restrained that was interfering with the Steer Riding event.

Animal Health

No major outbreaks reported in Canada or the US. No injuries reported.

Best Practices

At a couple of rodeos where Calf Roping on Foot was immediately followed by Break-away Roping, Team Roping was moved in between to allow time for the calves to rest.

Steer Deco

Tails were partially bobbed at two rodeos due to freezing off in the previous winter. The ribbons that were tied to these partial tails tended to drop off to the ground with no tassel at the end of the tail to catch them. We support the rodeo rule change to prohibit the use of steers with partial tails.

Steer Riding

The move to riding steers went very well.

Goats

We discussed inconsistencies in requirements for goats in stock requirements relative to other stock requirements and enforcement of those requirements. This was resolved in AI-01.

Sincerely,
Kelly Peebles, Chair
Animal Issues Committee