



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Friday, July 7, 2006
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Golden, Colorado
10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order

President's Welcome and Introductions

Roll Call

Approval of Previous Minutes
Fort Lauderdale – April 7, 2006

Approval of Previous Financial Reports
March, April, May, and June 2006

Executive Board Reports

President

Brian Helander

Vice President

Mitch Gill

Secretary

Larry Lindstrom

Treasurer

David Hill

President Emeritus

Craig Rouse

Administrative Assistant

Tommy Channel

Trustees Chairman

Ray Ostmann

Standing Committee Reports

Animal Issues & Concerns	– Rik Kelly
Arena Directors	– Al Wright
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Chute Coordinators	– David Hallwood
Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty	– 2006 Royalty Team
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Health & Safety	– Bryan Lester & Travis Gardner
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Marketing	– Mark Nicks
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Merchandise	– Bill Watkins
Nominating	– Dot Trevis
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University	– Brian Rogers

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New Business

11:45 a.m. – “Reality TV” presentation
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IGRA Board of Directors Meeting
Jefferson County Fairgrounds
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Call to Order. President Brian Helander called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call.

Board Members

President	Brian Helander
Vice President	Mitch Gill
Secretary	Larry Lindstrom
Treasurer	David Hill
AGRA	John King
ARGRA	Pierre Cadeaux
ASGRA Alternate	James Young
CGRA	Roger Courtemanche
FGRA	Barry Luke
GGRA	Don Harris
GSGRA	Douglas Graff
GWGRA	Ray Ostmann
HGRA	Ty Teigen
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MGRA	Andrew Goodman
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Guests

ASGRA	Frank Harrell
CGRA	Don Moore
CGRA	Rich Valdez
GSGRA	Steve Wollert

Previous Minutes. Tam moved to approve the minutes from April 7, 2006. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Financial Statements. Luke moved to approve the March, April, May, and June 2006 financials. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Executive Board Reports.

President. Brian Helander reported on the following two items from his written report.

1. **IGRA Finals – Permanent Location vs. Rotating Location.** Brian appointed Mitch and Ray as committee chairs and Bob, Marcel, Clark, John Stangle, Ty, Lorry, and Lonnie volunteered to be committee members.
2. **IGRA Territory Assignment.** Brian appointed Larry and John King as committee chairs and Roger, Doug, and Luke volunteered to be committee members.

Doug asked the President if he had intentions of running for another term in Nashville. Brian replied that he would be seeking a second term.

Vice President. Mitch Gill referred to his written report and spoke about one royalty team member, Gary Rushton, who had not met his financial obligation to IGRA by the May 30th deadline. Clark moved that this royalty member be removed. Ray made a friendly amendment to extend the deadline for the \$422 owed plus a \$500 penalty. Clark did not accept the friendly amendment. Motion carried by a voice vote.

A 15–minute break was taken at 10:45 a.m.

Secretary. Larry had no written report but reminded everyone of the awards to voted on at this meeting and the deadline of September 19th for all appreciation awards. He also reminded everyone of the new 60–day deadline (August 22nd) to have membership renewals in. He will also be asking which committee chairs will need their delegate fees paid by IGRA.

Treasurer. David Hill reported that he changed the settlement sheet to reflect an increase in seat tax for the arena fund. Doug asked the Treasurer if he had intentions of running for another term in Nashville and David replied that he would be seeking another term.

Administrative Assistant. Tommy Channel submitted a written report with no action items.

Trustee’s Chair. Ray reminded everyone of the trustees meeting to follow this meeting.

Committee Reports.

Animal Issues. Rik Kelly submitted a written report with no action items. Frank Harrell indicated the Web page has been cleaned up.

Arena Directors. Al Wright submitted a written report with no action items.

Budget. David Hill submitted a written report with no action items.

Bylaws. Benjamin Avant submitted a written report with no action items, but reminded everyone of the August 22nd deadline for proposals.

Contestant Liaison. Tam Keltner submitted a written report requesting that mailing costs for either a 25% sampling (~50) or 100% (~200). The concept is to mail to new contestants and provide a non-postage-paid return envelope. Alternatively, we could look at an online submission, though we are concerned with return rates online.

Convention. Bill Tedder submitted a written report with no action items. He was asked about the hotel renovation, which was presented in their bid 2 years ago. He said the renovation would be complete prior to convention. SMRA is also working on a VIP party for the Wednesday night prior to the board meeting.

Corporate Sponsors. Doug Graff did not submit a written report. During this time, Mitch moved to have 4 banners made to advertise Finals Rodeo. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Roger moved to recommend each association hosting a rodeo make available a half-page or full-page announcement (of Finals Rodeo). Mitch made a friendly amendment that a general ad be designed by IGRA and was accepted. Motion carried by a voice vote.

At 11:45 a.m. a presentation was made from **Cowboy Up!** called *Touring Alternative Americana* by Josh Peter, Will Utay, and Steven Whitney. The television show concept was to take six experienced cowhands and two novice wannabees, film their competition in 6–8 rodeo events, and award prizes for weekly show winners.

