

IGRA Annual Convention
Hotel Preston – Nashville, Tennessee
Saturday, October 21, 2006

Call to Order. President Brian Helander called the convention to order at 9 am.

Convention Rules. Parliamentarian Benjamin Avant reviewed the convention floor rules.

Seating of new Member Associations. Membership chairman Larry Lindstrom first presented the Liberty Gay Rodeo Association (LGRA). Their territory will be the 12 counties that make up Southeastern Pennsylvania and they will be based in Philadelphia. The second association seated was the Central Canada Gay Rodeo Association (CCGRA). Their territory will be the province of Ontario and they will be based in Toronto.

Roll Call and Seating of Delegates. Secretary Larry Lindstrom performed the roll call.

- 172 total delegates
- 130 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 87
- Majority = 66

Approval of Minutes from Calgary Convention. Secretary Larry Lindstrom reported that the minutes had been uploaded to [IGRA] Yahoo! group as well as the board of director's directory on the IGRA Web site. Bryn moved to approve the minutes and was passed by a voice vote.

President's Report. Brian asked to defer his report.

Vice President's Report. Refer to the written report from Mitch Gill. Some of the highlights:

- Pediatric Aids and Multner Project were selected as IGRA Royalty Team charities.
- Royalty Team raised \$15,130 and \$3,040 to help fund Royalty projects.
- Royalty has raised \$98,000 for community outreach, but not sure over what timeframe.
- 10 contestants for 2007 titles.
- History books have been corrected for timeline for prior royalty winners.

Secretary's Report. Larry Lindstrom gave a PowerPoint® presentation with these highlights:

- Created Yahoo! groups for the board, certified officials, and committee chairs.
- Expanded online access to minutes to certified officials and committee chairs.
- Published the IGRA handbook on compact disc (CD).
- Processed membership renewals.
- Notified associations of convention 60 days prior.

Treasurer. David Hill presented the current financial statement.

Administrative Assistant. Tommy Channel reported on the following:

- Finals Rodeo invitations were mailed out.
- Corrected invitations were mailed out after a compilation error was found.
- Fall contestant mailing will be mailed following Finals Rodeo.

Trustee Chair. Ray Ostmann gave a verbal report highlighting the following:

- Many alternate trustees were at meetings this past year, including 18 rodeos thus far
- Announced the 2007 meetings to be as follows:
 - Phoenix on Monday, January 15th
 - Fort Lauderdale on Friday, April 13th
 - Denver on Friday, July 13th
 - Convention on Thursday, date and location to be announced

Public Relations Spokesman. Refer to the written report with no action items from Tom Sheridan. Some of his highlights included:

- Showed 2005 video from Hero Unit Productions.
- Served as spokesman for the past 5 years.
- Brokeback Mountain – “Crisis or Opportunity?”
- Suggested position to be more of a committee function.
- Introduced Kelly Nielsen (TGRA) as the new committee chair.
- Requested each association to send one person to the committee meeting.

Corporate Auditor. John King was attending his 22nd year at convention and reported that he had completed the audit of IGRA books and that all was in order.

Animal Issues and Concerns. Refer to the written report submitted from Rik Kelly. The committee submitted the following proposal:

Page 14, Rule V, Section 8. E

A minimum of four (4) common goats are to be of healthy stock...

Page 53, D.2

The Goats shall all be the same size, style, and brand. **Goats shall be exchanged after every five (5) heats.**

The first proposal to change the number of goats to a total of 4 and exchanged after every five heats failed. The second proposal was to change five (5) to eight (8). This proposal passed by a voice vote.

Arena Directors. Refer to the written report with no action items from Al Wright.

Auditors, Secretaries, & Scorekeepers. Refer to the written report with no action items from Jeffrey Shaw.

Budget. Refer to the written report from David Hill. Rodeo insurance was discussed.

- Projected to again be \$25,000.
- IGRA will fund the first \$10,000.
- Remainder to be split with a new formula to be presented at the Phoenix board meeting.

Chute Coordinators. Refer to the written report with no action items from David Hallwood.

Community Outreach and Fundraising. Travis Gardener, GSGRA, spoke on gender diversity and the new MsTer title. The committee presented four proposals. Due to their length, refer to the written report for the complete proposals.

- Proposal 1. Removed the \$500 minimum from Section 9 and inserted it into Section 10 passed by a voice vote.
- Proposal 2. Lowered the qualification from 75% to 70% for the runners-up failed.
- Proposal 2 amended. The next available runner-up can only move up if they have 75% passed by a voice vote.
- Proposal 3. Cleanup of ordering sashes passed by a voice vote.
- Proposal 4. Changing and moving duties from the bylaws to the standing rules passed by a voice vote.

Discussion to restrict future changes for 3 years was ruled out of order by the parliamentarian who stated that you cannot tie a future legislative body to rules created today.

Contestant Liaison Report. Co-chairs Tam Keltner and Ty Teigen gave a PowerPoint® presentation. Also refer to their written report that had no action items. Some of the items they are working on include:

- A "How To" training event guide.
- Continue to increase the educational fund.
- Buddy passes have two purposes: assist contestants and grant family/friend access.
- 11% reduction in overall contestant entry.
- 14% new contestants, 201 new contestants.
- 20 protests, up 54%. Steer Deco and Wild Drag were top protests.
- 6 rodeos with no protests.
- 68% contestant survey return rate.

Convention. Refer to the written report from Bill Tedder, who also personally thanked Shane Anderson for the audio-visual work and Matt Komornik for the convention office work.

Bylaws & Standing Rules. Due to their length, refer to the complete proposals in the written report from Benjamin Avant.

- Proposal 7 regarding board participation by electronic means passed by a voice vote.
- Proposal 8 where the Parliamentarian shall not vote at convention passed by a voice vote.
- Proposal 10 inserted a provision that an association must have held an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo before applying for the IGRA Finals Rodeo passed by a voice vote.
- Proposal 12 where the introduction of officials may occur later than Grand Entry passed by a voice vote.
- Proposal 16 removed the reference to "slack" and Grand Entry passed by a voice vote.
- Proposal 9 moved the selection of Finals Rodeo from convention to the Executive Board. This was postponed until after the President's report and then passed by a voice vote. A proposed amendment to add the contestant liaison chair to the selection process failed on a voice vote.

Bylaws & Standing Rules (cont'd).

- Proposal 9 with modifications, following the President's report, passed by a voice vote. This allows the Executive Board to recommend a Finals Rodeo location, approved by the full Board of Directors, after soliciting bids for a minimum of two months.
- Proposal 17 changes the Finals Committee makeup, no longer requiring a maximum of five persons, passed by a voice vote.

2006 Finals Rodeo. Some of the highlights from Clark Monk's verbal report:

- Introduced Rodeo Director Tommy Channel & HSRA President Brian Chew.
- Initial concern about the quality of the award buckles had been resolved.
- The Reno Livestock Event Center is an indoor arena.
- Second half of the arena fund had been requested.
- Contestants would be charged for tack stalls.
- The Hilton became the Grand Sierra. The room block ended Monday at noon. Mitch Gill was recognized for negotiating a great room rate.
- Coggins required in last six months in the State of Nevada.
- Trailer rebate up to \$170 per trailer, or approximately 15 cents per mile.

The following officials were announced:

- Kim Dawson – Arena Director
- Ken Pool – Assistant Arena Director
- Heather Murray – Chute Coordinator
- Scott Stringer – Assistant Chute Coordinator
- Larry Lindstrom – Secretary
- Lorry King – Assistant Secretary
- Tamara Marks – Scorekeeper
- Bruce Roby – Assistant Scorekeeper
- Rick Jones, Amy Griffin, Kyle Putman – Judges
- Wayne Jakino – Announcer

International Corporate Sponsors. This committee is waiting until after Finals Rodeo to review what to do next and what to recommend to the Board of Directors.

President's Report. Brian Helander gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting his second year in office and recommended putting the "G" back in IGRA – Grounding, Growth, Good, Great.

Growth & Planning. Refer to the written report from Mike Lentz who also spoke about the Bylaws change coming up regarding geographical territories.

Hall of Fame. Lonni La Bell presented the report as chair Char Werth could not attend.

- Increase awareness of Hall of Fame to all associations.
- 12 nominations were submitted for consideration.
- Presentation would occur at Sunday's award luncheon.

Health & Safety. Refer to the written report with no action items from Travis Gardner:

- problem receiving injury reports.
- need one committee member from each association.
- talked about varied new contestant meeting presentations.
- health and safety video for new contestants (shrink video down for new release).
- purchase helmets, mouth guards, etc.

The committee also referred the following 2 proposals to the Rodeo Rules committee first. Both proposals passed by a voice vote.

- A proposal to amend Page 2, Rule #11 (little book) to add Arena Director and Chute Coordinator to Rodeo Director and EMS crew meeting.
- A proposal to amend Page 26, Rule #24 (little book) to require that the Checklist Trustee be responsible to report all injuries.

Information Systems. Refer to the written report with no action items from David Hill.

Internet Technology. Refer to the written report from Frank Harrell. Some of his highlights:

- Internet streaming convention using "Net Cast."
- Statistics on the Web site – look at /www.igra.com/bythenumbers.pdf.
- Peak in February 2006 was probably due to Brokeback Mountain.
- 186K unique visitors and 605K separate visits.
- "gay rodeo" was most commonly search words.

Judges. – Amy Griffin and Rick Jones showed a PowerPoint® presentation. They also proposed the following rule change:

Standing Rule VIII – General Rules for Certified Personnel

V. – Seminars

A. Seminars will be offered during each rodeo year with pre-registration required, except at Convention. Seminars will be at:

- a. IGRA University and One (1) rodeo in each Division. (University may be substituted for a Division Rodeo.)
- b. One (1) rodeo in each Division.

Proposal 15 to no longer require a seminar at University passed by a voice vote.

Marketing. No report was presented.

Merchandise. Refer to the written report with no action items from Bill Watkins.

Nominations. Dot Trevis presented the following people for office and indicated that nominations would remain open until Sunday.

- President – Brian Helander
- Secretary – Larry Lindstrom
- Treasurer – David Hill

Rodeo Resources & University. Refer to the written report from Brian Rogers. Highlights include:

- Changes will be flagged on the Web site to show updates.
- University 2006 was very well done.
- 35 classes offered, 67 students, 23 instructors and staff attended.
- 17 associations were present.

University 2007.

- February 22–26 at Tuscany All Suites Hotel and Casino www.TuscanyLasVegas.com.
- \$89 Sunday–Thursday and \$109 for Saturday–Sunday.
- \$75 if postmarked by January 22. \$99 after January 22.
- \$25 arena fee applies to Arena Crew training and Royalty horsemanship.
- New classes will be offered.
- Associations will also co-brand with IGRA University when they offer rodeo schools.

Membership. Refer to the written report with no action items from Larry Lindstrom.

- 28 associations where most associations were flat in membership.
- Discussion on LGRA and PONY.
- Introduced Lance and Patrick from New Orleans.

The committee reviewed the following 3 applications while all applications were approved.

- CCGRA, changing their territory request to include Ontario only.
- PONY, reducing their territory by 12 counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania.
- LGRA, originally recognized as Connecticut but changed it to include SE Pennsylvania.

The committee also submitted 7 proposals; all passed individually by voice votes.

- Proposal 1 changed terminology regarding Recognized Associations.
- Proposal 2 changed terminology regarding mandatory reporting.
- Proposal 3 cleaned up the membership application.
- Proposal 4 required Recognized Associations to also submit convention delegates 60 days prior.
- Proposal 5 required Recognized Associations to immediately pay \$600 at convention.
- Proposal 6 changed that membership renewals will be reviewed and not “rubber stamped.”
- Proposal 13 gave convention the ultimate in dispute resolution.

Rodeo Rules. Refer to the written report from Frank Elam and Michael Norman.

The following proposals were pulled for further discussion.

- **Running Order.** Make the running order required instead of preferred with changes by requested variance, failed.
- **Warm-up Area.** Reverted to the original language, passed.
- **Cows versus Heifers.** Discussion was that baby bulls were a safety issue for the animal and should not be added to the language. Further clarification needed regarding cows, heifers, and which one do you want? This item was referred back to committee.

The remaining proposals passed by a voice vote. In brief, they included:

- clarified secretaries lodging and transportation.
- shirt colors.
- deleted veterinarian information the in contestant bag.
- changed registration for camp events (can add with no penalty).
- changed rodeo numbers from six to four inches.
- required surveys be forwarded to IGRA within 30 days.
- reworked section on Mulie bulls.
- running order should be posted at least 30 minutes prior.
- arena must be cleared before calling in a horse contestant.
- changed to collapsible bell.
- clarified Speed Event timing with timing light and stopwatches.
- get ribbon at beginning of Steer Decorating.

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Web Cast Attendance. Frank Harrell reported 284 visits to the Web cast where 41K files were retrieved and 50% of the usage came from the convention floor.

Roll Call. Secretary Larry Lindstrom performed a roll call for the second day of convention.

- 120 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 80
- Majority = 61

Rodeo Rules. Items that were tabled from the first day were reintroduced.

- Rule #17 to provide access to the full length of the arena, but the Rodeo Director can direct them to stay out of the immediate pattern, passed by a voice vote.
- Rule #9 regarding cow and heifer language; both can be used but not with steers, passed by a voice vote.
- Rule #2 to delete the requirement for information to be mailed to associations but will still be mailed to contestants, passed by a voice vote.

Dance. Lorry King thanked SMRA for a great job last night and that the dance competition was flawless. Refer to the written report for the winners. The Dance Committee presented 2 proposals for approval that passed by a voice vote:

- Exhibit D, section 1, letter C clarifying the Intermediate and Advanced Divisions.
- Exhibit D, section 3, changing the timing of the awards presentation.

