



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuscany Suites & Casino – Las Vegas

Friday, January 15, 2010

12:30 pm

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Roll Call**

Approval of Previous Minutes

Toronto – November 13, 2009

Approval of Previous Financial Reports

October, November, & December 2009

**Executive Board Reports**

**President**

Brian Helander

**Vice President**

Andrew Goodman

**Secretary**

Larry Lindstrom

**Treasurer**

David Hill

**Administrative Assistant**

Tommy Channel

**Trustees Chair**

Ray Ostmann

### **Standing Committees**

Animal Issues & Concerns	–
Archives	– Patrick Terry
Arena Directors	– Heather Murray
Auditors, Secretaries, & Scorekeepers	– Ron Trusley
Budget	– David Hill
Bylaws & Standing Rules	– Benjamin Avant
Chute Coordinators	– Jay Beck
Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty	– 2010 Royalty Team
Contestant Liaison	– Rob Somers
Convention	– Mark Demuth
Dance	– Ernie Bowers
Hall of Fame	– Bob Pimentel Jr.
Health & Safety	– Linda Frazier
Information Systems	– David Hill
Internet Technology	– Frank Harrell
Judges	– Michael Lentz
Marketing	– Shaun Sewell
Membership	– Larry Lindstrom
Merchandise	– Patrick Terry
Nominating	– Justin Waldner
Public Relations	– Shaun Sewell
Rodeo Resources	– Jim Mitchell
Rodeo Rules	– Chuck Browning & Ty Teigen
Strategic Planning	–
University	– Jeffrey Neal
Women’s Outreach	–
World Gay Rodeo Finals	– Bob Pimentel Jr.

### **Old Business**

Gay Games 2014  
Gene Autry Legacy Project  
Gay & Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation Update  
Fundraising Consultation Contract Renewal  
2009 & 2010 World Gay Rodeo Finals  
2011 IGRA University

### **New Business**

E–Announcer Card Update

### **Announcements**

CGRA, TGRA, GSGRA, AGRA, OGRA, MGRA, NMGRA, NSGRA, DSRA,  
ASGRA, NGRA, ILGRA, HGRA, ARGRA, MIGRA, PNWGRA, SSRA, HSRA,  
RRRA, SMRA, GWGRA, FGRA, LGRA, CCGRA, LSGRA, SCCGRA, SGRA

### **Adjournment**



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Tuscany Suites & Casino – Las Vegas  
Friday, January 15, 2010

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes**

- Trustees meeting – November 12, 2009 (Toronto)
- EPRB meeting – November 12, 2009 (Toronto)
- Trustees meeting – November 15, 2009 (Toronto)

**New Business**

- Standing Rule XXIV – Rodeo Announcer
- Rodeo Checklist and Procedure
- 2010 Rodeo Rules

**Announcements**

**Adjournment**



**EPRB MEETING**  
Tuscany Suites & Casino – Las Vegas  
Friday, January 15, 2010

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Old Business**  
LSGRA v. Bryan Williams

**Adjournment**

## MINUTES

The regular quarterly meeting of the IGRA Executive Committee was held on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 8:05 am at the Tuscany Suites & Casino in Las Vegas, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

The following people were present.

President	Brian Helander
Vice President	Andrew Goodman
Secretary	Larry Lindstrom
Treasurer	David Hill
Division 1	Brian Rogers
Division 2	Pierre Cadieux
Division 3	Ray Ostmann
Division 4	Ed Barry
Admin. Assistant	Tommy Channel

The Executive Committee discussed the following items.

University 2011. Two proposals were received by the deadline. Each association would be allowed to make a presentation to the Board of Directors and then a ballot vote would be taken.

Convention 2010. Andrew and Larry have a full schedule planned for them when they do a walk-through with Harrah's Reno on Saturday, January 30.

NYC Expo. The original plan was to have John Stortz transport the bull from Washington, DC to New York City. As this plan is looking less feasible, Plan B would be to find another person to transport the bull and Plan C would be go forgo the bull and create a display only.