The meeting was recessed from 12:15 – 1:20 p.m. for lunch hosted by Charlie's Denver.

Doug moved that we ask the Executive Committee to continue exploring the opportunity with Cowboy Up! productions. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Dance. Lorry King submitted a written report with no action items.

Hall of Fame. Char Werth submitted a written report with no action items.

Internet Technology. Frank Harrell submitted a written report with no action items.

Judges. Amy Griffin submitted a written report with no action items.

Membership. Larry reported that **Liberty Gay Rodeo Association** (LGRA) had their membership application complete and asked to be a Recognized Association. They have 10 members in Connecticut and will use that state as their territory.

The committee's recommendation was to make LGRA a Recognized Association to be seated as a Member Association at the annual convention in Nashville. Motion carried by a voice vote. At this time, James Erhart, Vice President of LGRA, spoke on behalf of his association.

Rodeo Resources/University. Brian Rogers submitted a written report. He recommended that IGRA University 2007 use the Tuscany Suites and Casino. John King moved on Brian's recommendation. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Rodeo Rules. Michael Norman submitted a written report with no action items.

Old Business. There was no unfinished business from the last board meeting.

New Business.

Hot Rodeo 2007. Doug presented the rodeo application on behalf of GSGRA Greater Palm Springs Chapter. Luke moved to sanction the rodeo application. Motion carried by a voice vote.

San Diego Rodeo 2007. Doug presented the rodeo application on behalf of GSGRA Greater San Diego Chapter. It was noted the 2006 rodeo had a net income of over \$38K. David Hallwood moved to sanction the rodeo application. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Sunshine Stampede. Luke presented the rodeo application on behalf of FGRA. There was a request in the application to allow mulie bulls for Steer Riding. It was noted that this is already a rodeo rule and does not need to be requested. Roger moved to sanction the rodeo application. Motion carried by a voice vote.

T-Town Rodeo. Bob West presented the rodeo application on behalf of SSRA. The proposed 2007 budget was corrected to show a net income of \$9,050. Doug moved to sanction the rodeo application. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Big D Rodeo. Jeanne moved for Internet approval and board vote via E-mail. The TGRA spring rodeo will be in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, but no dates have been set since no arena has been determined. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Finals Rodeo 2007. Roger Courtemanche and Roger Japp reported briefly on the progress of the 2007 Finals Rodeo in Denver.

Finals Rodeo 2006. Clark Monk reported on the following items:

- Had a conference call with HSRA in June,
- Showed a map of the arena layout with 150 stalls,
- Bill Lyle is the stock contractor and stock will be inside,
- There will be no warm-up arena but use the main arena instead,
- The royalty competition, dance, and bar crawl are being worked on,
- The Hilton has an RV park, and
- No running order has been set.

Announcements. Refer to the Trustees meeting.

Adjournment. Brian adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Lindstrom
IGRA Secretary

Larry Lindstrom

From: <AJTygger@aol.com>
To: <IGRABOD@yahogroups.com>
Cc: <jymmyejaymes@comcast.net>; <HoobieOne@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2006 6:08 AM
Subject: [IGRABOD] ASGRA Alternate Trustee in Denver

Hi folks,

Not sure if I already sent this, so I am doing so just in case. Once again, work travel is prohibiting me from being able to attend the rodeo and Board meeting in Denver. James Young (aka Jymmye Jaymes) will once again do the honors on behalf of ASGRA. Please keep him in the loop as to any information or location changes for meetings. As always - be safe, have fun, hold on! :)

Thanx!

Baila conmigo...

Lonni

"Many things will catch your eye, few will catch your heart. Pursue those."

Larry Lindstrom

From: <AAdamowski@aol.com>
To: <IGRABOD@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: <AMY@lacap.com>; <jcgramirez@hotmail.com>; <patrick.terry@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2006 10:50 AM
Subject: [IGRABOD] ILGRA Alternate Trustee: North Star, Calgary and Denver

Greetings:

Please allow the following individuals (all are members of ILGRA in good standing) to serve as ILGRA Alternate Trustee at the following rodeos:

Amy Griffin (Calgary)

Jorge Ramirez (North Star)

Patrick Terry (Denver -- including the Board Meetings)

Thank you!

Anthony Adamowski
ILGRA Trustee

Larry Lindstrom

From: <llwking@aol.com>
To: <IGRABOD@yahogroups.com>
Cc: <b0424@mindspring.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2006 6:57 AM
Subject: [IGRABOD] Alternate

I will not be able to attend the Denver IGRA BOD meeting or rodeo. Bill Watkins will be NGRAs Alternate Trustee.

Thank you.

Lorry King

Larry Lindstrom

From: "Justin Waldner" <jameswall77@yahoo.com>
To: "Tam Keltner" <nw-cowboy@nw-cowboy.com>; <larry.lindstrom@igra.com>; <rmpho2@aol.com>; "Bill Tedder" <wtedder63@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Keith Robinson" <Tndancecowboy@yahoo.com>; "Terry Sweeney" <wtncwby@aol.com>; "Bill Tedder" <wtedder@ford.com>; "Grigsby White" <grigsby.white@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 7:54 AM
Subject: Trustee in Denver...