New Business. Election of officers produced the following results:

- Brian Helander was voted President by acclamation for a 2–year term
- Larry Lindstrom was voted Secretary by acclamation for a 1–year term
- David Hill was voted Treasurer by acclamation for a 2–year term. It was also noted that David was recently certified as a PRCA Secretary – the first IGRA official to be certified.

Rodeo Requests.

- 2007 rodeos have been approved. Refer to the “official” list kept by Mike Lentz.
- 2008 & 2009 rodeo dates are tentative. Please review for future date conflicts. Heartland and Wichita are in the same division and both requesting the same date.

2008 Annual Convention. Two bids were presented. The first was from GSGRA using San Francisco as their host city.

- November 8–11 or 15–18 (both before Thanksgiving).
- Cathedral Hills Hotel at \$109/night including 3 days prior and 3 days after.
- Access from either San Francisco or Oakland airports (rental car not needed).
- Dance competition would be in the host hotel.
- Registration fees would be decided after the events are planned.

The second bid was from MGRA using Kansas City as their host city.

- November 8–11 (Veterans Day holiday weekend).
- Radisson Hotel, downtown Kansas City at \$89/night, suites \$20 higher, 388 guest rooms.
- Access from KCI airport, shuttle service \$16 from airport.
- 28th floor penthouse ballroom.
- Delegate fee \$75, pub crawl \$10.

MGRA and Kansas City were selected for the 2007 convention on a secret ballot.

2008 Convention. There were no bids presented. Larry Lindstrom reminded everyone that convention can be bid on two years out, so bids can be taken next year for 2008 and 2009.

Special Awards. Amy Griffin presented her annual awards.

Rodeo by the Numbers. Mike Lentz presented his annual statistics on gay rodeo.

New Business.

A recount of delegates was done.

- 113 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 76
- Majority = 57

NSGRA proposed the following resolution that passed by a voice vote.

Resolved, That the IGRA Event Entry Form be amended to include a box for contestant E-mail contact address;

Resolved, That giving the E-mail address be optional for the contestant; and

Resolved, That no Association be allowed to use, distribute, or sell contestant E-mail addresses for any purpose other than relates to its own rodeo and related events.

General Rule for Speed Events.

- Change from 60 seconds to 90 seconds
- Page 24, #13, intentional or unintentional delay of rodeo may cause the contestant to be disqualified. Concern was raised about rushing horse contestants. Mike Lentz indicated that only three contestants were disqualified during the prior year and the average time is 17–24 seconds to enter the arena. Proposal failed.

Proposal 9 Revisited.

Make a change to require cows or heifers, but not mixed. Discussion about the Rodeo Director and Arena Director reviewing all animals and picking out the correct animals for competition.

- Possible amendment to remove cows and only leave heifers.
- Amendment failed to exclude cows.
- Original proposal require cows or heifers, but not both, passed.

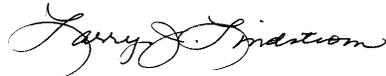
Royalty. Eliminate submission of video tapes for royalty judging and require live judging, failed.

UGRA. Clark Monk made a farewell speech as UGRA had decided not to renew their annual membership.

Announcements.

- AGRA. \$25K to charities this year. There will be another rough stock school in Phoenix in January 2007.
- MGRA. Ms. Mae is the only active member with 20 years of active service to the association.
- ILGRA gave \$16K to charities this year.
- PNWGRA. Two rodeo play days, one in the spring and one in the fall.
- PONY. Will see more of them next year.
- SMRA. Announced first ever gay convention in Nashville.
- LGRA. May 9–11 for the 2008 Liberty Stampede.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Lindstrom
IGRA Secretary

IGRA President's Report

- 1) Clarified our Mission and Goals
- 2) Survived the year of Brokeback
- 3) Lot's of Great Rodeo Action
- 4) Tried some New Things
- 5) Successes and Failures aka learning opportunities
- 6) Welcomed new Associations and mourned the loss of others

IGRA President's Report

- 7) We became more International, eh?
- 8) We have been on TValot
- 9) IGRA is looking at a "reality show"
- 10) Not just surviving, thriving

IGRA President's Report

Where do I see IGRA
going now?

A suggested Agenda: focus on the the "G" in
IGRA for the next two years: Ground, Grow and
Go Great



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Supporting Associations that Support Their Communities

To: IGRA Convention
October 20,21,22, 2006
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Executive Board Members, Trustees, Delegates and invited Guest,

Our 2006 Royalty Team made their charity recommendations at the meeting of the IGRA Board of Directors in Ft. Lauderdale. They have chosen two outstanding charities and both of them are 501 c (3). The charities are Pediatrics Aids and the Mautner Project.

The Mautner Project has been in contact with Ms. IGRA 1st runner-up Anne Budd and me. They have designed 5,000 Pink Bandanas with their logo for the team to sell during rodeos at their booths as well as at other events. I met with the head of the Mautner Project and they are excited that we are reaching out to them.

Miss IGRA 2006 Jymmye James also worked the Mautner Project booth at Gay Pride in Washington DC. In addition, Ms. IGRA 1st runner-up and myself have been asked to attend their Gala in Washington DC during the ASGRA Rodeo as there special guest. Anne Budd is being honored at this event; she has been requested to kick off their country and western dance for the evening. I also would like to thank all of the associations that have provided tables at their rodeo for the team to raise money for their charities.

I attended an event in Washington DC to represent IGRA and to gather information on the MsTer part of our competition. I had the opportunity to not only meet and gather facts, but I also attended their main fundraising event on Saturday night. Over 2000 individuals attended it. This week event covered issues for Transgender, MsTer's, and included members from all over the world. This event was named The Big. What a great event!

The 2006 IGRA Royalty Team has raised \$ **15,130.70**

All of the members of the team have made their financial requirements to IGRA, their rodeo obligations and they are still working to raise more money for their charities. Please help me applaud these individuals:

Steve Wollert Mr. IGRA 2006 (GSGRA)
Jymmye James Miss. IGRA 2006 (ASGRA)
Rebecca Tucker Miss. IGRA 2006 1st Runner-up (CGRA)
Kimberly Kay MS. IGRA 2006 (CGRA)
Anne Budd Ms. IGRA 2006 1st Runner-up (TGRA)
Rich Valdez Mr. IGRA 2006 1st Runner-up (CGRA)

This year's IGRA Royalty Contestants have raised for the support of IGRA and its charities **\$3,040.30**

I had several conversations and e-mails with the IGRA Royalty Team, on their responsibilities not only to IGRA but also to their communities, association royalty and community outreach... These were just some of the topics that were decided to be covered at this time:

- All rodeos covered by IGRA Royalty
- Keeping a positive attitude
- Increase visibility
- Increased participation
- Assist Association Royalty
- Paperwork
- Funds to the vice-president in seven (7) days after the event as per the by-laws.

The IGRA Royalty Competition Schedule is set at this time. We have many surprises in store for this year's competition.

I have received all judges' names for this year's competition. A package at this time has been e-mailed to each judge or his or her trustee. I ask that each of you take the time to read this information and follow all of the rules governing the selection of Mr./Ms./MsTer/and Miss. Please remember that you need to be on time as we will wait for five minutes (5) only after that we will go to the alternate judges, trustees or IGRA Executive Board. And at that time I will fine your association \$100.00.

Some of the team members have supplied interview and on stage questions to me at this time. I would like the past IGRA Royalty and this body to submit questions to me that will be considered for this year's competition. I need these questions by the close of this year's convention.

At this year's Finals, we will be honoring Mr. IGRA 1997 Tommy Channel, Miss IGRA 1997 Tori Hart, Ms. IGRA 1997 Sherry Reedy, Mr. IGRA 1997 1st runner-up James Jenkins, and Miss IGRA 1997 1st runner-up Sheba Mc Entire as the Ten Year Anniversary Royalty that is still involved in IGRA as well as their local royalty programs and associations.

If your association would like to sponsor the crown and buckles please advise me ASAP. Your association name will be engraved on the buckles and announced at the IGRA Royalty Competition. We will also include your association in the royalty program. At this time the Miss IGRA Crown and the Mr.& Ms IGRA buckles, and the 1st Runner-up buckles are open for sponsorship.

If you have contact information on any past IGRA Royalty Team member please contact me, so that I may invite them to be a part of Finals Competition in Reno, Nevada as we celebrate 30 years of Gay Rodeo and 20 years of IGRA Rodeo. I look forward with the help of all the past royalty and friends to produce the best competition ever!

This year Team along with myself, have traveled events other than just rodeos, we have marched, danced, rode, and yes, clean more Gay Pride Parades that we care to mention. Along our travels we have produced, preformed in and poured beer for more benefits than Carter has pills. We have also attended more meeting and have given speeches to all types of groups both in and out of our communities. And if you haven't noticed we have also painted the town pink. At

this time I would like to ask that each of you wear a pink bandanna. To help support the teams efforts this year, to help members of our community. We will have them on sell this weekend. Also help us paint the town pink at this year Finals to be held in Reno, Nevada. I am proud to announce that every rodeo has been covered this year either by Royalty or myself.

The current IGRA Royalty Team along with the Vice President has help raise **\$98,000.00** for community outreach in their respective communities and rodeos.

I have been in close contact with the President of High Sierra Rodeo Association Mr. Brian Chew and Tommy Channel regarding the royalty competition and our needs. I flew to Reno in June from the 6-13 for a fundraiser, and while I was there I had a conversation with Brian and meet with the hotel. The Hotel is excited to be the Host for this year IGRA Finals and Royalty Competition. I will arrive on Monday of this year Finals to meet again with the Hotel, Tommy Channel and Mr. Brian Chew, to review the royalty needs. This promises to be a great event, as we will have a lot of our past IGRA Royalty Team in attendance as well as some of the very first Gay Rodeo Royalty. Watch out Reno, Royalty is coming to town.

We also would like to have each of the association's royalty to either send or bring with them an arrangement in a cowboy boot for the tables during the competition and that they will be auctioned off at the end of the rodeo for the IGRA Charities and operating account. Or if you would like, I do believe that it would be great to have each association decorate a table that best represents there association, and have it judged by how much money each table/association could collect over the weekend for charity.

At this time, the cut off date for the royalty competition has come and gone. I am very proud to announce that we have Ten (10) Contestants for the title of MR./Ms/MsTer and Miss IGRA 2007.

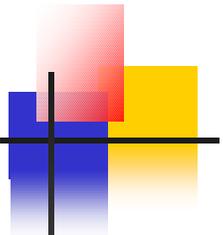
We have corrected our history books at this time. As it stands now the rightful winners are listed. The team along with past IGRA royalty had the pleasure to sash Mr. IGRA 1991 Mr. Scott Burleson at the Missouri Gay Rodeo, this year.

It saddened me to have a member of this year team removed. I can only hope that this will make the teams in the future, remember that not only do you represent your association, but also IGRA and the rodeo community.

I thank you for your time. I look forward to working with each of you the rest of my term. Remember my door and mind is always open.

Let's Rodeo,
Mitch Gill

IGRA Vice President
IGRA Royalty Liaison



IGRA Secretary's Report

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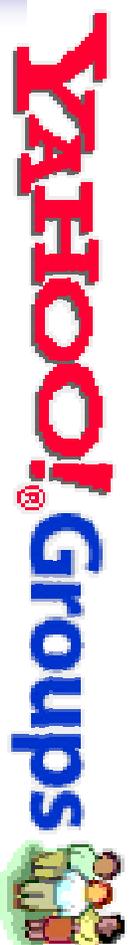
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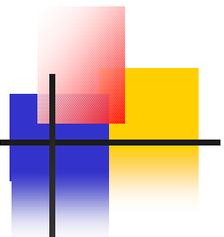
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by

Larry Lindstrom

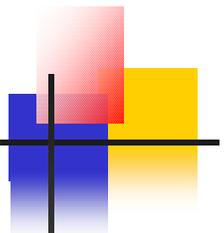


- IGRABOD – for the Board of Directors
- IGRACERTS – for the Certified Personnel
- IGRACHAIRS – for the Committee Chairs
- Online Access
 - Board Minutes
 - Rodeo Minutes
 - Certified Personnel
 - Committee Chairs



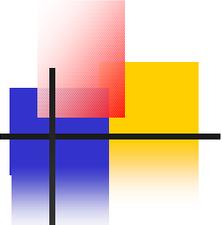
IGRA Handbook

- First Year to work on IGRA Handbook
- First Published on CD
- Benjamin Avant & Frank Elam
- Mid-December 2005
- Tommy Channel
- Rodeo Rulebook



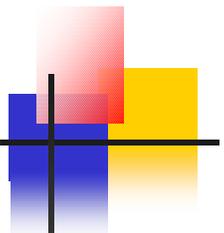
Minutes

- 96 over 2 years
- Pre- & Post-Rodeo Minutes
- Rodeo Checklist
- Stock Contractor Insurance
- Contestant Roll Call
- Protest Forms
- Injury Forms
- Surveys



Membership Renewals

- Completed Application
- Good Standing with State/Province
- Current Bylaws
- Membership List
- Delegate List
- Annual Dues Check
- With recent rule changes...
 - 14 electronic versus 13 paper



Annual Convention

- Official Notice 60 Days Prior
- IGRA Awards Averages 90+
- 2005 – Heather Murray in Calgary
- 2006 – John Stangle in Wichita
- Presented at Sunday's Luncheon

10/15/06

I.G.R.A.
Balance Sheet Comparison
 As of September 30, 2006

	<u>Sep 30, 06</u>	<u>Sep 30, 05</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1100 · Checking	5,903.46	6,166.72	(263.26)
1110 · Savings	158,108.46	165,016.76	(6,908.30)
1120 · Savings-finals arena fund	12,866.42	16,194.97	(3,328.55)
1130 · Savings-finals contestant fund	27,351.29	32,341.28	(4,989.99)
Total Checking/Savings	<u>204,229.63</u>	<u>219,719.73</u>	<u>(15,490.10)</u>
Accounts Receivable			
1200 · Accounts Receivable	1,451.37	550.37	901.00
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>1,451.37</u>	<u>550.37</u>	<u>901.00</u>
Other Current Assets			
1300 · Prepaid budget items	1,342.37	0.00	1,342.37
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,342.37</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,342.37</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>207,023.37</u>	<u>220,270.10</u>	<u>(13,246.73)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>207,023.37</u>	<u>220,270.10</u>	<u>(13,246.73)</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
2100 · Arena fund payable	12,866.42	16,194.97	(3,328.55)
2200 · Contestant fund payable	27,351.29	32,341.28	(4,989.99)
2250 · Accrued budget items	24,857.46	9,204.00	15,653.46
2400 · Bud Light funds payable	63,389.77	49,781.77	13,608.00
2600 · Bacardi Silver payable	0.00	8,650.75	(8,650.75)
2800 · Hero Unit Productions payable	17,999.91	40,000.00	(22,000.09)
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>146,464.85</u>	<u>156,172.77</u>	<u>(9,707.92)</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>146,464.85</u>	<u>156,172.77</u>	<u>(9,707.92)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>146,464.85</u>	<u>156,172.77</u>	<u>(9,707.92)</u>
Equity			
3900 · Retained Earnings	49,188.02	47,815.76	1,372.26
Net Income	11,370.50	16,281.57	(4,911.07)
Total Equity	<u>60,558.52</u>	<u>64,097.33</u>	<u>(3,538.81)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>207,023.37</u>	<u>220,270.10</u>	<u>(13,246.73)</u>

I.G.R.A.
Profit and Loss Comparison
September 2006

	Sep 06	Sep 05	Jan - Sep 06
Income			
4110 · Rodeo sanction fees	0.00	0.00	11,400.00
4120 · Rodeo additional seat tax	996.00	97.50	4,258.00
4130 · Rodeo general operating income	814.00	1,093.00	5,649.50
4140 · Rodeo fines income	100.00	0.00	300.00
4200 · Initiation fees/annual dues	0.00	10,200.00	0.00
4310 · Mr/Ms/Miss fund raisers	681.10	545.00	12,062.70
4320 · Mr/Ms/Miss cont fund raisers	522.75	841.38	1,520.75
4330 · Royalty participation fund	50.00	335.10	2,028.63
4400 · Contributions	6,150.00	0.00	16,375.00
4470 · IGRA University income	0.00	0.00	6,787.66
4500 · Contestant mailing income	0.00	0.00	1,400.52
4600 · Interest income	101.32	104.48	906.21
4700 · Merchandise commission	0.00	0.00	388.00
4750 · Avis commission income	0.00	0.00	56.66
4800 · Miscellaneous income	0.00	100.00	75.00
Total Income	9,415.17	13,316.46	63,208.63
Expense			
6500 · Office supplies	99.44	48.62	851.08
6510 · Telephone expense	141.16	0.00	993.12
6520 · Postage	15.99	65.99	1,119.94
6530 · Printing	0.00	0.00	163.26
6560 · Payroll expenses	718.58	669.72	6,645.18
7530 · Committee meeting expense	0.00	122.08	543.05
7540 · Dance competition	0.00	0.00	(247.50)
7550 · Royalty competition	0.00	0.00	482.06
7560 · M/M/M/M winnings	0.00	0.00	494.98
7600 · Travel	811.87	86.11	5,554.15
7650 · Executive meeting expense	(360.68)	0.00	3,392.76
7760 · Computer-software	64.84	207.66	549.99
7770 · Computer-maintenance	142.50	325.65	142.50
7780 · Computer-on line services	0.00	235.65	577.16
8150 · Rodeo finals contestant payout	0.00	0.00	0.00
8200 · Marketing expense	0.00	0.00	1,387.73
8470 · IGRA University expense			
8471 · Facility costs	0.00	0.00	400.00
8472 · Food service	0.00	0.00	2,684.22
8473 · Instructor honorarium (rooms)	0.00	0.00	944.89
8474 · Supplies/printing	0.00	0.00	2,495.89
Total 8470 · IGRA University expense	0.00	0.00	6,525.00
8500 · Donations and contributions	0.00	0.00	972.00
8510 · Legal and professional services	0.00	0.00	369.32
8520 · Taxes and licenses	0.00	0.00	1,978.00
8530 · Bank charges	2.00	0.00	185.45
8535 · Credit card charges	72.00	72.00	648.00
8540 · Contestant mailing expense	0.00	0.00	1,400.55
8550 · Association/rodeo insurance	0.00	0.00	11,909.98
8900 · Convention registration fees	0.00	720.00	0.00
8950 · Convention int'l awards	0.00	369.00	129.00
8955 · Convention expense	2,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
9500 · Interest expense	0.00	0.00	3.24
9510 · Miscellaneous expense	0.00	0.00	68.13
Total Expense	3,707.70	2,922.48	51,838.13
Net Income	5,707.47	10,393.98	11,370.50

Report of the Animal Issues Committee To the 22nd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, October 21, 2006

The Animal Issues Committee met on Friday, October 20, 2006, from 3:15 until 4:30. A total of 10 people attended, of which all were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. For Animal Issues, there was some very animated and heartfelt discussion, and I would like to thank the committee members for their input and concern.

The committee had three concerns that are not put forth as proposals.

The use of effective and proper motivation when loading animals was discussed at length. The recommendation was to better communicate the IGRA rules between the chute coordinator and the stock contractor. The issue was discussed with the Chute Coordinator Chair and will be a topic at each seminar in 2007.

The use of banners, which are also utilized for animal safety, has been declining. The recommendation is to request additional banners for your rodeo and use them effectively for breaking sight lines. More information can be found in the Rodeo Resources Guide.

There is a concern that rodeos are not being fined for undersized or underweight stock. No action was recommended, as this aspect of the issue was determined not to be in the area of this committee's responsibility.

The committee considered one proposal that was received prior to the meeting, and two proposals that were presented at the meeting. The proposals that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends approval of these proposals.

Rik Kelly
Chair, IGRA Animal Issues Committee

Page 14, Rule V, Section 8.E

A minimum of four (4) common goats are to be of healthy stock...

Page 53, D.2

...The Goats shall all be the same size, style, and brand. **Goats shall be exchanged after every five (5) heats.**

Arena Directors Committee Meeting
Nashville, TN
Oct 21, 2006

Ten (10) Members Attended (list attached) the meeting representing Nine (9) Associations. The meeting was held on Oct. 20th starting at 8:30.

Topics Discussed:

- EMT communications with Arena Directors, also getting information to the Trustees about how EMT and Arena Directors communicate.
- Running order change and how it would work at your rodeo.
- 60 seconds rule to enter the Arena and holding pen for the next 5 horse contestants.

There are on action items.

Adjournment at 9:30

Respectfully Submitted

Al Wright
Arena Director Chair '06

Report of the Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper Committee

Presented to the I.G.R.A. Convention on October 20, 2006

The following individuals were present to represent their Associations:

Ron Trusley, AGRA

Michael Norman, NSGRA

Chris Caufield, GSGRA

Tom Truitt, TGRA

Mike Benner, ASGRA

Jim Mitchell, FGRA

Tamara Marks, HGRA

Most of the meeting was devoted to spirited discussions regarding a number of Rodeo Rule changes regarding such topics as timely posting of the running order, what happens if the electronic timing light fails in speed events, the usual desire to revise late fees, reduction of the minimum size of the contestant rodeo numbers, and changing the minimum number of events which a contestant must enter. Recommendations for or against were sent to Rodeo Rules Committee for final resolution, and those which were passed or altered will be reported by that committee.

It was also announced that recertification requests will be given to the Board of Trustees on Sunday for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Shaw, Chairperson

22nd IGRA Annual Convention
October 21, 2006-Nashville, TN
Auditors-Budget Committee Report

Meeting called meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2006 with the following in attendance.

John King	AGRA
Chris Hochmuth	CGRA
Larry Lindstrom	Guest
Douglas Graff	GSGRA
Jabby Lowe	Guest
Kirk Price	GWGRA
Michael Lentz	Guest
Jorge Ramirez	ILGRA
Keith Holtzclaw	NMGRA
Larry Foley	OGRA
Tom Truitt	TGRA
David Hill	Chairperson

The proposed 2007 budget was presented and discussed, see attached.

The contributions for 2007 are not coming from the current year sponsorships but are reducing the prior year reserves. This allows IGRA to support the associations/rodeos insurance for one more year.

Discussion ensued about the credit card charges for online contestant registration. Determined that during the test period, that this expense should be IGRA expense.

The committee accepted the proposed 2007 budget, as adjusted. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hill
Chairperson

Proposed I.G.R.A. BUDGET 2007

	9/06 Actual	2006 Budget	2007 Budget
Income			
4110 - Rodeo sanction fees	11,400.00	12,000.00	10,800.00
4120 - Rodeo additional seat tax	4,258.00	2,300.00	4,200.00
4130 - Rodeo general operating income	5,649.50	7,000.00	6,200.00
4140 - Rodeo fines income	300.00	800.00	400.00
4150 - Rodeo finals contestant entries	-	50,000.00	50,000.00
4200 - Initiation fees/annual dues	-	15,600.00	16,200.00
4300 - Mr/Ms/Miss entry fees	-	1,500.00	1,000.00
4310 - Mr/Ms/Miss fund raisers	12,062.70	9,000.00	9,000.00
4320 - Mr/Ms/Miss cont fund raisers	1,520.75	6,000.00	4,300.00
4330 - Royalty participation fund	2,028.63	-	-
4400 - Contributions	16,375.00	27,500.00	24,000.00
4470 - IGRA University income	6,787.66	6,000.00	8,000.00
4500 - Contestant mailing income	1,400.52	3,000.00	3,000.00
4600 - Interest income	906.21	300.00	1,100.00
4700 - Merchandise commissions	388.00	400.00	400.00
4750 - Avis commission income	56.66	-	-
4800 - Miscellaneous income	75.00	-	-
Total Income	63,208.63	141,400.00	138,600.00
Expense			
6500 - Office supplies	851.08	1,400.00	1,400.00
6510 - Telephone expense	993.12	1,000.00	1,200.00
6520 - Postage	1,119.94	2,300.00	2,300.00
6530 - Printing	163.26	5,500.00	5,100.00
6560 - Payroll expenses	6,645.18	8,800.00	9,000.00
7500 - Document scanning fee	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
7530 - Committee meeting expense	543.05	1,200.00	1,400.00
7540 - Dance competition	(247.50)	2,000.00	2,000.00
7550 - Royalty competition	482.06	2,000.00	2,000.00
7560 - M/M/M/M winnings	494.98	1,300.00	900.00
7600 - Travel	5,554.15	5,000.00	5,500.00
7650 - Executive meeting expense	3,392.76	7,000.00	7,000.00
7750 - Computer-hardware	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
7760 - Computer-software	549.99	1,000.00	2,500.00
7770 - Computer-maintenance	142.50	500.00	500.00
7780 - Computer-on line services	577.16	2,200.00	1,000.00
8100 - Name badges	-	400.00	-
8150 - Rodeo finals contestant payout	-	50,000.00	50,000.00
8200 - Marketing expense	1,387.73	7,000.00	5,000.00
8471 - University facility costs	400.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
8472 - University food service	2,684.22	2,500.00	2,500.00
8473 - Univ instructor honorarium/rooms	944.89	-	2,000.00
8474 - University supplies/printing	2,495.89	2,500.00	2,500.00
8500 - Donations and contributions	972.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
8510 - Legal and professional services	369.32	1,000.00	500.00
8520 - Taxes and licenses	1,978.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
8530 - Bank charges	185.45	100.00	100.00
8535 - Credit card charges	648.00	800.00	800.00
8540 - Contestant mailing expense	1,400.55	3,000.00	3,000.00
8545 - Sponsorship development	-	1,000.00	500.00
8550 - Assn/rodeo insurance	11,909.98	10,000.00	10,000.00
8900 - Convention registration fees	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
8950 - Convention int'l awards	129.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
8955 - Convention expene	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
9500 - Interest expense	3.24	-	-
9510 - Miscellaneous expense	68.13	-	-
Total Expense	51,838.13	141,400.00	138,600.00
Net Income	11,370.50	-	-

Report of the Bylaws Committee
To the 22nd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, October 21, 2006

The Bylaws Committee met on Friday, October 20, 2005 from 9:00 am until 6:40 pm. A total of 34 persons attended the meeting, 23 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their patience and hard work as we addressed the responsibilities of the committee.

The committee considered all proposals that were received prior to the start of the meeting as well as proposals introduced during the meeting. The proposals that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

Benjamin Avant
Chairman, IGRA Bylaws Committee

Proposal 7

Page 12, Article VIII, Section 5, New Paragraph G

ARTICLE VIII – DIRECTORS

Section 5. Meetings.

Paragraph G. Participation by Electronic Means

Directors may participate in any regular or special meeting of the board through use of electronic means (online via computer) so long as all directors participating in such meeting can respond properly to one another. Participation in a meeting in this manner shall constitute presence in person at such meetings. Meetings of this nature should be limited to issues that are relatively benign or ones that require immediate action due to deadlines.

Page 12, Article VIII, Section 6, New Paragraph D

Section 6. Voting.

Paragraph D. Voting by electronic means (online via computer) is permissible.

Proposal 8

Page 36, Rule IV, Section 1

RULE IV ANNUAL CONVENTION

Section 1. Except as otherwise provided by Law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, or these Rules of Order, those rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the annual convention of this Association in all cases to which they are applicable. The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian to assure compliance with stated rules. **The Parliamentarian shall not have a vote.**

Proposal 9

Page 57, Rule XIV

RULE XIV INTERNATIONAL FINALS RODEO

Section 1. The IGRA Finals Rodeo (Finals Rodeo) may not be scheduled within two (2) weeks of the annual convention.

Section 2. The Finals Rodeo, when and if held, shall be hosted and/or sponsored by a Member Association(s) and only if said Member Association(s) has held a rodeo within their Member Association's area prior to bidding on the Finals Rodeo.

Section 3. Finals Rodeo Arena Fund.

- A. There shall be an escrow fund funded from sanction fee of fifty cents (\$.50) per single rodeo performance ticket sold during the rodeo year (See Standing Rule XIII IGRA Divisions, Rodeos, and Rodeo Approval, Section 3, Paragraph B) and fifty cents (\$.50) per event/per day/per contestant entry fee (see Rodeo Rule II Registration, Number 13).
- B. A Member Association hosting a Finals Rodeo may request up to \$16,000 (based on availability) for the purpose of financing an arena in which to stage the Finals Rodeo and financing the stock contractor. Arena, stock, and related contracts must be submitted to the IGRA Board before dispersal of payment from IGRA.
- C. Excess funds in Finals Rodeo Arena Fund at end of rodeo year will roll over to the next year's finals fund.

Section 4. Selection of the host Member Association(s) shall be made at the annual convention two (2) years prior to the rodeo dates. If a Host Member Association is not selected at the IGRA Annual Convention two (2) years prior, then the selection may be made at the convention one (1) year prior. Proposals should be sent to the Finals Rodeo Committee no later than sixty (60) days prior to convention in order that the committee can make any recommendations for changes in a manner as to allow Hosting Association(s) time to consider and act upon these recommendations. A final report on proposals will be made by the committee to the convention prior to consideration of said proposals at said convention.

Section 5. Selection, if any, shall be by a majority vote of the voting delegates based on the bid(s) submitted.

Section 4. The Executive Committee may at any time solicit proposals from Member Associations to co-host IGRA Finals. Member Associations will have a minimum of two months to submit proposals. The Executive Committee will evaluate the proposals and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Section 5. IGRA shall be responsible for revenue and expenses. Other responsibilities will be agreed upon by the Executive Committee and the co-hosting Member Association.

Section 6. The Host Member Association(s) shall include three (3) representatives from IGRA appointed by the President to serve as rodeo committee advisors.

Section 7. The Finals Rodeo will be conducted in accordance with IGRA-sanctioned rodeo rules in all respects.

Section 8. Establish a Rookie of Year Award for contestants in their first year of IGRA competition. Winners are determined by the male and female contestants earning the most total points in IGRA rodeos for that year. Buckles are to be awarded at Finals Rodeo.

Resolution Relating to Proposal 9

Resolution

Whereas, The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee recommends that the Board of Directors select the co-hosting Association for 2008 IGRA Finals and that IGRA be responsible for its revenue and expenses; and

Whereas, Allowing this change to become effective on January 1, 2007 will delay this responsibility until 2009; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this change take effect immediately.

Proposal 10

Page 57, Rule XIV, Section 2

RULE XIV INTERNATIONAL FINALS RODEO

Section 2. The Finals Rodeo, when and if held, shall be hosted and/or sponsored by a Member Association(s) and only if said Member Association(s) has held a **an IGRA sanctioned** rodeo within their Member Association's area prior to bidding on the Finals Rodeo.

Proposal 12

Page 65, Rule XVIII, Section 3

RULE XVIII PARADE AND GRAND ENTRY

Section 3. Grand Entry. Grand Entry must consist of, in the following order:

- A. Mounted entry of the U.S. and Canadian flags with the host nation's flag entering first.
- B. Mounted entry of the host state/province flags followed by optional flags such as, but not limited to, the flags of other states and provinces, IGRA, and any commercial sponsors in any appropriate order.
- C. Introductions of rodeo officials (including clown and stock contractor), **unless introduced at a later time during the rode performance.**
- D. Host association's national anthem followed by other national anthems as appropriate.
- E. Departure of all flags except that of the host nation and the host state/province, then the posting of colors, with the host nation's flag being the last to leave the arena.

Proposal 16

Page 65, Rule XVIII, Section 1

RULE XVIII PARADE AND GRAND ENTRY

Section 1. Requirements.

- A. Opening ceremonies will take place before the performance (not including slack events) of during each day's rodeo competition.
- B. Opening ceremonies will include, but are not limited to:
 1. First, parade (optional on both days of the rodeo) as defined in Section 2 below.
 2. Second, grand entry (required on each day of a rodeo) as defined in Section 3 below.
- C. Opening Other ceremonies also may include a grand marshal(s), a riderless horse ceremony, an invocation, a moment of silence, or any other appropriate segment, or segments, as determined by the Hosting Association. Such segments may take place at any appropriate time during the opening ceremonies performance.

Proposal 17

Page 31, Article XII, Section 11

ARTICLE XII – COMMITTEES

Section 11. Finals Rodeo Committee.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

A committee of at least five (5) persons that includes the current IGRA Vice President and IGRA Contestant Liaison shall be appointed annually.

The Executive Committee shall appoint a committee to administer IGRA Finals. The committee shall include the IGRA Vice President and Contestant Liaison.

Paragraph B. Duties.

1. Shall review Member Associations proposals for Finals Rodeo prior to presentation at convention in order to ensure that the basic requirements for a successful Finals Rodeo are in place. The Host Association(s) should seriously consider recommendations from this committee, as this committee will make a report to convention regarding any proposals on the floor.
2. Once a proposal has been accepted by convention, this committee will continue in many ways to act as an advisory committee (see Standing Rule XIV IGRA Finals Rodeo, Section 4). It will also ensure that the local Host Association continues to abide by the provisions of the rodeo bid as made to and approved by the respective annual convention. This committee, along with the Host Association's Finals Rodeo committee, must submit for approval by the IGRA Executive Board any deviations from the bid or by the IGRA Trustees any variances, which might be required. The committee will also submit a summary report at each regularly scheduled meeting of the IGRA Board of Directors.

The Finals Rodeo Committee shall be responsible for working with the co-hosting association to produce IGRA Finals. Duties of IGRA, Finals Rodeo Committee, and co-hosting association shall be determined by mutual agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORT FOR CHUTE COORDINATORS

The chute coordinator committee met on Friday October 20, 2006 at 9:30 am. A total of 11 persons were in attendance all were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I would like to thank all of the members of the committee for there input and lively discussion on concerns raised.

Concerns raised this year are as follows.

1. To suggest to have added to the rodeo resource guide a list of suppliers for equipment to purchase or replacement that is used behind the chutes, such as harness, ropes, bull rings, and clips.
2. A link on the IGRA web page to the chute volunteers web group.
3. Suggesting to association volunteer coordinators not to turn away volunteers for chute and arena crews.
4. Informing volunteers of the proper attire for working in the chute area for safety concerns.
5. Safety concerns of wearing short sleeve shirts in the chute area, verses long sleeve shirts
6. Uniform chute crew shirts and finding corporate sponsors for said shirts.
7. The merits and disadvantages of a rodeo standard running order.

There was no action items brought up at this time.

David Hallwood
Chute Coordinator Chairman

Report of the
Community Outreach / Fundraising / Gender Diversity Committee
To the 22nd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, October 21, 2006

The Community Outreach / Fundraising / Gender Diversity Committee met on Friday, October 20, 2006 at 8:30 am. A total of 32 persons attended the meeting, 21 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. We would like to thank the members of the committee and all of the attendees for their participation.

The Committee received no proposals prior to the start of the meeting. There were some minor editorial corrections to the Standing Rules which are included in the attached proposal package.

The Committee welcomed Travis Gardner (GSGRA) who presented an educational and informative discussion about Gender Diversity. Additionally, Travis led a discussion about developing the MsTer title. Travis completed his presentation with a valuable discussion about responsible drinking, specifically as it relates to the responsibilities of Royalty Title Holders.

The Committee considered proposals from the floor. The proposals which were passed by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals as presented.

Respectfully submitted by:

Steve Wollert, MR IGRA 2006, Kimberley Kay, MS IGRA 2006, Jymmye Jaymes,
MISS IGRA 2006 – Co-Chairs, Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity
Committee

Rich Valdez, MR IGRA 2006, 1RU

Mitch Gill, IGRA Vice President

Community Outreach / Fundraising / Gender Diversity Committee

PROPOSAL 1

Page 41, Rule VI

RULE VI RULES GOVERNING SELECTION OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

Section 9. Contestants must raise a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a 501(c) non-profit organization.

Section 10. Each contestant competing for the title of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer will be required to compete in a minimum of one (1) sanctioned rodeo event or volunteer for a minimum of four (4) hours (in any capacity) at any IGRA sanctioned rodeo event and **raise a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a non-profit entity under the laws of and in good standing in the state, territory, or province (U.S. and Canada), or other comparable territorial units of other nations** during their regional reign. This requirement must be met no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Finals Rodeo and Royalty Competition.

PROPOSAL 2

Page 43, Rule VI

RULE VI RULES GOVERNING SELECTION OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

Section 13. Each category (Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer) will have a second runner-up, first runner-up, and a winner, **provided contestant receives seventy percent (70%) of the overall score.**

Resolution

Be it resolved that this change take effect immediately.

For Study Purposes: Allow no proposals to change the minimum scoring requirement prior to the 2009 Convention.

PROPOSAL 3

Page 43, Rule VI

RULE VI RULES GOVERNING SELECTION OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

Section 17. Finals Royalty Competition and Announcement of Winners

A. The IGRA Vice President, in conjunction with the Finals Rodeo Host Association, will ensure that all awards are consistent in design and provided at the competition. All sashes are to be ordered from the Official **IGRA Vendor**. Sash colors will be as follows:

1. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer - Black
2. First Runners Up - Red
3. Second Runners Up - White

PROPOSAL 4

Page 26, Article XII, Section 6

Section 6. Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee.

Paragraph A. Appointment.

The current Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA shall co-chair the committee with the first and second runners-up serving as committee members. The IGRA Vice President shall act as liaison to the Board of Directors. If there is no IGRA Royalty, the IGRA Vice President shall be the Chairperson.

Paragraph B. Duties.

1. The committee shall be responsible for the collection and dissemination of information, whether oral, written, or visual, as directed by the President and/or Board of Directors.
2. Upon selection as the upcoming Royalty, the Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer will meet with the Vice President, who is the board liaison to the IGRA Board of Directors, to form a plan of action for the upcoming rodeo year. A report from the committee will be presented at each Board of Directors meeting.

Paragraph C. Duties of IGRA Royalty and Runners-Up.

1. IGRA Rodeos and Event Attendance.
 - a. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA must attend at least one (1) rodeo in each division, the IGRA Annual Convention, and the IGRA Finals Rodeo. They must also make every effort to attend the IGRA Bard of Directors meetings and if they

- cannot attend, they must notify the Vice President at least 30 days prior to the Board of Directors meetings.
- b. Runners–up must attend at least one (1) rodeo in each division and the Finals Rodeo and make every effort to attend the annual convention.
 - c. If for any reason, a current IGRA title holder or runner–up does not complete the minimum rodeo attendance requirement, the said royalty member will forfeit their step down privileges, except for extenuating circumstances left to the discretion of the IGRA Vice President and the current IGRA Royalty Team.
2. Royalty Team must raise funds for operating costs and support of IGRA funds raised over the minimum will be available for distribution determined by the IGRA Board of Directors upon recommendation from the Royalty Team at the second board meeting of the year.
 - a. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA must raise a minimum of \$1,200 per person. First runners–up must raise a minimum of \$1,000 per person. Second runners–up must raise a minimum of \$800 per person.
 - b. Funds raised must be sent to the IGRA Vice President for requirement accountability. Funds will not be credited to the said royalty member(s) without the IGRA Fundraiser Deposit Form (Exhibit C12). Funds will then be forwarded to the IGRA Treasurer for deposit. Checks from the venue, money orders, or certified checks should be made out to IGRA. No personal checks will be accepted.
 - c. Minimum financial requirements must be completed within the first six (6) months of the rodeo year.
 - d. All monies from IGRA fundraisers must be received by the IGRA Vice President within seven (7) days of the fundraiser. Monies must be in the form of a check from the venue, certified check, or money order.
 - e. Failure to deliver monies within seven (7) days will result in a certified letter from the IGRA Vice President requesting the funds immediately. If the money is not received within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the certified letter, the IGRA Vice President will file an EPRB against the Royalty Team member.
 3. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA must compete in a minimum of two (2) sanctioned rodeo events or volunteer for a minimum of eight (8) hours (in any capacity) at each IGRA–sanctioned rodeo attended for requirement accountability to receive a complementary entrance pass and/or hotel accommodations. Runners–up must compete in a minimum of one (1) sanctioned rodeo event or volunteer for a minimum of four (4) hours (in any capacity) at each IGRA–sanctioned rodeo attended for requirement accountability to receive a complementary entrance pass and/or hotel accommodations.
 4. Work with Member Associations to further the goals of the Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committees. This shall be inclusive of, but not limited to, Member Association royalty competitions, volunteering at rodeos, fundraising events, other community event support, and charity contributions.
 5. Responsible for selection of Member Association and presentation of the traveling IGRA Spirit Stick Award.

6. All IGRA Royalty Team members must supply a list of their proposed fundraisers and rodeos they plan to attend during their reign to the IGRA Vice President within one (1) month of the start of the rodeo year.
7. Responsible for ensuring Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity information is included on the IGRA Web site.
8. Any other duties pursuant to Standing Rule VI Rules Governing Selection of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA.

Paragraph D. Discipline.

1. If, for any reason, a current IGRA title holder or runner-up does not demonstrate a good faith effort within the first three (3) months of the rodeo year toward the accomplishment of their duties according to the Bylaws, the IGRA Vice President shall mail a certified letter of reprimand, postmarked within ten (10) days after the first day of the fourth month of the rodeo year, to said royalty member.
2. The royalty member will have thirty (30) days to appeal the charges before the IGRA Board of Directors. The IGRA Board of Directors will make the final decision of removal from the Royalty Team.
3. In the event of a royalty removal, the next highest scored qualified contestant will be contacted and offered the vacant position and will be recognized at the next IGRA function. This process will continue until the position is filled or no eligible contestant remains. If removed from the Royalty Team, individual will be stricken from the records and the member that replaces individual will be named in that position and have their name added to all official records.

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RULE VII DUTIES OF MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA

Section 1. IGRA Rodeos and Event Attendance.

- A. **Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA must attend at least one (1) rodeo in each division, the IGRA Annual Convention, and the IGRA Finals Rodeo. They must also make every effort to attend the IGRA Board of Directors meetings and if they cannot attend, they must notify the Vice President at least 30 days prior to the Board of Directors meetings.**
- B. **Runners-up must attend at least one (1) rodeo in each division and the Finals Rodeo and make every effort to attend the annual convention.**
- C. **If for any reason, a current IGRA title holder or runner-up does not complete the minimum rodeo attendance requirement, the said royalty member will forfeit their step down privileges, except for extenuating circumstances left to the discretion of the IGRA Vice President and the current IGRA Royalty Team.**

Section 2. Fundraising.

- A. Royalty Team must raise funds for operating costs and support of IGRA. Funds raised over the minimum will be available for distribution determined by the IGRA Board of Directors upon recommendation from the Royalty Team at the second board meeting of the year.**
- B. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA must raise a minimum of \$1,200 per person. First runners-up must raise a minimum of \$1,000 per person. Second runners-up must raise a minimum of \$800 per person.**
- C. Funds raised must be sent to the IGRA Vice President for requirement accountability. Funds will not be credited to the said royalty member(s) without the IGRA Fundraiser Deposit Form (Exhibit C12). Funds will then be forwarded to the IGRA Treasurer for deposit. Checks from the venue, money orders, or certified checks should be made out to IGRA. No personal checks will be accepted.**
- D. All monies from IGRA fundraisers must be received by the IGRA Vice President within seven (7) days of the fundraiser. Monies must be in the form of a check from the venue, certified check, or money order.**

Section 3. Additional Responsibilities.

- A. Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA must compete in a minimum of two (2) sanctioned rodeo events or volunteer for a minimum of eight (8) hours (in any capacity) at each IGRA-sanctioned rodeo attended for requirement accountability to receive a complimentary entrance pass and/or hotel accommodations. Runners-up must compete in a minimum of one (1) sanctioned rodeo event or volunteer for a minimum of four (4) hours (in any capacity) at each IGRA-sanctioned rodeo attended for requirement accountability to receive a complimentary entrance pass and/or hotel accommodations.**
- B. Work with Member Associations to further the goals of the Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committees. This shall be inclusive of, but not limited to, Member Association royalty competitions, volunteering at rodeos, fundraising events, other community event support, and charity contributions.**
- C. Responsible for selection of Member Association and presentation of the traveling IGRA Spirit Stick Award.**
- D. All IGRA Royalty Team members must supply a list of their proposed fundraisers and rodeos they plan to attend during their reign to the IGRA Vice President within one (1) month of the start of the rodeo year.**
- E. Responsible for ensuring Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity information is included on the IGRA Web site.**

F. Any other duties pursuant to Standing Rule VI Rules Governing Selection of Mr/Ms/Miss/MsTer IGRA.

Section 4. Discipline.

A. If, for any reason, a current IGRA title holder or runner-up does not demonstrate a good faith effort within the first three (3) months of the rodeo year toward the accom Minimum financial requirements must be completed within the first six (6) months of the rodeo year. plishment of their duties according to the Bylaws, the IGRA Vice President shall mail a certified letter of reprimand, postmarked within ten (10) days after the first day of the fourth month of the rodeo year, to said royalty member.

B. The royalty member will have thirty (30) days to appeal the charges before the IGRA Board of Directors. The IGRA Board of Directors will make the final decision of removal from the Royalty Team.

C. In the event of a royalty removal, the next highest scored qualified contestant will be contacted and offered the vacant position and will be recognized at the next IGRA function. This process will continue until the position is filled or no eligible contestant remains. If removed from the Royalty Team, individual will be stricken from the records and the member that replaces individual will be named in that position and have their name added to all official records.

D. Minimum financial requirements must be completed within the first six (6) months of the rodeo year. If the minimum financial requirements are not met within the first six (6) months of the year, then the Vice-president will recommend to the Board of Directors that said Royalty Member or Members be removed from the Team.

E. Failure to deliver monies within seven (7) days will result in a certified letter from the IGRA Vice President requesting the funds immediately. If the money is not received within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the certified letter, the IGRA Vice President will file an EPRB against the Royalty Team member.

Contestant Liaison Committee Report

Saturday October 21, 2006

Current acting committee members:

- Lonni LaBel
- Karl Klingener
- Travis Gardner
- Larry Travinek
- Bernice Reeve
- Wade Earp
- Leann Underwood
- Teeny Buckingham

The committee chairs discussed 2006 goals and activities.

New Contestant Outreach

Created and distributed new contestant letter and ongoing process for distribution
Had committee representation at all rodeos this year, making a point to meet as many new contestants as possible.

Created and distributed New Contestant survey.

Reviewed and analyzed New Contestant Survey Feedback

Work with current contestant base to address needs and concerns

Mediated a health and safety discussion with arena directors, health and safety committee.

Informal discussions throughout the rodeo season with contestants regarding various aspects and concerns.

Analysis of Protests

Members of IGRA Finals committee

Bring contestant concerns and needs to finals planning committee.

Create “How To” guide for rodeo events

“How To” for Calf Roping on Foot completed and ready to be published to the IGRA website

General Introduction, Chute Dogging, Steer Deco and Wild Drag documents are in progress

Educational Fund

Continuing to look for opportunities to secure monies for fund. Discussions with Brian Helander have led to possibility of funding from marketing surplus.

Create Work Instruction Document for Rodeo Entry Form

In process of creating an instruction document for how to correctly fill out the rodeo entry form (based on feedback from rodeo directors that forms are frequently filled out incorrectly and incorrect amounts of money are included)

The committee then discussed the following topics.

How to improve the committee going forward

Committee Chairs will implement quarterly conference calls with committee members to get feedback on contestant concerns and issues.

Committee Chairs will contact member associations to find out if they have Contestant Liaisons in their organizations and include them in the appointed committee.

New Contestants being DQ'd

There have been a few cases of new contestants being DQ'd for infractions that could have been easily corrected. These were generally situations where they did not know our specific rules. Committee discussed that the intent of having committee members meet new contestants at rodeos is to prevent these types of situations. The committee chairs will work to have more consistent and visible presence at rodeos.

Buddy passes/family access

Discussed that currently Buddy Passes are being used for two purposes

- 1 .Contestant Assistance – i.e. helpers for rough stock and horse contestants
2. Family, Partner, Friend, etc access to the rodeo and camping area.

The committee suggests that these concepts be separated and that rodeos consider offering two types of access badges in different colors. One for the contestant assistants that allows full access and a second for family access that offers limited access to rodeo and camping area. The committee would like to have this included in the Rodeo Resources Guide as a planning point for rodeos. The specific implementation of this would be up to each association as appropriate.

Met with Brian Rogers and presented this suggestion as an addition to the Rodeo Resources Manual.

Committee Action Items :

Contact associations to include existing association contestant liaisons as committee members

Continue to improve contestant outreach activities

Complete "How To" event guide

Work with IGRA Webmaster to publish "How To" event guide



Convention Report

On behalf of SMRA, I would like to welcome each of you to Nashville. We hope your stay is productive and enjoyable.

I personally would like to thank our President Justin Waldner, the Convention Committee, SMRA members and volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication. Everyone has put in a considerable amount of time and effort to make this a successful event.

Bill Tedder
2006 IGRA Convention Chair

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Corporate Auditor Report

October 20, 2006

Nashville, TN

I have worked with the IGRA Treasurer to set up procedures to verify IGRA income due and expenses that fit within the budget or subsequent board actions.

Again, this year, I must report that we are lucky to have David Hill as our Treasurer.

The IGRA financial records have been audited through August 31, 2006 and they are in order without exceptions.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. King
Corporate Financial Auditor

REPORT OF THE DANCE COMMITTEE
TO THE 22ND ANNUAL IGRA CONVENTION

The Dance Committee met on Friday, October 20, 2006 from 1:15 to 2:45 pm. A total of 11 persons, representing 9 Associations, attended. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

We'd like to thank SMRA for the wonderful job they did hosting the Dance Competition last night. We'd like to congratulate the following winners:

Division III – James Coats and Donna Whiteley, TGRA
Division I – Todd Casler and Tyler Goolsby, TGRA
Beginning Line Dance – James Coats, TGRA
Intermediate Line Dance – Hagan Ko, GSGRA
Dance Team – Free Spin, TGRA

The Committee considered the proposal that was received prior to the Convention as well as one that was proposed from the floor. The Committee recommends adoption of both proposals.

Lorry King
Keith Robinson
Co-Chairs, IGRA Dance Committee

PROPOSAL 1

Exhibit D1, Section 1, C

2. INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

- a. May have taught Country/Western line dancing.
- b. May Cannot be or have been a professional dancer. (see section 2)
- c. May have been a judge in an IGRA qualifying line dance competition more than three times.

3. ADVANCED DIVISION

- a. **May have taught Country/Western line dancing.**
- b. **May have been a professional dancer. (see section 2)**
- c. **May have been a judge in an IGRA qualifying line dance competition more than three times.**

PROPOSAL 2

Exhibit D1, Section 3. Awards

- C. The presentation announcement of awards shall be as soon as possible after the last dance of the competition.
- D. Final awards shall be delivered to the winners no later than 60 days after the contest.**



2007 IGRA Finals & Royalty Competition
National Western Event Center
The Warwick Hotel
Denver Colorado
October 11 - 14, 2007

Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, your proud host for 2007 IGRA Finals, is pleased to provide you with an update of activities:

Rodeo Facility: We are thrilled to have placed deposits and signed contracts for one of the premier rodeo venues in the West, The National Western Events Center, 4655 Humboldt Street. The Events Center offers a first class rodeo arena, abundant stalls, warm up arena, concessions, restrooms with showers, and convenient vendor spaces...all in one climate controlled building. Over 50 RV electrical hookups are convenient to the stall area and within the contestant/officials parking area. Marquee signage beside Interstate 70 as well as 9 available flagpoles along the roof of the Event Center will provide both IGRA & our Sponsors major visibility.

Host Hotel: Final contracts have been signed and deposits placed, assuring standard rooms at a \$99.00/night and corner suites for \$170.00/night at the beautiful Warwick Hotel, 1776 Grant Street. This property is convenient to the rodeo grounds as well as dining & nightlife. The second floor of the Warwick will be the location for all segments of the 2008 IGRA Royalty Competition, Contestant Registration as well as the Awards Ceremony for IGRA Finals Rodeo.

Rodeo Poster: CGRA received 11 diverse entries from across the IGRA circuit. The winner was unveiled during the IGRA Board Meeting in Denver; we look forward to beginning our advertising campaign and bringing spectators from around the globe to enjoy our exciting rodeo family.

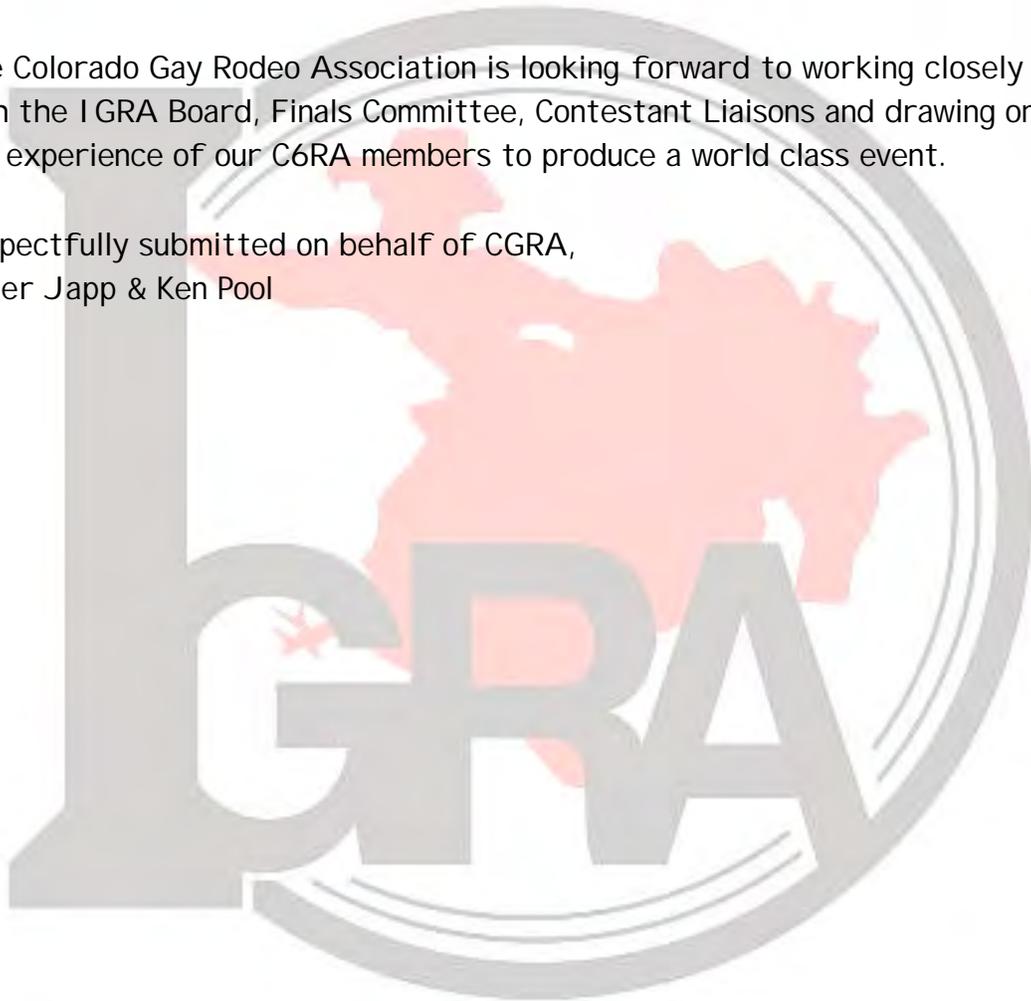
Officials: A ballot mailing will be sent by CGRA during spring 2007 to collect contestant's input for '07 Finals Officials.

Many members of CGRA recently participated in a Benefit Barrel Race for Breast Cancer in the National Western Events Center Arena. During this event, we were able to experience how easy it is to run a large event

smoothly in this facility. Discussions for security, ease of contestant & livestock movement, vendor placement and a wide range of other issues allow for careful and detailed planning. We also took the opportunity to make contacts with potential vendors & sponsors. CGRA members will also be making our annual group visit during the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo in January. By visiting the venue during other producers' rodeo events, we will continue to gain information to ensure an exciting, well-run IGRA Finals.

The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association is looking forward to working closely with the IGRA Board, Finals Committee, Contestant Liaisons and drawing on the experience of our CGRA members to produce a world class event.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of CGRA,
Roger Japp & Ken Pool



**2006 IGRA Annual Convention - Hotel Preston, Nashville, Tennessee
Growth & Planning Committee Report
October 20, 2006**

The IGRA Growth & Planning Committee met at 8:30 a.m. in the Hermitage meeting room. Voting members representing 18 associations were present along with the chair and 4 other participants. The meeting began with introductions and short discussion of the request from the Executive Board to help create a uniform planning budget format for future IGRA rodeo applications. A draft listing of the budget lines proposed is attached. It will be updated with input from the Board, reformatted with brief instructions, and submitted as an Attachment to the IGRA Standing Rules.

The Committee was joined at 9:15 a.m. by the full Membership Committee in a joint session to address potential changes to Article IV of the IGRA Bylaws related to association membership, geographical areas, and dispute resolution between (new or existing) associations. Consideration of an advance bylaws proposal and a lively discussion ensued.

The joint committee adjourned at 10:30 a.m. although several members reconvened afterward with the Membership Committee to develop specific language for changes to Article IV of the IGRA Bylaws. Those changes are to be proffered to the convention by the Membership Committee.

I want to thank all members of the committee for their serious and thoughtful contributions to our deliberations. Special thanks go out to Chris Hochmuth (CGRA) and Dot Trevis (NSGRA) for their assistance in recording and editing of the committee proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lentz
Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association
Growth & Planning Committee Chairman
gmlentz@yahoo.com

Meeting Attendees (indicates voting member):

Name	Assn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Assn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Hochmuth	CGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Sarwell	CCGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Stangle	KGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gene Fraikes	TGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carl Davis	FGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kelly Peebles	NMGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rich Fraser	NSGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Faulkner	BSGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brad Bruner	GSGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lance Pippin	BSGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda M Frazier	MGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan Iversen	AGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Darin Steward	SSRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Hunter	ASGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lester Liu	PNWGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Foley	OGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Schultz	ILGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Randy Watson	CGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Marshall	SMRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian Rogers	NGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Randall Davis	MIGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dere Newman	HGRA	<input type="checkbox"/>

Report of the Hall of Fame Committee
To the 22nd Annual IGRA Convention

Friday October 20, 2006

The Hall of Fame (HOF) Committee met on Friday October 20, 2006 from 10:45am to 11:30am. A total of 10 individuals attended the meeting, 3 of whom were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this project. Chairwoman Charlotte Werth was unable to attend Convention, so Lonni La Bel chaired the meeting.

As most of the attendees were not members of the HOF committee and were not familiar with the selection process, Bob Pimentel and Lonni La Bel reviewed how the HOF committee came into being and reviewed the selection process. The attendees were concerned that, especially for newer IGRA members, this information along with the process for submitting HOF candidates is not well known or publicized. It was recommended that the website be updated to make the HOF information and submission form more prominent and to add the submission contact and due date information to the upcoming events web calendar. In addition, it was suggested that a reminder email should be sent out to the IGRA yahoo groups prior to the due date.

There were 12 nominations for the 2006 IGRA HOF; the 3 inductees for this year will be announced at Sunday's luncheon.

Nominations for the HOF candidates are due one month prior to the 2nd quarter IGRA Board meeting and should be submitted directly to the HOF Committee Chair. Nominations for 2007 IGRA HOF are due 1 month prior to the BOD meeting on 4/13/07 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Health and Safety
IGRA Convention 2006
Oct. 20th, 2006
Co- Chair Travis Gardner

Meeting came to order with 7 people in attendance. Members represented NMGRA, LGRA, TGRA, ARGRA, GWGRA and Pony.

Discussion took place regarding lack of Rodeo Injury Reports. Various solutions were discussed. (Attached proposals to follow) The Committee is looking to rebuild it's self which includes recruiting a member from each Association and Chapters, an email will be sent out requesting volunteers soon. We are looking to provide better reporting to all of IGRA.

We discussed the New Contestants Meeting and how each Arena Director does the meeting differently. These discussions lead to the idea of working with Arena Directors Committee to develop a "Standardize Script". This would insure all necessary topics would be covered. Committee expressed the need to update the New Contestants video to make it shorter as well as more direct at prevention of injuries. This idea also brought up suggesting working with our IGRA Webmaster to post short clips of stretching exercises as well as other possible safety clips to the IGRA Website.

This report is respectfully submitted October 21st, 2006
Health and Safety Committee
Co-Chair Travis Gardner

Health and Safety proposed rule changes

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WITH NO EXCEPTION. Professional medical personnel and an ambulance/ emergency transport vehicle must be present and available to respond to any emergency. If for any reason during the running of all events, performance and slack, foot parade, and grand entry, the medical personnel and/ or ambulance/ emergency transport vehicle become busy or unavailable, the Arena Director(s) must stop all events until the medical personnel is available. **Arena Director, Chute Coordinator and Rodeo Director** and or his/her designee must meet with the on-site medical personnel before the running of the first event in order to coordinate a plan of action and response expectations in case of emergencies.

Carol second by Dave. Passed

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Checklist Trustee shall report collect and submit to IGRA all injuries injury reports to of animals to the IGRA Trustee completing the rodeo checklist. “All injuries” included: contestants, volunteers, spectators and animals, using the appropriate form. The Chute Coordinator shall report any and all problems encountered with the stock and/ or stock contractor to the IGRA **Checklist** Trustee completing the rodeo checklist.

Motion by carol second by Dave. Passed.

IGRA Injury List 2006

Location	Association	Injury	Day	Event	Sex	Level
Phoenix	AGRA	Neck Strain	Saturday	Bronc Riding	Male	Novice
Fort Lauderdale	FGRA	Nose & Lip hit	Saturday	Chute Dogging	Male	Seasoned
Little Rock	DSRA	R - Shoulder	Sunday	Chute Dogging	Male	Seasoned
Little Rock	DSRA	Landed on Head	Saturday	Team Roping	Female	Seasoned
Heartland	HGRA	?? Not Reported				
Oklahoma	OGRA	Possible Heartattack	?	Spectator	?	
Calgary	ARGRA	Head, resulted in heartattach	Saturday	Chute Dogging	Male	Seasoned
Denver	CGRA	Shoulder Separated	Saturday	Bull Riding	Male	Seasoned
Denver	CGRA	Broken Back	Saturday	Bronc Riding	Female	Seasoned
Denver	CGRA	Fractured L - Leg	Saturday	Chute Dogging	Male	Seasoned
Denver	CGRA	Eye	Saturday	Wild Drag	Male	Seasoned
Los Angeles	GSGRA-GLAC	Broken Pelvis	Saturday	Steer Riding	Male	Seasoned
La Honda	GSGRA-BAC	Hip, pinched nerve	Saturday	Steer Riding	Female	Novice
LA Honda	GSGRA-BAC	Fractured Rib	Sunday	Wild Drag	Female	Novice
Las Vegas		3 Injuries no reports				

Saturday = 10
 Sunday = 2
 Unknown = 5

Broncs = 2
 Bulls = 1
 Chute Doggin = 4
 Steer Riding = 2
 Wild Drag = 2
 Team Roping = 1
 Not Reported = 4
 Spectator = 1

Female = 4
 Male = 8
 Unknown = 5

Novice = 3
 Seasoned = 9
 Unknown = 4

22nd IGRA Annual Convention
October 21, 2006
Information Systems Report

Meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2006 with the following in attendance.

Dan Iversen	AGRA
Al Wright	GSGRA
Patrick Terry	ILGRA
Frank Colvin	LGRA
Kelly Peebles	NMGRA
Tom Truitt	TGRA
David Hill	Chairperson

The online contestant registration system was discussed again this year. This project has been progressing with a beta test planned for early next year.

The rodeo program is currently in a DOS version of dBase IV. It is the committee's suggestion that the rodeo program be updated to the Windows version. This project will take a number of years to fund and implement.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hill
Chairperson

INTERNET TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

DATE: October 20, 2006

PLACE: Nashville, TN
Preston Hotel

TIME: 3:00 p.m.

Action Items:

- It was recommended that we add a form to allow searching within the IGRA website. Frank will look into adding a Google search engine option.
- It was suggested that we convert more PDF forms into templates with active fields so these forms can be filled out on the computer.
- Discussion was held on the new online Contestant Registration System.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Frank Harrell
Internet Technologies Chairperson
CowboyFrank@CowboyFrank.net

RODEO JUDGES COMMITTEE

October 21, 2006

Nashville

Eight people representing 7 associations attended the committee meeting.

We had one new judge certified for the 2006 rodeo year, one resignation, and one disappearance. We currently have 11 certified judges, plus 2 new certifications approved by the Trustees on Thursday, bringing the total number of active judges to 13, for a net gain of +1 over 2006. We also have a number of students in various stages of training.

Seminars were held in Phoenix, Oklahoma City, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Francisco and Nashville in 2006.

Discussion topics on Friday included the ongoing effort for consistency, the expanded rookie training period, and various other issues. The committee is both satisfied with and proud of the implementation of the expansion of the rookie program. While it creates more work for us, we are confident that the results will demonstrate that our rookie judges are better prepared than they may have been in the past.

We are extremely pleased with how well the new 60 second rule has worked re speed events. We have only had a handful of disqualifications (as a result of this time limit), and the contribution of this rule to the smooth running of speed events has been measurable. We strongly advocate keeping this rule in place going forward.

While we objected to the rule change for calf roping on foot (for 2006) which allows the finish judge to be on foot rather than mounted, we experimented with this option at a couple of rodeos this year and discovered a few things:

1. The timers loved it.
2. The scorekeepers loved it.
3. The finish judge had a smaller field of vision (being closer to the action), hence fewer visual distractions.
4. The finish judge had a broader audio field (being closer to the action), resulting in a greater number of audio distractions.

We still prefer that new judges finish the event on horseback, because they need to gain experience finish flagging while mounted prior to tackling the more complex events of breakaway and team roping.

We discussed protests, and are pleased to note a significant decline in the number of protests involving judges.

We recommend that the current requirement to hold a seminar at university be optional for our committee. We already hold a minimum of 5 seminars per year throughout the country, covering all divisions plus Convention, with each typically lasting 5-6 hours.

The seminars are scheduled to coincide with rodeos because that is where the judges are. It is extremely rare that attendees are not active judges, or active student judges. We feel that expecting some judges to shoulder the additional expense of attending University in order to attend a seminar is impractical, unnecessarily onerous and unrealistic.

The committee felt that reimbursement for officials' expenses often may be insufficient, and are concerned that officials being significantly "out-of-pocket" to attend rodeos may negatively impact host association's ability to attract competent officials for their rodeos.

Throughout the year, we made a number of recommendations to the Rodeo Rules Committee.

The year-round committee has been very busy. The communication between the members has been extremely frequent and productive.

Many thanks to Thom, Brian and, well, us for all the hard work this year, as well as to the convention committee for their valuable suggestions and input.

Finally, we would like to congratulate the 2006 Finals judges: Amy, Rick, Frank and Kyle. This will be Frank and Kyle's first time, so be nice to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Griffin & Rick Jones, Co-Chairs

2006 Judges Committee

Amy Griffin

Rick Jones

Thom Sloan

Brian Helander

Proposal 15

Bylaws

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Rule VIII – General Rules for Certified Personnel

V. – Seminars

A. Seminars will be offered during each rodeo year with pre-registration required, except at Convention. Seminars will be at:

- a. Annual Convention on Thursday
- b. IGRA University, and **One (1) rodeo in each Division. (University may be substituted for a Division Rodeo.)**
- c. One (1) rodeo in each Division.

22nd IGRA Annual Convention
 October 21, 2006
 Membership Committee Report

1. Attendance. **Twenty** people from **15** associations attended the Friday meeting.
2. Member Associations. The following chart shows our total current membership count:

CGRA	191	ILGRA	138
TGRA	124	HGRA	66
GSGRA	300	ARGRA	272
AGRA	127	MIGRA	23
OGRA	69	PONY	46
KGRA	20	PNWGRA	111
MGRA	73	SSRA	47
NMGRA	75	HSRA	237
UGRA	31	RRRA	35
NSGRA	155	SMRA	105
DSRA	63	GWGRA	160
GGRA	90	FGRA	267
ASGRA	154	LGRA	136
NGRA	139	CCGRA	52
			3,306

After comparing last year's total membership to this year's total membership, Mike Lentz and I determined that the majority of the growth during 2006 came from the three newest associations: **FGRA**, **LGRA**, and **CCGRA**.

3. New Member Associations. The **Liberty Gay Rodeo Association** (LGRA) started working on their application in January and submitted the necessary paperwork, as required by the IGRA bylaws, and was voted as a Recognized Association at the Board of Directors meeting in Denver. It is now the committee recommendation they be seated as a Member Association at this convention.

The **Central Canada Gay Rodeo Association** (CCGRA) started with a "Meet & Greet" in Toronto back in January. Over the summer, they worked on their incorporation as well as the necessary paperwork, as required by the IGRA bylaws. It is the committee recommendation they be seated as a Member Association at this convention.

There are two gentlemen here this weekend from New Orleans learning how the IGRA operates. After this convention ends, I will start assisting them with their paperwork in order to be recognized at one of the upcoming Board of Directors meetings.

4. Membership Review. The membership application from CCGRA was reviewed at Friday's committee meeting. John King moved to change their territory request to include Ontario only. Motion passed by a voice vote.

The membership application from PONY was then reviewed. Jabby Lowe moved to change the territory on their application, reducing it by the 12 counties that were relinquished to LGRA. Motion passed by a voice vote.

The membership application from LGRA was reviewed. Jabby Lowe moved to approve their territory as the 12 counties that make up Southeastern Pennsylvania. Motion passed by a voice vote.

The chairman reported that all remaining applications were in order and all debts owed to the IGRA were paid at the Thursday's Board of Directors meeting. Jabby Lowe moved to approve the remaining applications. Motion passed by a voice vote.

5. Bylaw Changes. Attached is a five-page document with proposed changes from the Membership Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Lindstrom
IGRA Membership Chairman

Proposal 1

Page 2, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph C

Paragraph C. Member **and Recognized** Associations must be incorporated as a non-profit not-for-profit entity under the laws of and in good standing in the state, territory, or province (U.S. and Canada), or other comparable territorial units of other nations; provided, however, the board may recognize as Member accept as Recognized Associations other entities incorporated or in the process of incorporating under the laws or jurisdictions other than the United States.

Proposal 2

Page 2, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph D

Paragraph D. Member Associations must have twenty (20) members in good standing and at least of the legal age of majority to sign contracts according to Guidelines of the Nation or the superseding principality where that Member Association is located. Ten (10) of the required members must be legal residents of the Member Association's **geographic** area.

1. Individual members may join as many Member or Recognized Associations as they wish providing they are in compliance with the respective Association's membership policies.
2. Removal of a member from "good standing" status could be for, but is not limited to, the following reasons:
 - a. Passing a bad check to their or any other Member or Recognized Association without having made timely restitution.
 - b. Having an arrest warrant sworn out against them for an offense committed against their or any other Member or Recognized Association.
 - c. Making an "arrangement" with their or any other Member or Recognized Association in order to avoid issuance of an arrest warrant by said association.
3. If a member is removed from "good standing" status for any of the above reasons, the following actions may shall be taken:
 - a. The involved association would will notify the IGRA Secretary within seven (7) days. Such notification will include a copy of the bad check, of the arrest warrant, of the "arrangement", if documentation is available, or a copy of the minutes of their Board of Directors, Executive Board, or other appropriate committee, wherein ratification of the "arrangement has been noted, **or a letter of explanation for the reason for removal.** The minutes **and/or letter** must include at least the following:
 1. Names of persons making arrangements.
 2. Terms and dates of arrangements.
 3. Means by which the individual was officially notified of the arrangement.
 - b. The IGRA Secretary must send a letter to the IGRA Board of Directors and all Member and Recognized Associations within seven (7) days of receipt of said notification advising them of the member's status with the reporting Member or Recognized Association. No reason will be given except to the individual member. **The IGRA Secretary will not disclose the reason for the member's change of status to the Member and Recognized Associations.**

1. As of this point in time, the member will become ineligible to participate in IGRA sponsored/sanctioned events/rodeos.
2. Rodeo Auditor will make proper notations in the computer files.
- c. The involved association must notify the IGRA Secretary within seven (7) days of rectification of the problem, even is said association does not wish the individual member to rejoin their association.
- d. Within seven (7) days, the IGRA Secretary must advise the IGRA Board of Directors and all Member and Recognized Associations of the rescinding of the earlier notice, thus allowing the individual member and all associations to make further membership decisions as they might mutually desire.

Proposal 3

Page 3, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph B

Paragraph B. Application Requirements

1. Completed membership application (Exhibit A1).
2. Signed Terms of Agreement (Exhibit A2)
3. Copy of articles of incorporation.
4. Documentation to prove the association is a non-profit **proving not-for-profit** corporation.
5. Copy of current bylaws.
6. Copy of board resolution **releasing geographic territory** of existing Member or Recognized Association **and corresponding letter**, if applicable.
7. **Proof of active or good standing from the applicable state or province**
8. **Membership list dated within thirty (30) days of the application date.**

Proposal 4

Page 4, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph D

Paragraph D. New Member Associations shall be approved and seated only at the annual convention. **Recognized Associations anticipating approval as a Member Association at the annual convention shall submit a letter to the IGRA Secretary listing the convention delegates and alternate delegates and a list of current officers, no less than sixty (60) days prior to annual convention.**

Proposal 5

Page 4, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph F

Paragraph F. Upon approval as a Member Association at annual convention, the applicant will **immediately** pay dues of six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

Proposal 6

Page 4, Article IV, Section 6, Paragraph A

Paragraph A. A Member Association's **renewal request will be considered by the IGRA Membership Committee** membership will be renewed when the IGRA Secretary has received all of the following:

1. Completed renewal application (Exhibit A1).
2. Signed Terms of Agreement (Exhibit A2).
3. Provide proof of certification of active or good standing from state or province.
4. Documentation proving current status of the association as a non-profit not-for-profit corporation.
5. Copy of current bylaws.
6. List of current officers.
7. Check for six hundred dollars (\$600.00) payable to IGRA.
8. Membership list dated within thirty (30) days prior to the renewal deadline.
9. List of convention delegates and alternate delegates.
10. **Copy of board resolution releasing geographic territory of existing Member or Recognized Association and corresponding letter, if applicable.**

Proposal 13

Pages 2–5, Article IV, Sections 4–6

Section 4. Current Member Associations

Paragraph A. IGRA is an Association of Associations

Paragraph B. IGRA may recognize an Association comprising a community, or any defined geographical area provided the geographical area is not a part of an existing Member or Recognized Association. If a proposed Association overlaps the geographical area of an existing Member or Recognized Association, or if an existing Member Association's proposed expansion of its geographical area overlaps the geographical area of another existing Member or Recognized Association, they must obtain the approval of the affected Member Association by a board resolution of that Member or Recognized Association. The new association must obtain a letter of approval, signed by the Board of Directors of the existing Member or Recognized Association. Letter must accompany Membership Application.

Paragraph B. The annual convention shall have the final authority to approve membership applications or renewals, to determine geographic boundaries and areas of service, and to deliberate and settle any disputes between Member Associations.

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Paragraph E. Member Associations must be in concurrence with the stated goals and purposes of IGRA. **Member Associations can demonstrate this annually by:**

- 1. Actively promoting the County/Western lifestyle through interaction with community organizations, hosting events, and generating publicity in the geographic area;**
- 2. Hosting one or more IGRA-sanctioned events;**
- 3. Donating a significant proportion of organizational funds to, or providing documented volunteer efforts on behalf of, charities in their geographic area; or**
- 4. Documenting member activity participation as volunteers or competitors in IGRA-sanctioned events.**

Paragraph F. When a Member Association's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or Standing Rules are amended, the Association shall send an amended copy to the IGRA Secretary within sixty (60) days after the amendments are approved.

Section 5. New Member Associations

Paragraph A. Any association wishing to apply for membership in IGRA shall:

1. Be in concurrence with the stated goals and purposes of IGRA.
2. Have twenty (20) members in good standing and at least of the legal age of majority to sign contracts according to Guidelines of the Nation or the superseding principality where that Member Association **association** is located. Ten (10) of the required members must be legal residents of the Member Association's **association's geographic** area.
3. Include a copy of their bylaws and articles of incorporation with the membership application.
4. Choose a name and acronym that does not conflict with or duplicate IGRA's name and acronym or the name and acronym of any existing Member or **Recognized** Association.
5. Include a copy of board resolution of existing Member Association if applicable.
6. **Submit all documents required by Paragraph B, Application Requirements, below.**

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Section 7. Resolution of Overlapping Geographic Areas.

Paragraph A. If a proposed association overlaps the geographic area of an existing Member or Recognized Association, or if an existing Member Association's proposed expansion of its geographic area overlaps the geographic area of another existing Member or Recognized Association, they must obtain the approval of the affected Member or Recognized Association by a board resolution of that Member or Recognized Association. The association acquiring the geographic area must also obtain a letter of approval signed by the Board of Directors of the existing Member or Recognized Association.

Paragraph B. In the event that an association meets all the requirements (Article IV, Section 5) and is unable to negotiate a territorial arrangement with an existing Member or Recognized Association, the applicant may make a presentation to the IGRA Membership Committee for resolution.

Paragraph C. If a geographic area dispute cannot be resolved by the process outlined in Paragraphs A and B above, each association affected will be allowed to make a 15-minute presentation regarding territory to the annual convention for resolution.

Paragraph D. Unless there is significant change in the demonstrated support of a geographic area by a Member Association, a non-member association that has been denied territory will only be eligible to resubmit a request for any of the same territory at the third or later subsequent annual convention.

Vendor and Merchandise Committee Report October 20, 2006

13 IGRA associations were present at this meeting. See the attached sheet for those members present.

Brief introductions on the Agenda of this group by the Chairperson, Bill Watkins, lead to a poll of those persons and their interested being an on going part of this committee.

The agenda:

Update on IGRA merchandise sold during this past year.

New merchandise idea for product that display the IGRA logo.

Creating a stronger vendor participation at finals

1. Update on IGRA merchandise sold this past year. At present the total monies turned and recorded by the IGRA Treasurer are 388.00. At the end of convention both Rainbow and Stars and Cut Above Design are to present to the IGRA Treasurer with monies.

On line sale of IGRA merchandise, will hopefully happen when we go on line with contestant registration.

2. New merchandise idea displaying the IGRA logo was suggested. The list of ideas had a lot of possibilities.

- o Condoms with the IGRA logo to be sold or as handout in appropriate venues
- o Dental Dams used in the same manner
- o Candles and Soaps possible with a western scent
- o Leather and metal products
- o Buying in larger volume, such western image beads, and selling at a better price
- o Allowing the royalty teams of each association becoming vendors of IGRA logo merchandise not at present sold by IGRA official vendors.

The topic of allowing merchandise with the combination of holding both the local association and the IGRA was discussed. The agreement with we now have with are official vendors does not allow for this. Many suggestions were offered in helping to solve this situation for association. All seemed to proof too costly.

3. Creating stronger vendor participation at finals. The committee felt that if IGRA finals were to be held in a more permanent location there is a greater possibility, over time, of building a wide assortment of quality vendors. The question of price and cost were brought up on handling this endeavor. Details on the way this would be worked out with the association would have to be thought through by the IGRA Board of Directors or trustees.

A brainstorm session on possible a brand name this Finals Vendor idea was tossed around. Many ideas were voice. The consensus of the committee was "STOCKYARD".

The feeling was that this could even be used as a branding used for all local associations vendors areas.

Bill Watkins took the name of those members who where interested in a more active participation of this committee. Name of possible vendors will be gathered in the next

few months and once we know what direction the IGRA Board is heading with finals we will send out invitations to candidates.

Committee sign in

Keith Moore	NGRA & FGRA
Rich Fraser	NSGRA
Jackie Thompson	ASGRA
Carlos Garcia	AGRA
Peter Dillon	CCGRA
John Sieron	GWGRA
Travis Parker	OGRA
Richard Brown	KGRA
Frank Loy	KGRA
Doug Graff	GSGRA
Mike Sanders	ASGRA
Tamara Marks	HGRA
Jeanne Mcleod	TGRA
Steve Fischbacher	FGRA

Respectfully Submitted
Bill Watkins

COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Nominations

Committee Chair(s): Dot Trevis

Date: October 20, 2006

Nominations committee convened at 8:30 am. Committee Members: Rik Kelly - TGRA, Dan Iversen - AGRA, Roger Courtemanche - CGRA, Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz - HSRA, Frank Loy - KGRA, Keith Holtzelaw - NMGRA, Justin Waldner - SMRA, Jabby Lowe - GSGRA, David Frankel - PONY, Peter Dillon- CCGRA (non-voting)

Nominations were taken for the office of President. Brian Helander was the sole nominee.

Nominations were taken for the office of Secretary. Larry Lindstrom was the sole nominee.

Nominations were taken for the office of Treasurer. David Hill was the sole nominee.

Request was made for associations that intend to bid for 2007 Convention. GSGRA and MGRA indicated interest in bidding for 2007 Convention.

Request was made for associations that intend to bid for 2008 Finals. CGRA indicated interest in bidding for 2008 Finals.

Volunteer tellers were requested. Dan Iverson, Roger Courtemanche, and Rik Kelly will tally votes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dot Trevis

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Public Relations & Marketing Seminar Meeting Minutes

22nd Annual IGRA Conference

Friday, October 20, 2006

Seminar Leader: Tom Sheridan, IGRA Spokesperson

Items Discussed:

- Establish a new Public Relations Committee
 - Committee Chair
 - Committee Member from each association
 - Establish Yahoo PR Group / Distribution List
 - Develop set of PR templates and guides
 - Press Release Template
 - Commonly Asked Questions and Responses
 - PR Do's and Don'ts
 - Assist Individual Associations in Creating their Own List of Media Contacts.

- Presented 5 potential media scenarios and discussed potential resolutions including:
 - Animal Welfare
 - Anti-Gay Protests
 - Press Photography Issues
 - Specific Responses
 - Represent IGRA, not individual or Chapter

?? Development Items:

- Centralized Communications Resource (PR Yahoo Group already in place)
- Update and Provide New Media Material to all Associations via the Rodeo Resource Guide
- Develop Media/Marketing Promotional Material
- Develop Marketing Plan with Standardized Message and Mission. Include Timeline and Procedures for Media Promotions of Events.
- Share New and Existing Commercials and Promotional Clips
- Provide Awareness of US vs Canada Media Uniqueness
- Create Template for Press Releases and Media Kits

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
IGRA CONVENTION, NASHVILLE
October 21, 2006**

The Rodeo Resources / IGRA University committee met on Friday, October 20, 2006 from 1:15PM to 3:40 PM. Twenty-two people attended representing 15 associations, 15 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

RODEO RESOURCES GUIDEBOOK:

- Frank Harrell will make update information based on changes at convention
- For Rodeo Year 2007, The Guidebook will have completed its migration to the IGRA website. We will no longer burn the CD or print the book. A master PDF file will still be available for those associations wishing to print a hard copy
- Changes will be noted by date on the IGRA website as they are published

IGRA UNIVERSITY:

Las Vegas - February 22 – 26
Tuscany All-Suites Hotel & Casino 877-887-2261
\$89 Sun-Thu / \$109 Sat and Sun

- Funding University: \$1,500 from IGRA plus \$500 for a professional speaker fee. University will mainly be funded through tuition and lab fees.
- 2007 Tuition: \$99.00 (\$75.00 early bird if postmarked by January 22)

Surveys from 2006 were review resulting in the following changes/updates

- Curriculum Improvement
- University Degrees will now be global (eliminating the separate tracks)
 - Certificate of Achievement: Minimum of 6 credits earned
 - Associate Degree in Rodeo Arts: Minimum of 12 credits earned
 - Bachelors Degree in Rodeo Arts: Minimum of 24 credits earned
 - Masters Degree in Rodeo Arts: Minimum of 48 credits earned
- Major areas of Study (each with various levels of difficulty and each class worth 2 credits)
 - Rodeo Production
 - Website Development
 - Community Service
 - Association Development
- Workshops and Hands-on Training – at Horseman’s Park Arena with real rodeo and video equipment (\$25 additional lab fees apply =\$15 if Royalty Student wants tape made)

- Royalty Horsemanship: Making you Horsemanship Video
- Arena Crew Training: Hands-On Training with approved IGRA equipment and specs

- Recruiting Effective Instructors and Speakers: A Survey for nominating instructors and ideas for class improvements was passed around and many were returned.
- It was decided that each instructor would receive an equal stipend from the \$1,500 the committee has requested from IGRA. That amount will be divided equally between the instructors.
- The committee has decided to pursue the possibility of Online Registration.
- Committee members agreed that its important for us to market the event to our own members.
- It is highly recommended that associations sponsor their members to attend University as in investment in the future of IGRA and their association.
- The committee is seeking cash sponsors as well as coffee and soda break sponsors.

Bylaws Proposal: This committee submitted a proposal to the Bylaws Committee that holding Certified Official's Seminars at University be changed to "Optional". The committee recommends adoption of this proposal.

Brian Rogers
 Chairman, Rodeo Resources / IGRA University Committee

Rodeo Rules Committee Report

IGRA Convention

Nashville, TN

October 21-22, 2006

The Rodeo Rules met on Friday, October 20, 2006 from 9AM until approximately 3PM. A total 31 persons attended the meeting, 19 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I want to thank the members of the committee for their dedication and time as we addressed the proposals that we were presented with this year.

The committee considered all proposals that were received prior to the start of the meeting as well as a couple of new proposals presented yesterday afternoon. In addition, the committee took in recommendations from the Animal Issues and Concerns Committee as well as the Auditors, Secretaries, and Scorekeepers Committee. The proposals that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

Frank Elam, Jr.
Michael Norman
IGRA Rodeo Rules Co-chairs

Rodeo Rule Proposals
IGRA Convention
Nashville, TN
October 21-22, 2006

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Underline – remove

I. GENERAL RULES

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8. Due to secretary's extended working hours, provide for independent transportation between the Rodeo Officials Hotel **lodging** and the rodeo facility for the Certified Secretarial Staff.

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17. **(new) Rodeo grounds that do not have safe and adequately graded warm-up area is required to offer the contestants a minimum of 10 minutes warm-up time in the horse arena immediately prior to the start of the event. Contestants must be given access to the entire arena as opposed to a smaller portion of the arena only. Arena Director may choose to require contestants to stay out of the immediate race pattern.**

19. Each rodeo shall have the following rodeo personnel wearing shirts, vests, or jackets approved by the IGRA Board of Directors.

A. Judges, RED

B. Arena Director and Assistant Arena Director, BLUE

C. Rodeo Director and Assistant Rodeo Director, BLACK

D. Secretary and Scorekeeper, ORANGE (when possible, also Assistant Secretary and Assistant Scorekeeper)

E. Timers, YELLOW

F. Chute Coordinator and Assistant Chute Coordinator, GREEN

G. Arena Crew Coordinator, PURPLE

A. Rodeo Director and Assistant Rodeo Director, BLACK

B. Arena Director and Assistant Arena Director, BLUE

C. Chute Coordinator and Assistant Chute Coordinator, GREEN

D. Judges, RED

E. Secretary and Scorekeeper, ORANGE

F. Assistant Rodeo Secretary and Assistant Rodeo Scorekeeper, ORANGE

G. Timers, YELLOW

H. Arena Crew Coordinator, PURPLE (If available)

19. C. Rodeo Director and Assistant Rodeo Director, BLACK

C. Rodeo Director and Assistant Rodeo Director must wear long sleeved BLACK shirts, vests, or jackets with their title on the back. The garment does not have to be approved by the IGRA Board of Directors.

II. REGISTRATION

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3. In contestant and invited certified officials information packets, the Host Association will provide maps on blue paper with the names and locations of the nearest medical facilities to the host hotel and rodeo site, and on the reverse side of the blue sheet one edition of the IGRA Health and Safety Newsletter, a.k.a. "Horse Sense" available from the IGRA Web site www.igra.com. Additional maps will be prepared and kept with secretarial to give to those officials and volunteers who request a copy. Name of veterinarian and phone number must also be in the bag.

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10. Entries
 - E. Additional fees do not apply to:
 1. A first-time contestants (defined as an individual who has never been assigned a four (4) digit IGRA number.
 2. A contestant who has been assigned a four (4) digit IGRA number within the previous 30 days.
 3. A contestant entering or adding speed events.
 4. A contestant entering or adding camp events provided one member of the team has pre-registered for that event.
 - F. Additional fees apply to:
 1. A contestant entering or adding rough stock events at registration.
 2. A contestant entering or adding roping events at registration.

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20. Rodeo Numbers
 - A. Numbers will be on reinforced tear-resistant white material, a minimum of eight (8) by ten (10) inches in size. A medical information form is to be printed on the reverse side of each number. Numbers must be a minimum of six (6) inches high **four (4) inches high**, Arial or Helvetica font on portrait format...

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22. The Host Association will provide a survey form (Exhibit O) for evaluating rodeo and rodeo officials for contestants to give feedback, both positive and negative, on the rodeo and rodeo officials. The form will be passed out **and collected** at the awards ceremony. The Host Association will forward the collected forms to IGRA **within thirty (30) days of the award ceremony**. The IGRA office will then disseminate the information to the appropriate committee chair(s) and the IGRA President.

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7. Mulie bulls, riding steers, and calves should be requested from the stock contractor. Cows and heifers may be used for the steer riding event; however, only one type may be used throughout that event. Steers for chute dogging,

team roping, and camp events MUST have horns. It is the responsibility of the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator to insure that all horned animals have their horns tipped or cut back. The objective is to have the horns smooth or rounded with no sharp or jagged edges. Guidelines for the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator: bull horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a quarter; steer horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a dime; and for camp events and chute dogging, the horns should be a minimum of seven inches (7") long measured from the hair line out to the end of the horn on each side of the steer's head. If an animal does not meet the above specifications, said animal shall be removed from competitive status if the Arena Director believes there are enough other animals for the competition. No animal with steel reinforcing bar or plaster on the horns shall be allowed in the competition.

8. (new) Mulie (non-horned) bulls, riding steers, and calves should be requested from the stock contractor.

9. (new) Cows and heifers may be used for the steer riding event; however, only one type may be used throughout that event.

10. (new) Steers for chute dogging, team roping, and camp events MUST have horns. It is the responsibility of the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator to insure that all horned animals have their horns tipped or cut back. The objective is to have the horns smooth or rounded with no sharp or jagged edges. Guidelines for the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator: bull horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a quarter; steer horns should be blunted to approximately the diameter of a dime; and for camp events and chute dogging, the horns should be a minimum of seven inches (7") long measured from the hair line out to the end of the horn on each side of the steer's head. If an animal does not meet the above specifications, said animal shall be removed from competitive status if the Arena Director believes there are enough other animals for the competition. No animal with steel reinforcing bar or plaster on the horns shall be allowed in the competition.

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Rule X. GENERAL RULES

19. Running order for each go-round will be assigned by random drawing by the Rodeo Secretary, except for bull riding. Running order **for all events should will be posted at least thirty (30) minutes** prior to the **scheduled** start of the first event of each go-round. Chute assignments, where applicable, will be made...

20. (new) Running order for the rodeo will be as listed below. (Exceptions must be requested by the Hosting Association to the Board of Trustees through the request of a variance.)

**Calf Roping On Foot
Goat Dressing
Steer Riding
Breakaway Roping
Team Roping**

**Grand Entry
Bareback Broncs
Wild Drag Race
Chute Dogging
Bull Riding
Pole Bending
Steer Decorating
Barrel Racing
Flag Racing**

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30. The Arena Director or their designee for speed events, and the Judge for all other events, will notify each contestant/team when the arena is set/clear for their competition. If the contestant/team performs their event before the arena is set/clear, they will be disqualified for that event. **For all horse events, the arena should be cleared of animals, contestants and staff not immediately participating in the go of any particular event. The contestant is not offered the arena until all interference is removed.**

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Bull/Steer Riding.

4. Contestants will have the right to ask the Judge to check on whether or not the animal is properly flanked to buck to the best of its ability. A **soft metal collapsible copper** bell must be attached to the contestant's bull rope **and** must be positioned under the belly of the animal. **No steel bells will be allowed.**

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3. SPEED EVENTS.

A. General Rules for Speed Events.

2. All rodeos shall be required to use an electronic timing light for all speed events. Three (3) hand stopwatches will be used as a back-up. The Scorekeeper will record only the electronic timing light **time**. If the electronic timing light malfunctions for a contestant, the Scorekeeper will record the stopwatch times **and ensure that the contestant is advised immediately of the situation. and the** **The** contestant will have the option of accepting the hand stopwatch time or rerunning the event. The contestant will be advised of the hand time before making a decision and must make that decision immediately. In the event the electronic time is not available and the contestant chooses to accept the stopwatch time,

If three (3) stopwatch times are available, the high and low hand stopwatch times are not used, and the hand stopwatch time in the middle is the official time. **will be used.** If only two (2) hand stopwatch times are available, the average time will be the official time used. If only one (1) hand stopwatch time is available, the contestant will have the option of accepting that time or to re-run the event **that time will be used.** If the electronic timing light permanently fails as determined by the Arena Director, stopwatch times will

be used for all **remaining** contestants in the event for that go-round. (Refer to Rule III. Timers, paragraph 3)

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4. Camp Events.

B. Steer Decorating.

3. Each steer will have a soft cotton twenty-five foot (25') [+ (plus) or - (minus) one foot (1')] long by three-quarters inch (3/4") up to one and one-half inches (1 1/2") diameter rope to include a metal ring with an inside diameter of two and one-half inches (2 1/2") to three inches (3") metal ring attached on:

a. Horns of a horned steer such that the ring end of the rope is behind the steer's horns, and the ring end of the rope points away from the arena side of the chute. The rope is not to be tightened around the horns of the steer before the start of the event.

b. No mulie (non-horned) steers will be allowed. Rope to be furnished by Host Association. Knots are allowed in ropes. Ropes must be uniform in diameter.

c. Ribbon must be a minimum of seven-eighths inch (7/8") to a maximum of one and one-quarter inch (1 1/4") in width and twenty-four inches (24") in length minimum and must be made of prefab cloth ribbon with a finished edge.

d. Ribbons will be made available to each team one heat prior to their go. The first heat teams will be given their ribbons as the line-up is called. **all teams at the beginning of the event.**