2010 Insurance. Mitchell Kaliff from Kaliff Insurance spoke to the group regarding next year's policy. Liquor liability has been included into the basic policy. And aside from the basic policy, a Volunteer Accident Policy is available that would cover AD&D up to \$10K per volunteer.

Brian Rogers moved to accept the proposal with Directors and Officers and liquor liability. The motion passed by a voice vote. The policy would be presented to the Board of Directors in two parts: the policy itself and its cost and then the point structure for billing each association.

IAGRA. Larry Lindstrom reported that a new association has formed in Iowa, has submitted all of the necessary paperwork, and is waiting on Heartland to release the state of Iowa.

Rulebooks. Larry reported that the 2010 rodeo rulebook is at the printer and will be finished by the end of the month.

Business Cards. Larry had ordered business cards for Andrew and the new Royalty Team.

Finals Rodeo 2010. Planning is ahead of schedule.

Finals Rodeo 2011. Only one proposal was submitted by the deadline. David Hill moved to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for WGRF 2011 to be held in Laughlin. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Gay Games 2014. A representative from the Cleveland Synergy Foundation spoke on IGRA's part in the Gay Games. Currently, IGRA rodeo events are available to our members only. For the Gay Games, the selected rodeo events will need to be open to the public and prize money cannot be advertised. Careful selection of events will need to be done as thousands of entries may occur.

This committee decided to create a steering committee of four made up of a Canadian male/female and a U.S. male/female. Brian Rogers moved to create such a committee. The motion passed by a voice vote.

SGRA. Through the IGRA Secretary, the AGRA board of directors has questioned whether the new Sonoran Gay Rodeo Association is using the acronym of SRA rather than SGRA. The consensus of this committee was that the new association was seated as SGRA, is listed as SGRA on the IGRA Web site, and will be listed as SGRA in the contestant database and that AGRA should contact SGRA directly with any concerns.

Upon no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuscany Suites & Casino – Las Vegas

Friday, January 15, 2010

12:30 pm

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Roll Call**

Approval of Previous Minutes

Toronto – November 13, 2009

Approval of Previous Financial Reports

October, November, & December 2009

**Executive Board Reports**

**President**

Brian Helander

**Vice President**

Andrew Goodman

**Secretary**

Larry Lindstrom

**Treasurer**

David Hill

**Administrative Assistant**

Tommy Channel

**Trustees Chair**

Ray Ostmann

### **Standing Committees**

Animal Issues & Concerns	–
Archives	– Patrick Terry
Arena Directors	– Heather Murray
Auditors, Secretaries, & Scorekeepers	– Ron Trusley
Budget	– David Hill
Bylaws & Standing Rules	– Benjamin Avant
Chute Coordinators	– Jay Beck
Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty	– 2010 Royalty Team
Contestant Liaison	– Rob Somers
Convention	– Mark Demuth
Dance	– Ernie Bowers
Hall of Fame	– Bob Pimentel Jr.
Health & Safety	– Linda Frazier
Information Systems	– David Hill
Internet Technology	– Frank Harrell
Judges	– Michael Lentz
Marketing	– Shaun Sewell
Membership	– Larry Lindstrom
Merchandise	– Patrick Terry
Nominating	– Justin Waldner
Public Relations	– Shaun Sewell
Rodeo Resources	– Jim Mitchell
Rodeo Rules	– Chuck Browning & Ty Teigen
Strategic Planning	–
University	– Jeffrey Neal
Women’s Outreach	–
World Gay Rodeo Finals	– Bob Pimentel Jr.