Hello,

Please note Tam Keltner will be the Trustee for SMRA in Denver.

Thanks,
Justin James
President, SMRA

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IGRA Board of Trustees Meeting
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Call to Order. Trustees Chair Ray Ostmann called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Roll Call. The following twenty Trustees were present.

Trustees present

AGRA	John King
ARGRA	Pierre Cadeaux
CGRA	Roger Courtemanche
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Phil moved to approve the minutes as a group. Tam asked to pull the rodeo review minutes from Little Rock. There was discussion at this meeting about a fine for not mailing the contestant packets seven days prior to the rodeo, but it did not make it in the minutes. Luke moved to approve the Little Rock minutes. Tam made a friendly amendment to include the fine for failing to do the contestant mailing seven days prior. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Old Business.

George Williamson claimed the letter that Red River sent was incorrect and painted a bad picture of him. It was determined that it is the responsibility of Red River to make a correction with an apology to George.

New Business.

Updating Rodeo Checklist. Comments were made on the following items.

- #3. Remove entirely since every rodeo has the same insurance policy.
- #19. What is meant by “Depth of arena?”
- #20. Is listing the ground composition necessary?
- #23. Remove if not being used. If checked no, are they checking the stock contract?
- #23. Same issue as #23.
- #28. Change number of chutes from 4 to 3 to match the rodeo rules.

Did the EMTs have radios? Did the EMTs meet with the Arena Director and Chute Coordinator prior to the running of the rodeo?

Luke moved to remove #3 and change #28 from 4 to 3. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Rodeo Director Shirts. This subject was brought up because the Rodeo Directors for the Sunshine Stampede wore shirts that were slightly different than other rodeo official shirts. Clarification was made that Tamara Marks is the vendor for “approved certified shirts.” It was suggested that rodeo rule 19 be modified to separate certified from non-certified.

Tam moved to interpret rule 19 that non-certified shirts be of the correct color but not necessarily from the official IGRA vendor. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Working Rodeo Officials. Discussion was brought up about certified officials finishing their events early and then drinking alcohol while the rodeo continues. It was suggested that all rodeo officials wait until the conclusion of each rodeo performance before consuming alcohol.

Purpose of Post-rodeo Meeting. It was determined that only the following items are necessary to complete the meeting: checklist, protests, fines, and approval.

Variations. Doug moved to approve NGRA’s variance regarding Grand Entry. Motion carried by a voice vote. Roger moved to make this a “blanket” variance for the remainder of the year. Motion carried by a voice vote.

David Hallwood moved for a “blanket” variance for the rest of the year for acceptance of the IGRA rodeo numbers (since they do not meet the rodeo rules). Motion carried by a voice vote.

Certifications. The following judges have successfully completed the requirements for recertification for the 2007 rodeo year: Frank Elam Jr, Rick Jones, and Jack Morgan. Jack Roach moved to approve the judges. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The following arena directors have successfully completed the requirements for recertification for the 2007 rodeo year: Jeanne McLeod, Kim Dawson, and Erin Eaton. Patrick moved to approve the arena directors. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Announcements.

TGRA reminded of their August 4–6 rodeo in Sequin, Texas near San Antonio.

AGRA will be conducting another rough stock school next January.

KGRA is looking at a rodeo date in June of 2007.

NMGRA reminded of their August 17–19 rodeo in Albuquerque sponsored by Miller Lite.

UGRA gave regrets they are dissolving with 6 active members and Clark in last year as Trustee.

NSGRA thanked everyone for showing up to their little rodeo in the country.

GGRA will be hosting an indoor play day called “Southern Spurs Light.”

NGRA reminded of their October 6–8 rodeo and their move to September 21–23 in 2007.

ILGRA reminded of their August 25–27 rodeo south of Chicago.

HGRA announced the success of hosting a night rodeo.

MIGRA will have members working at the Chicago rodeo.

PNWGRA will be hosting a campout the first weekend of August.

HSRA reminded everyone to come to Reno in November.

SMRA reminded everyone to come to Nashville in October.

GWGRA thanked everyone for helping out with their first rodeo.

FGRA thanked everyone for helping out with their first rodeo and they have received their 501(c)3 status.

Tommy reminded everyone who will be hosting a rodeo school in 2007 to let him know so he can put them on the insurance schedule.

Luke and Jack volunteered to do the rodeo checklist while Patrick volunteered to be the protest chair. The rodeo review meeting would be held 30 minutes after the rodeo in the tent behind the chutes.

Adjournment. Ray adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Lindstrom
IGRA Secretary

Committee Name: Executive Committee

Committee Chairs: Brian Helander

Committee Members: Mitch Gill, Larry Lindstrom, David Hill, Lorry King, John King, Ray Ostmann, and David Hallwood.

Overview of last meeting: I have developed 4 goals for the IGRA Executive Committee to recommend EVALUATION at Convention that I would like to get your feedback and assistance.

1) IGRA Finals: Permanent Location vs. Rotating Location. I still think we need to assess this further and decide to do it or abandon the concept. I am suggesting we form a task force to evaluate and recommend that permanent location and the bylaw changes needed to move it forward, then present it at convention and see where we go with it.

Chairs: Mitch Gill and Ray Ostmann

2) IGRA President Elect: I think we can do better in terms of continuity of organizational history and issues; having an IGRA president identified, mentored, included and prepared a year in advance will go along way to bettering the organization. I would like to form a task force to evaluate this concept and make the appropriate bylaw and process changes at convention.

Chairs: Benjamin Avant and Brian Helander

3) IGRA Territory Assignment: The markets for gay rodeo have changed significantly over the last several years and we are missing opportunities. The PONY /LGRA issue has brought up several "detrimental to IGRA" flaws in our assignment of territory and I believe the time is now to suggest updating and revamping the bylaws in terms of what geography is granted, to whom, for how long and how and under what circumstances it is re-assigned as new markets develop within existing or adjacent. We need to make a recommendation to lead the organization to resolving this issue.

Chairs: John King and Larry Lindstrom

4) VP Rodeo OPS: This new IGRA position would be responsible for IGRA Finals and Rodeo Applications, and would tie together the concept of an IGRA finals Rodeo and The VP Position

Chairs: David Hallwood and Lorry King

Benjamin and I will serve on each task force and I have asked TWO members of the Executive Committee to volunteer to chair one task force. I am asking interested members of the IGRA BOD for two more volunteers, bringing the total task force to 6 on each.

In addition to this, I have traveled on behalf of IGRA and represented us in the media in communities.

Requiring Action: We need to vote on the presentation by TWO media groups (NBC and a private group) to present IGRA as a reality show.

Administrative Assistant Report
July 3, 2006

The May contestant mailing was completed with little problem. Thanks to everyone for getting their fliers and inserts to me on time. There was a total of 734 contestant packets mailed by bulk mail. No mail is returned by bulk mail because of incorrect or bad addresses so it is important for you all to remind your contestants to keep IGRA informed of any address changes.

I am continuing to mail out the Rodeo Director's package with Secretarial/Registration forms and back numbers.

Everyone please remember to get me the names of your additional insured 30 days in advance of your rodeo. If you are serving beer and liquor under an event license or someone's license you are recommended to purchase liquor liability at a cost of \$625.00 per event.

There are still some associations that are not sending a revised membership list to me. It is important that every membership list is current for rodeos.

The Miss IGRA crown has been ordered and being shipped directly to Reno

If you have had a change in Rodeo Director since the first of the year please email me the new name so the certificates are current at Convention.

As always if I can be of any assistance at any time please don't hesitate to contact me.

Tommy Channel
IGRA Admin. Assistant



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Animal Issues & Concerns

Committee Chair(s): Rik Kelly

Committee Members: _____

Date & Time of Last Meeting: Convention 2005

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: _____

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Rik Kelly



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Arena Directors

Committee Chair(s): Al Wright

Committee Members: Kim Dawson, Jorge Ramirez, Brian Helander, Al Wright

Date & Time of Last Meeting: June 12, 2006 via e-mail.

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: E-group discussion on communication between EMTs and the Arena Director.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

None.

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

Re-certification of Jeanne McLeod, Kim Dawson, and Erin Eaton.