### **Old Business**

Gay Games 2014  
Gene Autry Legacy Project  
Gay & Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation Update  
Fundraising Consultation Contract Renewal  
2009 & 2010 World Gay Rodeo Finals  
2011 IGRA University

### **New Business**

E–Announcer Card Update

### **Announcements**

CGRA, TGRA, GSGRA, AGRA, OGRA, MGRA, NMGRA, NSGRA, DSRA,  
ASGRA, NGRA, ILGRA, HGRA, ARGRA, MIGRA, PNWGRA, SSRA, HSRA,  
RRRA, SMRA, GWGRA, FGRA, LGRA, CCGRA, LSGRA, SCCGRA, SGRA

### **Adjournment**

## MINUTES

The regular quarterly meeting of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) was held on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 12:30 pm at the Tuscany Suites & Casino in Las Vegas, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the previous meeting in Toronto were approved with no corrections.

The following board members and guests were present.

President	Brian Helander	Admin. Assistant	Tommy Channel
Vice President	Andrew Goodman	ASGRA	Frank Harrell
Secretary	Larry Lindstrom	CGRA	Sal Clemente
AGRA	Ron Trusley	CGRA	Roger Courtemanche
ARGRA	Pierre Cadieux	CGRA	Roger Japp
CCGRA	Peter Calabrese	GWGRA	Steve Schultz
CGRA	John Beck	NGRA	Mitch Gill
DSRA alternate	Sandy Bidwell	NGRA	Shaun Sewell
FGRA	Linda Lee Lynch		
GSGRA	Bill Chapman		
GWGRA	Ray Ostmann		
HSRA alternate	Tim Sanders		
ILGRA	Ed Barry		
LGRA	Ernie Bowers		
LSGRA	J. Robert Field		
MIGRA	David Hallwood		
NGRA	Brian Rogers		
NMGRA	Kelly Peebles		
PNWGRA	Tam Keltner		
SCCGRA	Jeff Barr		
SGRA	Chuck Browning		
SMRA	Justin Waldner		
TGRA	Rik Kelly		

Pierre Cadieux moved to approve the financial reports from October through September 2009. The motion passed by a voice vote.

### **Executive Board Reports.**

President. Brian Helander deferred his report to Old Business where all of his agenda items would be discussed.

Vice President. Andrew Goodman reported the 2010 Royalty Team had already raised \$200.

Secretary. Larry Lindstrom had compact discs (CDs) containing the 2010 handbook. He also reported on the status of printing the rodeo rulebook.

Treasurer. David Hill reported that he had had problems with his FTP software and the latest financials had yet to be uploaded.

Administrative Assistant. Tommy Channel asked that Member Associations again sponsor a full-page Finals Rodeo ad in their local programs. IGRA would then purchase an additional page after March to advertise the rodeo entertainment.

Tommy also asked for Trustees to get their contestants to send in address updates before the upcoming rodeo rulebook mailing.

Tommy presented the 2010 insurance policy, premium break-down, and point system.

**PREMIUM BREAK-DOWN**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
General Liability	\$ 13,619.11	\$ 8,527.00
Directors and Officers	-	1,040.00
Total Amount	\$ 13,619.11	\$ 9,567.00

**POINT SYSTEM**

Associations (1 pt each)	27.0	27.0
Rodeos (1 pt each)	17.0	17.0
University (.5 pt each)	0.5	0.5
Convention (.5 pt each)	0.5	0.5
Rodeo Schools (.5 pt each)	-	-
	45.0	45.0
Price per Point	\$ 302.66	\$ 212.61
Price per half Point	\$ 151.33	\$ 106.31
Assn w/o rodeo	\$ 302.66	\$ 212.61
Assn with a rodeo	\$ 605.32	\$ 425.22

Tommy first recommended approving the top portion (premium break-down) and that passed by a voice vote. Tommy then recommended approving the bottom portion (point system) and that passed by a voice vote.

Trustees Chair. Ray Ostmann announced that the Trustees meeting, EPRB meeting, and Trustee orientation class would follow immediately after the close of the board meeting.

**Committee Reports.**

University. Jeffery Neal welcomed everyone to Las Vegas and reported good attendance again this year – 88 were registered with only 2 cancellations.

Marketing. Shaun Sewell announced adding categories for his annual award and reported \$20K in trade sponsorship for Finals Rodeo.

Merchandise. Patrick Terry reported on the two current vendors and recommended extending their current contracts through 2010. Jay Field moved to accept the committee recommendation and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Patrick also asked that any future officials' shirts to be ordered, to be done through him and not directly with the vendor.

Dance. Ernie Bowers invited everyone to Saturday night's competition from 8 pm to midnight.

Internet Technology. Frank Harrell reported that all passwords expired 12/31/09 and to contact him directly to have them renewed.

World Gay Rodeo Finals. Brian Rogers reported that the committee had met earlier in the day and discussed the following items: stock contract, vendor application, rodeo program, marketing, schedule of events, budget, association responsibilities, and a multimedia show on Friday night.

### **Old Business.**

Gay Games 2014. Brian Helander reported that the Executive Committee had selected three people to serve as a liaison committee – Judy Munson and Pierre Cadieux from Canada and Ray Ostmann – and a fourth from the U.S. to be appointed later.

Autry Museum. Brian had invited Gregory Hinton to be a guest speaker at Sunday's luncheon.

A 10-minute break was taken at 1:40 pm.

Fundraising Contract. Over the past 2 years, IGRA has paid Debbie Rubenstrunk approximately \$6,500. There has been some success; she has raised \$500 in cash and \$10K in advertising value with Compete magazine. This year's goal is to help build an infrastructure for fundraising. Brian Rogers moved to extend the contract one more year and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Gay & Lesbian Rodeo Heritage Foundation. Don Harris has created a 2-page Web site located at <http://www.glrhf.org>.

### **New Business.**

2011 University. Presentations were made by GWGRA to host University in St. Louis and by SGRA to host University in Tucson. GWGRA/St. Louis won by a 17-7 count on a ballot vote.

E-announcer Update. Brian Helander reported that the online portion has been completed with the download to a PC program in the works.

2009 WGRF. Net income of \$1,074.29 was achieved. Approximately 400 attended the Saturday night event.

A 15-minute break was taken at 3 pm.

2011 WGRF. Only one proposal was submitted by the deadline, to hold the Finals Rodeo in Laughlin, Nevada. After distributing the proposal, the board voted by a voice vote to approve the proposal.

2010 Corporate Auditor. David Hill nominated Bill Chapman. There were no other nominations. Bill was elected by a voice vote.

### **Announcements.**

CGRA invited everyone to their July rodeo.

GSGRA reminded everyone of their rodeo dates: April 30–May 2 in Palm Springs, August 13–15 in the Bay Area, and September 10–12 in San Diego.

AGRA invited everyone to Phoenix the weekend of February 12–14 for their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary rodeo. There would be no rodeo school held.

NMGRA announced they would have a rodeo school in conjunction with their rodeo the weekend of July 23–25.

DSRA stated they would be back on the calendar in 2011.

NGRA invited everyone to attend tonight's royalty competition at Charlie's.

MIGRA reported they are back and to come up to Detroit the weekend of June 23–25.

HSRA reminded everyone of convention in Reno in November.

GWGRA announced they were adding \$5K in added prize money for their rodeo June 11–13.

FGRA reported that this year's cruise will arrive back to Fort Lauderdale earlier in the week prior to their April 16–18 rodeo.

CCGRA reported they made a small profit from convention.

LSGRA announced their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Wacky Wagon Race on Sunday, March 28.

SCCGRA reminded everyone of their rodeo the weekend of June 11–13.

SGRA stated they would be on the calendar in 2011.

Upon no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary

## **Larry Lindstrom**

---

**From:** "jacky green" <cowboybear99@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "Larry Lindstrom" <larry.lindstrom@igra.com>  
**Cc:** "Sandy Bidwell" <bsandyj69@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2010 4:55 AM  
**Subject:** IGRA University/Trustee Meeting

Larry,

I will be unable to attend the Trustee Meeting during IGRA University.

Sandy Bidwell will be Alternate Trustee for DSRA. I will also post this on the IGRABOD group site.