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Al Wright

Income	Jan - Jun 06	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Explanation > 10%
4110 · Rodeo sanction fees	11,400.00	12,000.00	(600.00)	
4120 · Rodeo additional seat tax	1,660.50	700.00	960.50	AZ \$1,260/FW \$188/GW \$76/SD \$138
4130 · Rodeo general operating income	2,882.50	3,000.00	(117.50)	
4140 · Rodeo fines income	(100.00)	400.00	(500.00)	Two finals fines rescinded
4150 · Rodeo finals contestant entries	-	-	-	
4200 · Initiation fees/annual dues	-	-	-	
4300 · Mr/Ms/Miss entry fees	-	-	-	
4310 · Mr/Ms/Miss fund raisers	9,247.70	3,500.00	5,747.70	Mr's \$3,135/Ms's \$3,502/Miss's \$2,611
4320 · Mr/Ms/Miss cont fund raisers	817.00	800.00	17.00	Mr's \$517/Miss's \$300
4330 · Royalty participation fund	1,978.63	-	1,978.63	DeShannon \$606/Vierra \$972/misc \$400
4400 · Contributions	10,225.00	17,500.00	(7,275.00)	Add'l budget transfer not made
4470 · IGRA University income	6,787.66	6,000.00	787.66	More sponsorship than budgeted
4500 · Contestant mailing income	1,400.52	1,500.00	(99.48)	
4600 · Interest income	611.64	150.00	461.64	Cash balances higher than budgeted
4700 · Merchandise commission	388.00	150.00	238.00	Rainbow & Stars \$144/Cut Above \$244
4750 · Avis commission income	-	-	-	
4800 · Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	
Total Income	47,299.15	45,700.00	1,599.15	
Expense				
6500 · Office supplies	647.28	600.00	47.28	
6510 · Telephone expense	625.37	525.00	100.37	Long distance higher than budgeted
6520 · Postage	784.48	850.00	(65.52)	
6530 · Printing	64.00	300.00	(236.00)	Print official's ballots
6560 · Payroll expenses	4,489.45	4,400.00	89.45	
7500 · Document scanning fee	-	500.00	(500.00)	No scanning done
7530 · Committee meeting expense	371.20	300.00	71.20	Secretarial seminar at University
7540 · Dance competition	(247.50)	-	(247.50)	2005 dance fund raiser at Calgary
7550 · Royalty competition	-	-	-	
7560 · M/M/M/M winnings	165.00	-	165.00	Budd \$55/Valdez \$110
7600 · Travel	3,883.99	4,100.00	(216.01)	
7650 · Executive meeting expense	3,003.44	3,500.00	(496.56)	Not all turned in
7750 · Computer-hardware	-	1,250.00	(1,250.00)	Nothing purchased to date
7760 · Computer-software	197.19	500.00	(302.81)	Norton upgrades
7770 · Computer-maintenance	-	250.00	(250.00)	
7780 · Computer-on line services	318.90	1,100.00	(781.10)	All that was turned in
8100 · Name badges	-	400.00	(400.00)	Donated by Creative Awards
8150 · Rodeo finals contestant payout	-	-	-	
8200 · Marketing expense	1,387.73	3,500.00	(2,112.27)	Toronto meeting and banner/Philidelphia
8471 · IGRA University facility costs	400.00	2,000.00	(1,600.00)	Arena expense
8472 · IGRA University food service	2,684.22	2,500.00	184.22	
8473 · IGRA University instructor rooms	944.89	-	944.89	Budgeted in facility costs above
8473 · IGRA University supplies/printing	2,495.89	2,500.00	(4.11)	
8470 · IGRA University expense total	6,525.00	7,000.00	(475.00)	
8500 · Donations and contributions	972.00	-	972.00	Mark Vierra hospital bill
8510 · Legal and professional services	369.32	500.00	(130.68)	Broadcast Music Inc \$369
8520 · Taxes and licenses	1,978.00	3,000.00	(1,022.00)	05 income less than budgeted
8530 · Bank charges	125.98	50.00	75.98	Blank check stock
8535 · Credit card charges	432.00	420.00	12.00	
8540 · Contestant mailing expense	1,400.55	1,500.00	(99.45)	
8545 · Sponsorship development	-	500.00	(500.00)	Nothing to date
8550 · Association/rodeo insurance	11,909.98	10,000.00	1,909.98	BOD approved more than budgeted
8900 · Convention registration fees	-	-	-	
8950 · Convention int'l awards	-	-	-	
8955 · Convention expense	1,000.00	2,500.00	(1,500.00)	SMRA \$1,000
9500 · Interest expense	3.24	-	3.24	
9510 · Miscellaneous expense	68.13	-	68.13	Plant for Wayne Jakino
Total Expense	40,474.73	47,545.00	(7,070.27)	
Net Income	6,824.42	(1,845.00)	8,669.42	

Report of the Bylaws Committee to the IGRA Board of Directors
Friday, July 7, 2006

Since the last meeting of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee has received correspondence from individuals requesting review and interpretation of Association and IGRA bylaws. Parliamentary opinions were given in response to each request.

Per the IGRA bylaws, proposals to amend the bylaws and standing rules must be submitted to the Bylaws Committee at least 60 days prior to the Annual Convention. **The deadline this year is Tuesday, August 22. Please publicize this deadline to your membership.** E-mail submissions with attachments in Microsoft Word are preferred. If there are any questions about proposals or the procedure for submission, members are urged to contact the Chairman.

The Chairman has been in contact with the Convention Committee with meeting room requirements and appreciates the proactive efforts of the Committee.

Finally, the Chairman intends to offer a seminar on Thursday, October 19, 2006 for all committee chairmen. (Other interested parties are welcome to attend.) This seminar will cover all aspects of the committee process of the IGRA Convention, including how the various committees interact, characteristics of well-written bylaws, committee reports to the convention floor (with or without bylaws, standing rules, and rodeo rules changes), and tips for conducting an effective meeting. If you are a first-time committee chairman, this seminar will give you the foundation necessary to fill your position. If you are a returning chairman, the seminar will be an excellent refresher course in the IGRA Convention process.

As always, please feel free to contact the Chairman with any questions on which he might be of assistance.

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IGRA Bylaws Committee

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I.G.R.A. Contestant Liaison Committee Report – July 2006

2006 Committee Members

Ty Teigen, Co-Chair
Tam Keltner, Co-Chair
Lonni LaBel
Karl Klingener
Travis Gardner
Larry Travinek

Murmer Tuckness
Bernice Reeve
Wade Earp
Leann Underwood
Teeny Buckingham

Last Committee meeting

October 21, 2005 (Convention)

Last Co-Chair meeting

June 12 & 20, 2006 – via email & phone

Accomplishments

- ?? Tam & Ty attended the 2006 Finals Committee meeting June 13, 2006 and provided input.
- ?? Made recommendation to Rodeo Rules Committee for clarification of Contestant Survey requirements & purpose.
- ?? Committee reviewed draft of Rodeo Events “How To”. A sample will be handed out at the Board Meeting. Committee will complete the educational guide by Convention.
- ?? Had Liaison representation at FLL, STL, Omaha, San Diego, OKC, Little Rock, and Calgary.
- ?? Liaisons scheduled for all remaining rodeos, except San Antonio which is tentative.
- ?? Completed New Contestant Survey. Finalizing distribution and sampling requirements.
 - o **BOARD ACTION ITEM:** Mailing Costs for either 25% sampling (~50) or 100% (~200). Concept is to mail to New Contestants and provide a non-postage paid return envelope. Alternatively, we could look at an online submission, though we are concerned with return rates online.
- ?? Updated 2006 contestant data and survey data to date.
- ?? Distributed New Contestant Welcome Letters and instructions to all Rodeo Directors/Trustees for rodeos YTD+ 1 month. Generally distribute 30 days prior to rodeo.
- ?? Moderated discussion between Health & Safety, Arena Directors and Chute Coordinators committees regarding Safety, Medics and Communication. Specifically, due to a couple of issues in the past few years, reviewing whether our processes, rules and communication are sufficient to ensure Contestant safety. Additionally, we examined how we handle when medics are engaged with a spectator. Health & Safety committee has made a final recommendation. Contestant Liaison Committee will bring discussion thread to closure.

Ongoing Action Items

- ?? Make it easier and more efficient for contestant's to obtain, complete and submit the Contestant survey.
- ?? Complete educational resources for Contestants (“How to” for events is first stage)
- ?? Establish and implement process to distribute and collect new contestant surveys. Subject to Board Action item on mailing costs/distribution process.

New Action Items

- ?? Per request of Brian H., committee will investigate the issue (or perceived issue) of Rough Stock Contestants delaying the rodeo by not being ready when called/animal ready. Will initiate discussion with Arena and Chute Committees.
- ?? Bring closure to “Safety, Medics & Communication” discussion by mid-July.

Cut Action Items

- ?? Define survey metric requirements with input from applicable committees, modify survey for 2006. Create proposed revision for review and approval of Executive Board. (Out of scope for the year, current form is sufficient)
- ?? Review and compile committee survey metric recommendations. (Out of scope for the year, current form is sufficient)



Return to:
 IGRA New Contestant Survey
 PO Box 460504
 Aurora, CO 80046-0504

New Contestant Survey 2006 Rodeo Year

Age: _____ Gender: **M F** Association: _____ Rodeo Name: _____

Events competed in (circle all that apply):

- | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Goat Dressing | Steer Deco | Bull Riding | Steer Riding | Bareback Bronc |
| Calf Roping on Foot | Mounted Breakaway | Team Roping | Steer Deco | |
| Chute Dogging | Barrel Racing | Pole Bending | Flag Race | Wild Drag |

How did you hear about gay rodeo? _____

Do you have any background with rodeo or horses? **Yes No**

If Yes, please describe: _____

Why did you decide to compete? _____

Why did you choose the events you did? _____

Did you feel that you had enough information/resources to compete successfully? **Yes No**

Did you need a partner? **Yes No**

If so, were you able to find one? **Yes No**

Did a Contestant Liaison greet/meet you at any time during the rodeo weekend? **Yes No**

Did you have all of the safety equipment needed to compete? **Yes No**

Were you injured during the rodeo? **Yes No**

Had you ever attended a gay rodeo prior to competing? **Yes No**

Did you feel welcome? **Yes No**

Do you intend to compete again? **Yes No**

If so, will you compete in any additional events? **Yes No**

Are you interested in competing in rough stock events in the future? **Yes No**

Would you suggest competing to others? **Yes No**

What suggestions do you have on what could have been better? _____

Additional Comments: _____

INFORMATION BELOW IS *OPTIONAL*

Name: _____ Alias: _____

City & State: _____ Hometown: _____

Favorite Color: _____ Occupation: _____

I would like to participate in the *New Contestant Profiles* circulated within IGRA and its Member and/or Recognized Associations (web site or newsletter use - **not** for media use) **Yes No**

If yes, please use my: _____ **Alias** _____ **First Name** _____ **First Name & Last Initial**

E-mail a Contestant Liaison may contact me at: _____



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Convention

Committee Chair(s): Bill Tedder

Committee Members: All SMRA members

Date & Time of Last Meeting: 6/12/2006 6pm

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: Advertising opportunities are available for Convetion and newspaper special insert. Numerous sponsorships still exist. We hope everyone will consone. Bud Light distributor working with their Region on sponsorshop ideas. Registration opePlans for evening events/fundraisers are wrapping up. Steff Mahan booked for welcome party

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Bill Tedder

2006 IGRA Convention ~ Nashville, TN ~ Individual / Group Registration Form

Member Association (as applicable):

Name(s): Voting Delegates

Name(s): Alternate (non-voting) Delegates

Contact Information

Name	
Phone	
E-mail	
Mailing Address	
City/State	
Zip/Postal Code	

Other information (please detail)

Accessibility	
Dietary restrictions	

Fees & Payment

Type	# of delegates	Price	Subtotal
Standard Registration (received by 10/5) ¹		\$80 USD / delegate	
Late Registration		\$90 USD / delegate	
Music City Pub Crawl (Friday, 10/20)		\$10 USD / delegate*	
		\$30 USD / non-delegate*	
Dinner / Dance Competition / Show / Dance (Saturday, 10/21)		\$20 USD / attendee* (Includes transportation, no discounts for unwanted transportation)	
Dance Only ² - Non-Delegates (Saturday, 10/21)		\$6 USD / non-delegate (Includes transportation, no discounts for unwanted transportation)	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED (check, money order or bank draft)			

*Pub Crawl Attendees	
Name(s)	
*Dinner / Dance Competition / Show Attendees	
Name(s)	

Mail completed form to:
SMRA – 2006 IGRA Convention
PO Box 40224
Nashville, TN 37204

¹Hotel room block held till Monday, 9/18. Please make reservations early to avoid missing out on the special rate and availability of the hotel. Remember to call the Hotel Preston directly and ask for the IGRA Convention Rate. 877 361-5500

²For those not attending the Dinner/Dance Comp/Show, tickets for the Dance are available free to delegates and \$6.00 for Non-Delegates.

Please send questions or comments to: Treasurer@smra.net

Convention Advertising and Sponsorship opportunities available at www.smra.net

The Stage Is Set.....
Come Play With Us!





2006 IGRA Convention Sponsorship Opportunities



Gold Package \$750

- Full page ad in program
- Sign at event sponsored
- Free Pub Crawl tickets for delegates (max. 6)
- Preferred seating at Saturday dinner/dance comp/show
- Gold Package Sponsorship Opportunities:
 - ___ Welcome Party
 - ___ Saturday or Sunday Lunches
 - ___ Dinner/Dance Competition
 - ___ Convention Wrap Party

Silver Package \$500

- 1/2 page ad in program
- Sign at event sponsored
- 2 Pub Crawl tickets
- Silver Package Partial Sponsorship Opportunities:
 - ___ Welcome Party
 - ___ Saturday or Sunday Lunches
 - ___ Dinner/Dance Competition
 - ___ Convention Wrap Party

Bronze Package \$300

- 1/4 page ad in program
- Sign at event sponsored
- Bronze Package Sponsorship Opportunities:
 - ___ Morning and Afternoon Breaks
 - ___ Dance Competition Buckles and Awards

**Check appropriate box. Mail form and check to:
SMRA PO Box 40224 Nashville, TN 37204**

Co-Sponsorships may occur due to limited availability. For additional information, please contact Bill Tedder at Treasurer@smra.net.



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Dance

Committee Chair(s): Lorry King and Keith Robinson

Committee Members: We have seven members besides the Chairs, representing six Associations.

Date & Time of Last Meeting: Ongoing, via email

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: The Division I music and the Line Dances for this year's competition have been posted on the website. We received a check for \$247.50 from ARGRA. That represents the money raised at 2005 Convention for the Dance Committee. This money will be used for this year's competition.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

None

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

None

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Lorry King and Keith Robinson



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Hall of Fame

Committee Chair(s): Charlotte Werth

Committee Members: Thom Brennan, Lorry King, Lonni LaBel, Mark Larson, Bob

Pimentel.

Date & Time of Last Meeting: April 7, 2006 in Fort Lauderdale.

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: The governing rules for this committee were reviewed and the selection of inductees for the 30th anniversary of IGRA were made. The Hall of Fame honorees for 2006 are Al Bell, Phil Ragsdale, and Candy Bell. Induction will be held at convention.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Charlotte Werth



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Internet Technology

Committee Chair(s): Frank Harrell

Committee Members: _____

Date & Time of Last Meeting: _____

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: _____

Online committee reporting form activated. New format for Rodeo Resources Guidebook installed using more HTML documents. Rodeo Rules posted in HTML format. Animal issue page of Rodeo Resources updated and revised.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Frank Harrell



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Judges

Committee Chair(s): Amy Griffin & Rick Jones

Committee Members: above, and Thom Sloan, Brian Helander

Date & Time of Last Meeting: continually via phone and email

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: Review progress of rookie, students, discuss recerts.

Seminars in OKC facillitated by Rick & Amy, attended by Frank Elam and Jack Morgan.

Remaining seminars for 2006 are scheduled for Burbank, Chicago and Nashville.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

n/a

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

n/a

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Amy Griffin & Rick Jones



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Nominations

Committee Chair(s): Dot Trevis

Committee Members: _____

Date & Time of Last Meeting: _____

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: _____

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Dot Trevis



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: RODEO RESOURCES / IGRA UNIVERSITY

Committee Chair(s): BRIAN ROGERS / RIK KELLY

Committee Members: LORRY KING, PATRICK TERRY

FRANK HARRELL

Date & Time of Last Meeting: FEBRUARY 2006 Telephone meetings since then

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: 2007 IGRA UNIVERSITY

The IGRA BOD approved of our proposal to hold IGRA-U in Las Vegas at the Plaza Hotel on February 23-25, 2007. Upon going to contract we discovered the hotel had been sold and the new owners are demanding \$3000 for meeting space fees. We rejected the fees and solicited new bids. Attached to this report is the best of the 8 proposals we received.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

The committee recommends changing the host hotel of IGRA-U to the Tuscany Suites and Casino. This 3-year old hotel is centrally located on Flamingo near Paradise, 2 blocks from the strip. Rooms are \$89 (SU-TH) and \$109 (SA & SU). Meeting space fees are waived in exchange for the catered luncheon on Sunday. Note: Frank Harrell has agreed to coordinate Guidebook Updates for 2007

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

Approval of new host hotel for IGRA University 2007

If approval is denied: The BOD should determine a process for soliciting proposals from other Associations to host the event as the dynamic hotel situation in Las Vegas makes it unlikely we will find a hotel at a better rate considering the large amount of meeting space we require.

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, BRIAN ROGERS

TUSCANY

Suites & Casino, Las Vegas

255 East Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89109

June 1, 2006

Brian Rogers
Meeting Planner
International Gay Rodeo Association
2446 San Lucas Circle
Las Vegas, NV 89121



RE: IGRA UNIVERSITY

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I received your request for group space through the Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Bureau. Currently, we have your preferred dates available and would like to submit the following proposal for the above referenced meeting.



ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS:

Number of Rooms: 75 (peak)

Dates:

February 22 – 26, 2007

Rates:

\$89.00 Sunday through Thursday

\$109.00 Friday & Saturday

THE ABOVE RATES ARE NET BASED ON SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY PER ROOM, PER NIGHT PLUS 9% ROOM TAX.

RATES ARE BASED ON CURRENT AVAILABILITY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Group rates may apply two (2) days before and two (2) days after the contracted dates, except when a **holiday period or weekend (Friday and Saturday)** is involved. These rates will be subject to availability.



MEETING/BANQUET REQUIREMENTS:

Convention space is currently available on the dates you have requested. Final availability of this space will be determined upon contracting and receipt of deposit. Meeting room rental will apply to actual room size usage

Date	Start Time	End Time	Function	Setup	Exp	Room Rental
Fri - Sun	8:00 AM	24-Hour	Office	Existing	Flow	
Fri – Sun	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	(6) B/Outs	Classroom	25 ea	WAIVED
Sunday	Noon	2:00 PM	Meeting	Theater	120	

***Room Rental Rates are negotiable and may be waived or reduced with guaranteed food functions catered by the Hotel.**

HOTEL AMENITIES

- 712 Oversized guestrooms - All Suites, approximately 650 square feet each
- In-room coffee makers with complimentary coffee, refrigerator, microwave oven, hairdryer and electronic in-room safe (laptop size) in each suite
- Television internet access, two-line telephone and computer accessible data ports with writing desks in each suite
- 25-inch remote controlled cable television, pay-per-view movies, music access and Nintendo
- 24-hour complimentary valet parking, concierge service, room service and housekeeping services
- Guest laundry facility as well as same day valet laundry and dry cleaning service
- Fitness Center ~ Complimentary to hotel guests
- Approximately 40,00 square foot of flexible meeting and function space with complete catering and audio-visual services.
- New 36,000 square foot casino with live table games, the latest coin operated machines, a new live poker room and best odds Sports Book
- Five full service restaurants – Marilyn’s Café located in the casino, open 24-hours. The Cantina offers Mexican specialties and is open for lunch and dinner. Beachfront Pizza open for lunch and dinner. The Tailgate Sports Lounge with 23 plasma screens is the perfect place to enjoy your favorite sporting event with a wide variety menu and drink specials and The Tuscany Gardens features authentically prepared Italian cuisine and is open nightly for dinner
- For a more romantic ambiance, the Piazza Lounge is reminiscent of the old European traditional piano bar which overlooks our beautifully landscaped pool
- Perfect location, just 5 minutes to McCarran International Airport, ¼ mile from the famous Las Vegas “Strip”, ½ mile from the Las Vegas Convention Center, ½ mile to the Sands Expo Center as well as walking distance to several nationally known specialty restaurants
- Full service business center

Your interest and consideration in the Tuscany Suites & Casino is truly appreciated. Should you have any questions or if I can provide any additional information such as a sales kit, catering menus or audio-visual pricing to assist you during your decision making process, please feel free to contact me direct at the phone number or email address shown below. Thank you again and I look forward to the opportunity to welcome your group here in the future. Cathy Neff



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Rodeo Rules

Committee Chair(s): Michael Norman & Frank Elam, Jr

Committee Members: _____

Date & Time of Last Meeting: _____

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: _____

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

Members and Associations need to have any proposals to us by Aug 15 so we can get them
out on Aug 18 to all of the associations.

By-law change will be submitted to facilitate proposals for convention being emailed and
or posted on web site. Those with no access could still get the proposals mailed.

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Michael Norman