Thanks

Jacky Green  
Trustee  
DSRA



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Tuscany Suites & Casino – Las Vegas  
Friday, January 15, 2010

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Approval of Minutes**

- Trustees meeting – November 12, 2009 (Toronto)
- EPRB meeting – November 12, 2009 (Toronto)
- Trustees meeting – November 15, 2009 (Toronto)

**New Business**

- Standing Rule XXIV – Rodeo Announcer
- Rodeo Checklist and Procedure
- 2010 Rodeo Rules

**Announcements**

**Adjournment**

## MINUTES

The regular quarterly meeting of the IGRA Trustees was held on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 4:05 pm at the Tuscany Suites & Casino in Las Vegas, the Trustees chairman being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Larry Lindstrom asked that the minutes from November 12, 2009 in Toronto be amended to include Heath King as a new scorekeeper. Bill Chapman then moved to approve all of the minutes as a block. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The following Trustees and guests were present.

AGRA	Ron Trusley	Secretary	Larry Lindstrom
ARGRA	Pierre Cadieux		
CCGRA	Peter Calabrese		
CGRA	John Beck		
DSRA alternate	Sandy Bidwell		
FGRA	Linda Lee Lynch		
GSGRA	Bill Chapman		
GWGRA	Ray Ostmann		
HSRA alternate	Tim Sanders		
ILGRA	Ed Barry		
LGRA	Ernie Bowers		
LSGRA	J. Robert Field		
MIGRA	David Hallwood		
NGRA	Brian Rogers		
NMGRA	Kelly Peebles		
PNWGRA	Tam Keltner		
SCCGRA	Jeff Barr		
SGRA	Chuck Browning		
SMRA	Justin Waldner		
TGRA	Rik Kelly		

Judges Committee chairman Mike Lentz recommended that Laura Scott be approved by the board to be a student judge and was passed by a voice vote. He then recommended that Roger Japp be approved by the board to be a student judge and was passed by a voice vote.

Mike then presented the following rodeo rule:

Rule XII – Rules for Events.

1. Rough Stock Events.

F. Chute Dogging.

7. Contestant must then use their strength and skill in a manner to twist/pull steer down by applying hold to head and/or horns.

Mike asked the Trustees to approve the following interpretation. “The intent of rule 7 is that contestants may only begin using their strength and skill to twist/pull the steer down after the steer’s 4 hooves have crossed the 10–foot line. Starting to dog before crossing the line will result in disqualification of the contestant.”

Mike asked that this interpretation be posted at every rodeo in 2010 as well as on the IGRA Web site. The recommendation passed by a voice vote.

Chuck Browning presented an updated rodeo checklist for 2010. After discussion, John Beck moved to accept the new checklist. The motion passed by a voice vote. Chuck also recommended removing **Trusteehandbook.htm** from the “board only” directory on the server.

Chuck then presented updated **Pre–Rodeo and Rodeo Review Board (RRB) Meetings** that will need to replace the existing document in Rodeo Resources.

Ron Trusley asked that Standing Rule XXIV Rodeo Announcers be discussed. After discussion, Tam moved that the rule is unenforceable for the year and to refer it back to committee. The motion passed by a voice vote.

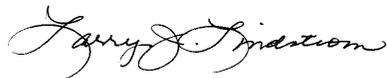
David Hill indicated that Rodeo Rule III Registration, Number 7 Entries, Letter A states that entries be postmarked 20 days prior to the first performance. This would make the deadline fall on a Sunday. Chuck moved that 19 days prior (a Monday) would be the same as the 20 days. The motion passed by a voice vote.

The size of goats was discussed. The past rulebook read “...minimum height of 25–30 inches at shoulder...” The word “minimum” cannot be used in conjunction with a size range. The range of 25–30 inches should be followed.

Other topics discussed included the \$75 non–refundable deposit, late fees, and re–rides.

Pierre and Ray have been working on a spreadsheet of past fines.

Upon no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary