

MINUTES

The annual meeting of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) was held on Saturday, November 13, 2010 beginning at 8:50 am at Harrah's Reno, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the previous meeting in Toronto were approved. Brian Rogers noted that the 2009 Finals Rodeo report was missing from the minutes.

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

Credentials Report. Membership Chair Larry Lindstrom reported that 24 Member Associations had met the renewal requirements to be seated. It was noted that both Heartland and Louisiana did not renew their membership. One new association, the Iowa Gay Rodeo Association (IAGRA) was presented, was recommended by the committee, and was seated as a Member Association of IGRA. The Kansas Gay Rodeo Association (KGRA) was also presented, was also recommended by the committee, and was seated as a Member Association of IGRA. The report was then approved by a voice vote.

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

- 137 total present
- 105 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 70
- majority = 53

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Vice President's Report. Andrew Goodman gave a verbal report thanking the 2010 royalty team and announced the 2011 royalty team:

- Mr. IGRA 2nd Runner-Up – Todd Garrett, FGRA
- Mr. IGRA 1st Runner-Up – Jody Harvey, TGRA
- Mr. IGRA – Michael Butts, AGRA
- Ms. IGRA – Sharon Starks
- Miss IGRA 2nd Runner-Up – Ginger Kaye Belmont, MGRA
- Miss IGRA 1st Runner-Up – Rebecca Tucker, CGRA
- Miss IGRA – Kimberli Foxx, NGRA

Secretary's Report. Larry Lindstrom presented a visual report with no action items.

Administrative Assistant. Tommy Channel talked about the gay-owned insurance company that IGRA has been using for years. He encouraged everyone to get him their rodeo school dates as he intends to come to the Board of Directors January meeting with the 2011 policy.

Trustees Chairman. Ray Ostmann gave his annual report and acknowledged that the Trustees and their alternates were challenged to attend rodeos in such a down economy.

IGRA Spokesman. Shaun Sewell reported that he is at the end of his 3-year term. During the past year, ESPN has been filming at several rodeos and will showcase IGRA on E:60. Ty Teigen and John Beck were interviewed extensively for this feature.

Corporate Auditor. Bill Chapman reported that the books were audited up through June 2010 and that everything was in order.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Animal Issues & Concerns. Kelly Peebles submitted a written report with no action items.

Archives. Patrick Terry submitted a written report with no action items.

Arena Directors. Heather Murray presented a written report with no action items.

Auditors, Secretaries, Scorekeepers. Ron Trusley presented a written report with no action items.

Bylaws & Standing Rules. Benjamin Avant presented the following proposals.

BSR-01 to remove membership lists from Rodeo Rule I Association Requirements and clean up Article IV Membership regarding membership lists, passed by a voice vote.

BSR-03 to add the words “by electronic mail” to Paragraph B Special Meetings in Section 5 in Article VIII Directors, passed by a voice vote.

BSR-04 to move the specifications for rodeo rulebooks from Section 6 Duties of the Secretary in Article IX Officers to a new exhibit, passed by a voice vote.

BSR-07 to change the quorum in Article X Trustees to 30% passed by a voice vote.

BSR-10 to delete the minimum number of Trustees required for the EPRB to conduct business in Article X Trustees, passed by a voice vote. The quorum was established by passing BSR-07.

BSR-12 to change Standing Rule IX Divisions, Rodeos, and Rodeo Approval, that no IGRA-sanctioned rodeo may be scheduled after September 30, passed by a 52-50 vote. It was noted that a rodeo starting in September and ending in October would be accepted.

BSR-16 to delete the \$.50 references in Standing Rule X International Finals Rodeo since these amounts were already referenced in Standing Rule IX and Rodeo Rule III, passed by a voice vote.

BSR-17 to remove the \$16K limit in Standing Rule X International Finals Rodeo, passed by a voice vote.

BSR-19 to delete Section 8 Meetings from Article X Trustees and rewrite Section 9 Duties of the same article, passed by a voice vote.

Chute Coordinators. Jay Beck submitted a written report with no action items.

Community Outreach–Fundraising–Gender Diversity.

COFGD–01 to change Standing Rule VII Selection of Mr. Ms. Miss MsTer IGRA to allow each association up to two representatives to compete and change the submission deadlines from 30 days to 60 days.

Brian Rogers moved to consider item “A” separately. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Amy Griffin called for a 10–minute caucus.

COFGD–01A to allow each association up to two representatives failed on a 39–65 vote.

COFGD–01BCD to change the deadlines from 30 to 60 days passed by a voice vote.

COFGD–02 to insert a new section titled “10–Year Royalty Award” into Standing Rule XVII Special International Awards.

Linda Frazier called for a 10–minute caucus.

John Beck moved to refer the proposal back to committee. The motion passed by a voice vote.

COFGD–03 to insert the words “or other approved title recognition item” into Exhibit C1 IGRA Royalty Competition General Rules failed after debate.

The meeting was recessed from 11:50 am until 1:00 pm for lunch.

Roll Call. The Secretary performed the roll call.

- 134 total present
- 106 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 71
- majority = 54

COFGD–02 was presented again after the committee changed letter “C” to read “Funding for recognition awards will be provided by the royalty members’ home association, other sponsor(s), or other fundraising efforts.” The proposal failed on a 35–70 vote.

COFGD–04 to include the Vice President when determining correct placement and correct zoom of the camera and to increase the number of viewings up to 3, passed by a voice vote.

COFGD–05 to remove all references to “leads” from Exhibit C7 Horsemanship, passed by a voice vote.

COFGD–06 to clean up requirements in Exhibit C2 IGRA Royalty Competition Entry Form, passed by a voice vote.

COFGD–07 to allow the contestant to ride with either 1 or 2 hands, passed by a voice vote.

COFGD–08 to change Exhibit C1 to allow backup people and increase the time allotment to 7 minutes in the entertainment category failed on a 39–66 vote.

Contestant Liaison. Rob Somers submitted a written report with no action items.

Convention. Mark Demuth welcomed the delegates to Reno.

Dance. Ernie Bowers submitted a written report with no action items.

A 10–minute break was taken at 2:00 pm.

Hall of Fame. Patrick Terry presented a written report with no action items.

Health & Safety. Linda Frazier

Internet Technology. Frank Harrell presented the following facts.

- 1,600,000 hits YTD
- 251,000 visits to the calendar page
- 7,600 searched on www.igra.com but could have gone there directly in the address line
- “IGRA” and “gay rodeo” most popular search strings

Judges. Amy Griffin reported for chairman Michael Lentz. She presented a written report with no action items, but did comment that 9 senior and 4 junior judges were up for recertification.

Joint Certifications. Ron Trusley presented the following proposals.

JC–01 to change the deadline for testing from January 10 to February 10 of the new rodeo year, passed by a voice vote.

JC–02 struck using contestants to participate in the evaluation process. Guy Puglisi moved to amend number 7 to read “IGRA Secretary” (as not to be confused with the Rodeo Secretary). The amendment passed by a voice vote. The proposal, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

A 10–minute break was taken at 2:45 pm.

Membership. Larry Lindstrom presented a visual report with no action items.

Marketing & Public Relations. Shaun Sewell submitted a written report with no action items.

Nominations. Justin James Waldner presented a written report with the following nominations.

- President – Ed Barry (ILGRA) and Wade Earp (TGRA)
- Treasurer – David Hill (CGRA)
- 2011 Annual Convention – San Diego (GSGRA)

Rodeo Resources. Frank Harrell submitted a verbal report with no action items.

University. Jeffrey Neal submitted a written report with no action items.

World Gay Rodeo Finals. Brian Rogers submitted a written report with no action items.

Women's Outreach. Sharon Starks submitted a written report with no action items.

The meeting was recessed for the day at 3:55 pm.

The chair resumed the meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at 9:00 am and continued with standing committee reports.

Roll Call. The Secretary performed the roll call.

- 122 total present
- 104 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 70
- majority = 53

Rodeo Rules. Chuck Browning and Ty Teigen presented 33 proposals. General consensus from the floor was to vote on each proposal separately.

RR-C01 to simplify Rule III Registration, #14 on rodeo numbers, passed by a voice vote.

RR-C02 to change Rule III Registration #7 from 20 to 21 days, passed by a voice vote.

RR-C03 to clarify Rule II Contestant Requirements on the minimum number of events entered. Scotty Shadix moved to postpone discussion on this proposal until RR-C25 could be reviewed. The motion passed by a voice vote.

RR-C25 to change Rule II Contestant Requirements #8 from \$75 to \$50 non-refundable deposit, passed by a voice vote.

RR-C03 was now an editorial change after passing proposal RR-C25.

RR-C15 to clean up Rule II Contestant Requirements #14 regarding the new contestant meeting, passed by a voice vote.

RR-C16 to change Rule II Contestant Requirements and Rule III Registration from \$75 to \$50, passed by a voice vote.

RR-C37 to add the words "and/or all 20 spots have not been filled" to Rule II Contestant Requirements, #17 Finals Rodeo Invitation Acceptance. Shaun Sewell moved to amend the proposal by adding back in the word "eligible."

Roger Courtemanche asked for a 10-minute caucus.

Kelly Gilliland moved to consider item "G" separately. The motion passed by a voice vote. Letter G to add "Fines from Rule II #17 collected will be directed to the IGRA Finals Contestant Fund for the next Finals Rodeo" had no discussion and passed by a voice vote.

Wes Wilkinson moved to extend time. The motion failed on a voice vote. Letters A-F passed by a voice vote. Tam Keltner then called for the question and that passed by a voice vote.

RR-C04 moved Rule I Association Requirements #24 membership lists to proposal BSR-01.

RR-C12 to delete the second set of lineup sheets for the public from Rule I Association Requirements #12, passed by a voice vote.

RR-C14 to change approving variances from 60 to 90 days in Rule I Association Requirements, passed by a 57-42 vote.

RR-C32 to add a new section on requiring liability insurance policies for stock contractors, passed by a voice vote after debate.

10-min break at 10:35 am.

RR-C40 to delete the free listing of currently approved IGRA productions in association's publications, passed by a voice vote.

RR-C31 to change the regulation size arena to 120' x 195' passed by a 52-38 vote.

Chuck Browning then switched to the 8 editorial proposals.

RR-E01 to move the Foot Parade and Grand Entry from Rule XI General Rules to Rule I Association Requirements, passed by a voice vote.

RR-E02 to move the reference of animals facing the hinged end of the gate from Rule XI General Rules to Rule XII Rules for Events, passed by a voice vote.

RR-E03 to move the reference of a gate hanging up from Rule XI General Rules to Rule XII Rules for Events, passed by a voice vote.

RR-E04 to move #13 regarding changes in the running order from Rule XI General Rules to Rule XII Rules for Events #1 letter A new #4, passed by a voice vote.

RR-E05 to move the officials meetings from Rule XI General Rules to Rule III Registration, passed by a voice vote.

RR-E06 to clarify running orders, assignment of chutes, and scratches passed by a voice vote.

RR-E07 to reorganize Rule XII Rules for Events #3 Speed Events passed by a voice vote.

RR-E08 to move Rule VI Approved Events to XI and renumber accordingly, passed by a voice vote.

Chuck Browning then switched back to the rule change proposals.

RR–C05 to clean up Rule III Registration #11 waivers, passed by a voice vote.

RR–C08 to remove Ribbon Roping, passed by a voice vote.

RR–C22 to change Rule VII Rodeo Livestock that this rule be included in the stock contractor's contract, passed by a voice vote.

RR–C34 to change all references in Rule VIII from "World Gay Rodeo Champion" to "IGRA Circuit Champion" passed by a voice vote.

RR–C38 to change Rule VII Rodeo Livestock #6 letter G regarding calves to include "Prefer they not have horns" passed by a voice vote.

RR–C09 to include the Protest Trustee in Rule XI General Rules #10 passed by a voice vote.

RR–C10 to add a new #13 in Rule VI Rodeo Livestock to state "Stock contractor and their staff cannot compete as contestant(s) or perform in any exhibition event during an IGRA–sanctioned rodeo in which they are working" passed by a voice vote.

RR–C21 to remove Rule XI General Rules #1 regarding the rodeo year, passed by a voice vote. It was noted that the rodeo year was already stated in Standing Rules.

RR–C30 to simplify Rule XI General Rules #2 on gender classification, passed by a voice vote.

RR–C39 to add new #31 to Rule XI General Rules stating that "All certified officials must stay 30 minutes after the completion of each rodeo performance" passed by a voice vote.

RR–C36 to change Rule XII Rules for Events #2 letter D Team Roping to make a legal catch match the *USTRC Roping Rulebook* passed by a voice vote.

RR–C07 to replace riding steers with junior bulls in Rule VII Rodeo Livestock #6 Livestock Requirements, passed by a voice vote.

RR–C23 to replace Rule X Rodeo Protest Procedures with a new Rule X Rodeo Review Request Procedures. After a 10–minute discussion, Kelly Gilliland moved to extend time. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Lorry King moved to amend #5 from two to one Trustees. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Lorry moved to amend the proposal that #6B be stricken. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Lorry moved to amend the proposal to strike in #6D "and any other involved individual(s)." The motion passed by a voice vote.

The chair recessed the meeting at 12:00 noon for lunch.

The chair reconvened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Roll Call. The Secretary performed the roll call.

- 120 total present
- 102 voting delegates
- 2/3 majority = 68
- majority = 52

Continuation on proposal RR–C23. Rob Somers moved to amend the proposal to change the word “will” to “can.” The motion passed by a voice vote.

Bill Chapman moved to amend the proposal by striking #6F. After debate, the motion failed.

Linda Frazier moved to amend the proposal by inserting into #6A the words “...must be presented to the Rodeo Review Trustee no later than 30 minutes after the posting of the results for the event...” and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Linda Frazier requested a 10–minute caucus.

Guy Puglisi moved to amend the proposal by adding the words into #6A “for the event in which the review is being requested.” The motion passed by a voice vote.

Roger Courtemanche moved to extend time (on the original proposal). The motion failed on a voice vote.

Proposal RR–C23, as amended, passed by a 55–39 vote.

Treasurer’s Report. David Hill presented the current financial statement and fielded questions.

Budget. David Hill presented the budgets for IGRA, Dance, Finals Rodeo, and University.

A 15–minute break was taken at 3:05 pm.

Information Systems. David Hill presented a written report with no action items.

Strategic Planning. Tam Keltner presented a written report with the following proposal.

SP–01 to change Section 3 Scheduling in Rule IX Divisions, Rodeos, and Rodeo Approval failed after debate.

NEW BUSINESS

Gene Fraikes moved to reconsider proposal COFGD-01A. The motion to reconsider passed by a 70-31 vote.

Robert Thurtell requested a 10-minute caucus.

After debate, proposal COFGD-01A passed by a voice vote.

Elections. The Secretary verified there was 102 voting delegates and that no total vote should contain more than this number. After campaign speeches, CGRA called for a 10-minute caucus.

A ballot vote was taken for the position of President. On the first ballot, Douglas Graff won election with 55 votes followed by Ed Barry with 35 and Wade Earp with 12.

A ballot vote was taken for the position of Treasurer. David Hill won reelection with 101 votes.

A ballot vote was taken for Convention 2011. GSGRA and the city of San Diego were selected with 88 votes for versus 8 votes against.

NB-01. Linda Frazier proposed to make changes to RR-C23 Rule X Rodeo Review Request Procedures. Shaun Sewell move to postpone until later (so that precise wording could be achieved). The motion passed by a voice vote.

NB-02 to insert new "Section 1. The Royalty Competition shall be held in conjunction with the Finals Rodeo." Scotty Shadix moved to amend the proposal by adding "beginning with the 2012 competition." The amendment passed by a voice vote. The proposal, as amended, passed by a voice vote.

NB-03 to reconsider increasing the time allotment to 7 minutes for the entertainment category in the royalty competition failed on a 35-61 vote.

NB-01. Brian Rogers moved to amend the proposal by adding a new letter G. Jeff Barr moved to amend the amendment to add the word "disputed" and delete the word "unresolved." The motion to amend passed by a 63-31 vote. The motion to amend the proposal, as amended, failed on a 46-50 vote. *Essentially, a new letter G would not be added to this rule.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CGRA thanked HSRA for a great convention and Brian Helander as President the past 6 years.

TGRA also thanked HSRA and reminded everyone of the Dallas rodeo March 11–13 and Finals Rodeo in Fort Worth.

GSGRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as President and announced their rodeos in Palm Springs April 29–May 1 and San Francisco September 16–18.

AGRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as President and reminded everyone of their rodeo February 18–20.

NMGRA announced their upcoming 20th anniversary rodeo and 25 years as an association.

NSGRA thanked all the people who served as royalty over the past 25 years.

DSRA thanked HSRA for a great convention and reminded everyone of their rodeo April 29–May 1 in Little Rock.

ASGRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as President.

NGRA announced BigHorn Rodeo #14 the weekend of May 20–22 and that after 3 years, Brian Rogers is stepping down as Trustee being replaced by Guy Puglisi.

ILGRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as President and invited everyone to Chicago the weekend of June 4–5 for rodeo school and August 19–21 for their annual rodeo.

ARGRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as “Prime Minister” and invited everyone up north for their rodeo July 1–3.

MIGRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as President and invited everyone up to MoTown the weekend of July 22–24.

PNWGRA thanked HSRA and especially the friendly staff at Harrah’s.

HSRA. Mark Demuth personally thanked everyone for coming to Reno.

SMRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as President.

GWGRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as President and welcomed Iowa to the group.

FGRA congratulated Doug and Dave and said they are using 1 hotel this year for their functions.

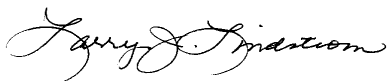
LGRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as President.

CCGRA thanked Brian for his past 6 years as President and welcomed the incoming President.

SCCGRA reminded everyone of their next rodeo June 17–19, a week later than normal.

IAGRA thanked Larry Lindstrom for working with them and also to Brian for his past 6 years as President.

With no further business to conduct, the chair adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary

ANIMAL ISSUES REPORT & RECOMENDATIONS

Voted to support Chute Coordinators' recommendation for best practices to limit double-loading stock in the bucking chutes.

Steer Riding:

- Poor adherence to required sizes – recommend associations to have better communication with stock contractors
- Smaller animals that were used collapsed or performed poorly under the weight of many contestants – can become a PETA / public perception issue
- Need better communication with stock contractors on stock size requirements
- Many of the cows required ropes in the bucking chutes to keep from trying to climb out

Chute Dogging:

- Voted not support rodeo rule proposal to DQ contestants for dog falls
- Issue of animal health and safety in this event has been addressed with better stock requirements and contestant education
- No reports of animal injuries or death since the new stock requirements have been in place

One calf injury reported in a Rodeo School

Animal Injury Reports and health issues need to be filed with Rodeo Checklist Trustee to help track potential issues that should be addressed.

Calves are only required to be within a 30-pound range within the group used in competition.

- Very young observed in San Diego's rodeo, possible animal health issues in using animals that should not yet be weaned
- Calves too large in Bay Area Rodeo. Calves were able to push open the chute gate resulting in the gate bars needing to be modified to prevent eye injuries.
- Large calves were climbing on top of one another and climbing out of the runway to the roping chute

Ringworm was observed a few rodeos:

- One official contracted it from handling an infected animal
- Recommendation to vet check / pull sick animals from competition before rodeo begins
- Have the vet present when running animals before Saturday & Sunday's events to help spot use vet to help spot limping, injured or sick animals

Goats, best practices:

- Keep different sized harnesses in stock with equipment
- Learn to fasten harness correctly to prevent escaping goats
- Add illustration to rodeo resources that demonstrates properly harnessed goat

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Peebles, NMGRA

Archives Report

Chair - Patrick Terry, ILGRA

Voting Delegates:

Brian Rogers, NGRA	Dwight Skeates, CCGRA	Jeff Barr, SCCGRA
Chris Caufield, GSGRA	John Kingston, CGRA	John King, AGRA
Rod Klein, ILGRA	Tim Fellencer, MGRA	Mark Larson, NSGRA

Others Attended:

Frank Harrell, CGRA	Rich Valdez, CGRA	Joe Rodriguez, SCCGRA
Dan Iversen, AGRA		

The Chair opened the meeting greeting everyone and thanking them for attending the meeting. The Chair then explained the history of how the IGRA Archives were developed, where it is at currently, and what will hopefully happen in the future. He then read a recent E-mail sent to IGRA on the progress of the IGRA Archives that were delivered to the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Los Angeles, California, which reads as follows:

Dear Brian and IGRA,

I hope this finds you well. I am pleased to let you and the IGRA membership know that the Autry National Center Institute for the Study of the American West was awarded a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, to complete basic processing of archival collections that have been surveyed, organized or cataloged. The IGRA Archive was highlighted in the grant application as one of our significant collections needing processing. With the grant funds, we were able to hire a project archivist to work on the collections identified and that person started last week at the Braun Research Library at the Southwest Museum. I estimate I will be at least 10 months before the archivist starts working on the collections here in Griffith Park, including the IGRA Archive.

Recently, I was introduced via E-mail to a dissertation student who will need to conduct research in the archive, which is very exciting. It looks like by the time he is ready to use the materials, the collection will be ready for supervised use.

We will certainly keep you informed of our progress and thank you all again for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

Marva R. Felchlin

Director, Autry Library and Research Services

The Chair mentioned that he replied back to the e-mail, about the exciting news and thanking Marva for the update. A question was also asked about sending more IGRA archives that have come about by current rodeo years and also from members of IGRA. To date, no response has been made to the question, but will follow up, and in the meantime any IGRA Archive wishing to go into the collection will be collected through the IGRA office or to the chair and will be forwarded onto the Museum when we are given the okay to send more to the museum. It was

also explained in the meeting about the creation of the Legacy Project, for the raising of money to further the process of the archives being processed and cataloged at the museum. Brian Rogers then proposed that we form a formal Archives committee and begin raising money for processing, cataloging, and archiving our own collection that we still have in our procession. Anyone interested was to sign the sign-in sheet for the meeting and leave and e-mail to contact everyone, and begin communication with committee members. A few other questions were asked, suggestions made, and comments about the IGRA Archives.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick A Terry
IGRA Archivist

Report of the Arena Directors Committee to the 26th Annual IGRA Convention Saturday, November 13, 2010

The Arena Director Committee met on Friday, November 12, 2010 from 8:30 am until 9:30 am.

A list of attendees is attached to this report.

I want to thank the 13 members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee. Heather Murray, the Chair, reported on the status of the Arena Directors (AD) for 2010. We currently have six Arena Directors: Jeanne McLeod, Jorge Ramirez, Dee Zuspahn, Heather Murray, Jim Mitchell and recertification of Kim Dawson. As point of clarification Russell Bleakney will not be recertifying at this time.

Recertification of all current Arena Directors has been proposed and all paper work has been submitted to the appropriate receiver. The Trustees need to approve recertification of all 6 Arena Directors. This was not done on Thursday, November 11, 2010 due to a temporary administrative error, and will be rectified by Sunday, November 13, 2010.

The ADs were part of the test program for new recertification process that was presented at convention in 2009. The changes and updates to that process will be touched on by Ron Trusley in his Joint Certification report for 2010 this weekend. The input from the Arena Directors current is: evaluation sheets need to be more constructive with focus on the following core competencies such as inclusiveness, delegation of rodeo tasks, communication, problem solving/decision, leadership and teamwork. This input would help to isolate root cause of issue and assist in elimination of the emotional response that is overly subjective. All associations, competitors, and general members alike please engage the committee chairs, such as the Arena Director chair to help you with communicating needs or issues. That is why we are here and are a conduit to the groups we monitor for you.

The one mantra that has been echoed time and time again is the increase of communication through out the rodeo weekend. A suggestion of having a pre-rodeo meeting an hour before the start of rodeo day on Saturday and thirty minutes before performance start on Sunday with Rodeo Director, Arena Director, Judges, Arena Crew Coordinator, and Secretarial would help to refresh laid out activities for the days performance. The Friday meeting that is held post registration would also occur for now. Why all the meetings? This enables an open forum for concerns to be brought up and cleared, enabling the opening of lines of communication for clarity during the rodeo day performance. The Arena Directors would chair these communication sessions and would only last for maximum twenty minutes. This is a suggestion and not a proposed rule. Please give the Arena Director chair feed back and thoughts at your leisure.

Also, there has been a checklist created by the current Arena Director group that will be forwarded to Rodeo Resources. There are helpful tools for Rodeo Directors, the Arena Crew Coordinator, Chute Coordinators, and Arena Directors alike.

The committee considered one proposal. That proposal resulted in a recommendation that was made to the Rodeo Rules committee and the committee will present that piece on the floor today.

Best Regards,
Heather Murray, Chair
Arena Directors Committee 2010

Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeeper Committee

The committee meeting was convened at 9:45 am on Friday and adjourned at 10:30 am.

Nine (9) people representing eight (8) associations attended the meeting.

Basic discussion was about the proposed rodeo rules to which we had access and how they might affect these certified officials.

The committee had no bylaws or standing rules proposals.

All currently certified Auditors, Secretaries, and Scorekeepers have been re-certified for 2011. This is 3 Auditors, 7 Secretaries, and 12 Scorekeepers.

Ron Trusley
Committee Chair

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Budget Committee Report

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on Friday, November 12th, 2010 with six member associations being present:

The budget verses actual for 2010 was reviewed line by line noting changes to the 2011 budget.

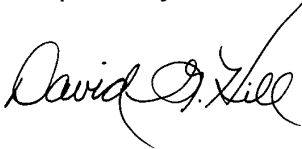
The largest portion of the budget comes from Finals Rodeo. Due to the impact of change in location and entertainment strategy, the Finals budget will be need to be adjusted when more detailed venue information is available..

The on-line infrastructure was discussed in detail and will be taken to the Executive Committee for clarification on the use of these funds..

There are numerous other items before this convention which will affect this budgeting process and will be considered based on their passage. Only the University committee came forth with budget concerns, which were taken helpful in creating their budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

David G. Hill
Chairperson

**Report of the Bylaws Committee
to the 26th Annual IGRA Convention**
Saturday, November 13, 2010

The Bylaws Committee met on Friday, November 12, 2010 from 10:45 am until 6:15 pm. A total of 24 persons attended the meeting, 15 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. The Chairman would like to thank the members for their input and help to complete the business 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.

In addition, the committee reviewed proposals presented by other committees and made recommendations for changes, as necessary.

Benjamin Avant
Chairman, IGRA Bylaws Committee

Bylaws Committee Attendance List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Voting</u>
Gary Hatterman	AGRA	X
Tom Lott	ASGRA	X
Peter Calabrese	CCGRA	X
Clyde Mitter	CGRA	X
Jacky Green	DSRA	X
Lane Dumser	FGRA	X
Kimberley Kay	FGRA	
Bruce Roby	GSGRA	X
Ray Ostmann	GWGRA	X
Mike Lunter	GWGRA	
Mike Tinkle	IAGRA	
Ed Barry	ILGRA	X
Tom Sheridan	ILGRA	
Forrest Mason	MGRA	X
Jeffrey Neal	NGRA	X
Lorry King	NGRA	
Guy Puglisi	NGRA	
Ralph Schwab	NMGRA	X
Gary Eddy	SCCGRA	X
Gordon Deckelmeier	SCCGRA	
Michael Fierro	SMRA	X
Gene Fraikes	TGRA	X
Frank Mazzo	TGRA	
Michael Norman	TGRA	

Chute Coordinator Committee Meeting Minutes
2010 IGRA Convention
November 12, 2010

Meeting convened at 9:30 am.

The Chair and eleven delegates were in attendance (sign in roster attached).

The chair reported that 8 Chute Coordinators (listed below) were approved for re-certification, with 1 more being recommended at the next Trustees meeting.

(Jay Beck, Kim Dawson, David Hallwood, Heather Murray, Tim Miller, Jorge Ramirez, Scotty Shadix, Scott Stringer) (Jim Mitchell at the next Trustee's meeting)

The members were reminded of the upcoming required testing process, which must be completed by January 10.

The coordinators were encouraged to invite the student coordinators to serve on the chute crews at upcoming rodeos.

In order to ensure that the proper credit is recorded, the committee requested that in addition to signing off on the student coordinators rodeo book, the Chute Coordinators include the student's participation in each applicable rodeo review meeting, as well as informing the Chair which requirements were completed by the student at each rodeo.

In order to help ensure that IGRA stock requirements are met at each rodeo, the committee approved the utilization of a Stock Contractor Evaluation as well as a Livestock Requirements Checklist.

The committee also recommends that the Rodeo Directors involve the Chute Coordinators in the Pre Rodeo contacts with the Stock Contractor.

The Chair reminded the Coordinators and the associations, that the livestock and the arena conditions are required to be checked prior to the start of the rodeo on Sunday, as well as Saturday.

In order to increase the level of animal safety and welfare, Chute Coordinators are encouraged to avoid the practice of double loading the bucking chutes.

The Committee approved a Rodeo Rules change proposal, regarding horns (called nubbins) on calves used for roping events.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Beck
Chute Coordinator Chair

Community Outreach/Fundraising/Gender Diversity Committee (COFGD)

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am on November 12th, 2010, 24 members present with 13 voting delegates.

Committee Proposal Reviews:

- Proposal #1-Discussed, voted and approved
Rule VII, section 4-Selection of MR/MS/MISS/ MSTER IGRA
- Proposal #2-Discussed and sent back to presenter for clarification
Rule XII-Special International Awards
- Proposal #3-Discussed, voted and approved after a friendly amendment which was also approved
Exhibit C1 IGRA Royalty Competition General Rules Section 5
- Proposal #4-Voted and approved
Exhibit C1 IGRA Royalty Competition General Rules E.
- Proposal #5-Voted and approved (editorial)
Exhibit C7-Control, IV
- Proposal #6-Voted and approved after a friendly amendment
Exhibit C2 IGRA Royalty Competition Entry Form A.

Committee then took a 15 minute recess.

- Proposal #7-Voted and approved after a friendly amendment
Rule VII selection MR/MS/MISS/MSTER IGRA, Section 5 E
- Proposal #8-Voted and approved after several amendments and lengthy discussions
Exhibit C1 IGRA Royalty Competition General Rules, Section 5 B.

Proposal #2 was reconsidered

- Proposal #2 was voted and approved after clarification from presenter

Other items were discussed, voted on but not approved

- The complete elimination of horsemanship
- Moving the Royalty Competition back to IGRA Finals weekend

The committee then broke for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. The committee had lengthy discussions about community outreach. Committee also discussed fundraising and the swapping of ideas of what works and what does not.

Committee also discussed gender diversities. Committee then had general discussion. We adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Courtemanche
Ionna Doublewide

Report of the Contestant Liaison Committee to the 26th Annual IGRA Convention Saturday, November 13, 2010

The Contestant Liaison Committee met on Friday November 12, 2010 from 10:45 am to 11:45 am. A total of 20 persons attended the meeting, 16 of which were voting members.

Overview of the Business Conducted

Briefly, the committee reviewed the role of the Contestant Liaison (CL), what they do, and who they can be, especially at the local association level.

Last year, a proposal was passed that mandated the IGRA Contestant Liaison Chair, or their designate, attend the new contestant meetings at all IGRA sanctioned rodeos. This was to assist the new competitors in what they needed to know, and provided a venue for all competitors to ask questions and request support if required.

Over the past year this was shown to be very valuable and worthwhile in solving a number of issues before they became problems or protests. This committee recommend this be continued in the future.

I would like to thank all of those who acted as alternate Contestant Liaison throughout the year at various rodeos!

Recommendations

One of the focuses for this committee was to review how having the IGRA Contestant Liaison added to the rodeo experience, what worked, what didn't, and any suggestions they may have:

- Attending the new competitor meetings was demonstrated to be very worthwhile. While it was done verbally this year, it is recommended that the CL Chair or designate be provided with written guidelines outlining items new competitors may need to have highlighted. Suggestions included:
 - o Comments on shared rigging
 - o How a protest form is completed and handled
 - o If there is a logistics issue with two events, who to approach to resolve it
 - o Ensure competitor number is on competitor's back, and only safety equipment can cover number without disqualification
 - o Reminder of contestant surveys
 - o Ensure new competitors breathe, and have FUN
- Review and update the Contestant Comment Form to include the actual events contestant entered, Rodeo "name" versus Rodeo Association, etc. This would assist Rodeo Directors in evaluating comments.
- Review and add to the back of the protest form (suggested) two main items. First, a clear description as to what the intent of a protest is and when it should be filed. Second; develop a flow chart that based on the rules, clearly and simply showing how a protest is

handled and resolution is achieved. This would be good for new competitors as well as a refresher or reminder for those with more experience.

- It was suggested that a reminder, included on the registration form, a check box indicating shared rigging is required. At registration this would act as a check to ensure proper shared rigging paperwork is completed.
- Encourage Trustees thoroughly review the rodeo rules. It was noted during the year that had rules been followed as currently presented that some issued and or protests could have been avoided.
- Encourage associations to contact new competitors after the rodeo directly asking for input as to what went well, and what could be improved.
- Encourage associations to develop their own local Contestant Liaison resource.

I would sincerely like to thank the members of this committee for their input and support now and thought the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Somers

IGRA 2010 Contestant Liaison Chairman

Dance Committee Meeting

Friday, November 12, 2010

Attendees: Ed LaBrash (GWGRA), Lorry King (NGRA), Ray Ostmann (GWGRA), Kim Fry (CGRA), Wade Earp (TGRA), David Hallwood (MIGRA), Amy Griffin (ILGRA), John Paul Soto (GSGRA); Chair Ernie Bowers (LGRA)

The 2011 IGRA Dance Competition and classes will be held at IGRA University in St. Louis, Missouri on January 14-16, 2011. We invite all members to come celebrate the tradition of Country/Western dance in our community. The music and dance selections for the competition are in the process of being updated on the IGRA Web site and registration will be starting shortly. For those people interest in competing or helping out with the competition, please contact myself or Wade Earp for more information. The chair greatly appreciates the help of Wade Earp and Lorry King as well as the GWGRA who are assisting with IGRA University.

A proposal from outside the committee was brought to a vote to alleviate the dance committee and competition from IGRA. After a discussion on the impact of dance on the members of IGRA and the community, as well as options to reduce the already small cost of the event, the proposal was unanimously voted down. The committee understands the intent of streamlining costs, however dismantling a part of IGRA's community that has been instrumental in the development of the Association and its membership is not the right course.

Various options for promoting both the IGRA Dance Competition as well as dance in IGRA in general were discussed, such as reaching out to the local community in St. Louis for the event, as well as country bars across our footprint to promote the community for the rest of the year. Ernie Bowers suggested setting up a Facebook group as a subgroup from IGRA's for the dance community to connect as well as promote events nationwide.

For the competition in January, plans for recruiting judges and instructors as well as logistical needs for the event were discussed. As members of the IGRA family, the committee asks the associations for help in promoting the competition within their membership. If any association, company, or individual would be interested in sponsoring buckles or ribbons, please contact the Chair. We are excited about the interest shown by the local St. Louis community in the competition, classes, and University, and believe that it will help grow IGRA in total.

No rule changes or requirements were brought up to change at this meeting. The changes from last year's convention are updated on the IGRA Web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ernie Bowers
IGRA Dance Chair

Hall of Fame Report

Alternate Chair - Patrick Terry, ILGRA

Voting Delegates:

Jeramy Snidow, **CGRA**
Frank Mazzo, **TGRA**

Mark Larson, **NSGRA**
Tommy Channel, **CGRA**

Lorry King, **NGRA**
Frank Harrell, **CGRA**

The Chair introduced himself, stating he was sitting in for the actual Chair, Bob Pimental. He then spoke about the program, its criteria, and said that the list of people who have been nominated will be on the website shortly. Once an individual is nominated, they stay on the list and do not have to be nominated each year. The committee selects the recipients at a committee meeting at the second board meeting of the year, for that year. We have caught up on inductees and requesting every association, member of IGRA, **INCLUDING ROYALTY**, submit a form that is on the Web site, as we are down to 9 candidates. Tomorrow after the luncheon when we reconvene on the convention floor, we will introduce this years inductees to the IGRA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patrick A, Terry
IGRA Hall of Fame Alternate Chair

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 12, 2010

The meeting convened at 8:45 am. There were 15 people present with 13 associations represented. The chair thanked the members for their participation. A million thanks to Lane Dumser for agreeing to serve as the scribe for the meeting.

The following rodeo rules changes were address in committee and referred back to the rodeo rules committee for discussion in their committee.

1. Rule #1 – Association Requirements #14, Media/Photographer. The committee unanimously voted “No” to the addition.
2. Rule #1 – Association Requirements #16, the committee unanimously voted “Yes” to support the regulation size minimum of 120’ X 195’.
3. Rule XI – General Rules #2 – The committee unanimously supported the deletion of the following language: If the contestant is in the process of changing their gender, they must provide the IGRA Auditor adequate documentation, such as recommended by the “Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association,” showing they are in the process. The motion was made by Robert Thurtell with a second from Wes Wilkinson.

New business address – The committee is recommending that the Rodeo Rules require that the contestant medical information no longer be printed on the contestant numbers. Motion was made by Lane Dumser with a second from Janie Van Santen.

The rodeo injury report data was reviewed and is attached with this report. There was a 50% decline in rodeo injury reports from 2009. The 2009 injury reporting data is available; just contact the chair.

The chair will be looking into revamping the rodeo reporting form for 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Marie Frazier

26th IGRA Annual Convention
November 13th, 2010-Reno, NV
Information Systems Committee Report

Meeting was called to order at 10:48 a.m. on Friday, November 12th, 2010 with eight member associations in attendance.

The two items that the committee wants to see in the next year are a web-based centralized membership system and a Windows version of the rodeo program. These items have been discussed for the last several years and need to move forward.

The Windows version of the rodeo program is planned for implementation during the winter break.

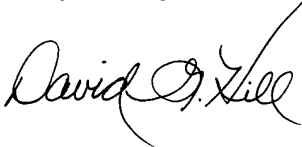
What is needed for the centralized membership system is to determine the scope of the project and the needs of each member association. This system would be used by member associations to input membership data into the web based system. The rodeo secretary would be able to access the system only to determine contestant membership eligibility for each rodeo. This would make membership data more secure, accurate and timely.

With a centralized system, more data would be available such as total membership numbers, gender percentages and aging trends. This information is very useful when approaching sponsors and requesting monies for a possible grant.

Any attempt at implementation will have to address the data needs and privacy concerns of the membership data. This also is a high priority and I will be tapping each membership for resources.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David G. Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

David G. Hill
Chairperson

Joint Certification Committee

The committee meeting was convened at 11:45 am on Friday and adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Nine (9) people, representing nine (9) different associations attended the meeting. Discussion was basically centered on the current certification/re-certification requirements. Consensus was the evaluation process is working, but it needs some refinement.

The committee reviewed the evaluation form, who evaluates whom, and made some changes which will reduce the number of evaluations. Consensus was that contestants should evaluate certified officials using this form, but a process should be instituted to ensure certified personnel committee chairs have access to the survey forms after each rodeo.

The committee agreed that the evaluation form would be better used if the questions were yes or no questions. The chairman will revise the evaluation form based on discussion in the committee meeting, and committee chairs will give final approval for the form.

The committee agreed that the Joint Certification Committee should have, at a minimum, quarterly conference calls to discuss any issues, concerns, etc. Also, committee chairs should be familiar with the disciplinary procedures and using information on the evaluation forms, take appropriate action throughout the year rather than waiting until the annual evaluation is completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Trusley
Committee Chair

Judges Committee

November 12, 2010

8 people representing 7 associations attended the committee meeting.

We reviewed the protests submitted throughout the year.

Discussion topics on Friday included the ongoing effort for overall consistency, as well as consistent positioning for events. We encourage the 2011 chair/committee to provide guidance to the team on the issue of consistent positioning for all events. We also discussed the importance of judges being amenable to explaining the intricacies of the rules, as well as their calls, to contestants.

Contestants pointed out that while we have had protests, these relate to an infinitesimal number of the thousands of calls made each year by the judges.

Throughout the year, the judges made a number of recommendations to the Rodeo Rules Committee. The rules committee also referred a couple of proposals to the Judge committee for review. We have forwarded one of those back to the rules committee.

The committee recommended to the Joint Certification Committee that the importance of ethics regarding travel reimbursement be elucidated to all certified officials. It is essential and expected that all officials be honorable with their reimbursement requests.

We recommend to future convention planners that two hours (rather than one) be allotted for the Friday judge committee meeting.

Many thanks to the convention committee for their valuable suggestions and input.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Griffin for Michael Lentz

Report of the Marketing & PR Committee
to the 26th Annual Convention
Saturday, November 13, 2010

The Marketing and Public Relations Committee of IGRA met on Friday, November 12, 2010 from 3–4 pm.

The Marketing and Public Relations Committee discussed one proposed rule change – to delete Rule I, Association Requirements, and number 19. The vote to delete the rule passed, and it was referred to Rodeo Rules for further action.

The PR spokesperson welcomed Tom Sheridan, former IGRA PR spokesperson, who assisted in leading a broad based discussion about PR challenges which associations are facing.

Shaun Sewell
Chairman, Marketing & Public Relations Committee
IGRA PR Spokesperson

1 ☐ **Membership Business**

- 15 attended from 11 associations
- Heartland & Louisiana did not renew
- No bylaw changes
- 2 new Member Associations
 - Iowa (IAGRA) and Kansas (KGRA)

2 ☐ **New Member Associations**

- 10 years from 2001 – 2010
- Seated 13 New Associations
 - Sooner State, High Sierra, Red River, Smoky Mountain, Gateway, Florida, Liberty, Central Canada, Louisiana, Sacramento, Tucson, Iowa, and Kansas
- Lost 5 Associations
 - PONY, Utah, Kansas, Heartland, Louisiana

3 ☐ **Association Name**

- “IGRA is an association of Associations”
- All use “Association”
- 5 do not use “Gay”
- 2,258 current members in IGRA

4 ☐ **Incorporation Name**

- Examples
 - Colorado Gay Rodeo Association, Inc.
 - New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association
 - The Atlantic States Gay Rodeo Association, Inc.
 - IL.G.R.A., Inc.
 - S.M.R.A. Inc.
 - LGRA, Inc.
 - FGRA, Inc.

5 ☐ **Geographical Area**

- By County
 - High Sierra – 1
 - Sacramento – 3
 - Gateway – 5
 - Sonoran – 5
 - Red River – 7
 - Liberty – 12
 - Sooner State – 25
 - Oklahoma – 45

6 ☐ **Geographical Area**

- Multi-State / Province
 - North Star – 2

- Smoky Mountain – 2
- Pacific Northwest – 3
- Alberta – 4
- Atlantic States
 - 4 states, district, city, and an island

7 In Summary

- Membership Chair full-time position
- Inquiries from
 - Alabama, Hawaii, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, and New England
 - Australia and Brazil (some time ago)

Merchandising Committee

November 12, 2010

The online store is in the makings, but delayed a bit due to other priorities. We will be able to everything online soon, from making selections, ordering and processing. For now orders placed online are processed and shipped by Patrick Terry.

We've been limited in the merchandise we've been able to produce and have available for purchase. Up until this point merchandise had not been profitable for several reasons:

- damage/loss
- dust, dirt @ rodeos
- breakage in shipping or handling @ rodeos, events
- limited stock available

Patrick is trying to deplete current supplies prior to ordering new merchandise.

White & fragile items are among least popular @ rodeos. Pins are #1 request and we are trying to find a new, suitable vendor for pins. Mark up on fragile items does not make them worthwhile, such as tiles and trivets.

We are going forward with further merchandise development as the board has been pleased thus far with recent results. Examples of sales this year:

- RMRR \$220 for a net sales of \$102
- University in LV \$515 net \$230.50
- Finals sales \$1392 for a net of \$446 (loss was due to dated finals shirts)

Royalty team has been instrumental in sales. Difficulties including carrying (limited checked luggage or baggage fees) or shipping supplies to rodeos. Inability to supervise sales at events/rodeos encourages loss, pilferage etc. Carrying & shipping make it difficult to carry sufficient quantities & sizes of items. Dated materials and items with "GAY" do not sell well. Higher cost for packaging, shipping and handling as well as insurance on fragile items make for lower profit margin.

We are looking at eventually having separate event merchandising for IGRA, WGRF, and University.

Patrick cautions to not over order. The money saved on larger quantities may not offset the loss of net sales. It may be better to start with smaller quantities to see what sells well and proceed from there.

Vendors may bid on 2-year contracts for silk screening and embroidery.

Group discussion included association chapter specific items vs. state/association items.

Current items include Red, White & Black ball caps, long sleeve shirts, t-shirts, tote/gym bags, tiles & trivets. We are looking at vendors for pins and mugs.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Terry, ILGRA

Jerry Jacobs, SGRA
John Hoehn, TGRA
Rich Valdez, CGRA
Elizabeth Anderson, GSGRA

Tom Seaman, TGRA
Dwight Skeates, CCGRA
Tim Fellencer, MGRA
Mark Larson, NSGRA

Report of the Nominating Committee
to the 26th Annual IGRA Convention
Sunday, November 14th, 2010

The Nominations Committee met on Friday, November 12th, 2010 from 9:00 am until 9:10 am. A total of 9 persons attended the meeting, 8 of which were voting members. I want to thank the members of the committee for their time.

There were no proposals or recommendations presented for discussion.

The following nominations were made and accepted for the position of President for the 2011–2012 term:

- Ed Barry – ILGRA
- Wade Earp – TGRA

The following nomination was made and accepted for the position of Treasurer for the 2011–2012 term:

- David Hill – CGRA

The following association is bidding for the 2011 Convention:

- GSGRA – November 11–13, 2011

No bids have been received for Convention 2012 at this time.

I would like to thank all my volunteers who helped hand out ballots, count them and audit the final totals!

Justin James Waldner
Chairman, Nominating Committee

Report from the Rodeo Rules Committee to the 26th Annual IGRA Convention Saturday November 14th, 2010

The Rodeo Rules Committee met on Friday November 12th, 2010 from 9:00 am until 3:15 pm. A total of 39 people attended the meeting representing 19 associations.

A list of attendees is attached to this report. We would like to thank HSRA for their hospitality and the Rodeo Rules Committee members for their input, assistance, and perseverance. Thank you to Ty Teigen for her valuable assistance as Co-Chair.

We would like to thank the committee attendees for their hard work. The committee chairs developed and implemented the utilization of association paddles used to vote on the proposals. We would like to thank Janie Van Santen for her assistance with the production of these “paddles.” We would also like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Frank Harrell for his assistance with the new Web-based process that helped us remove our reliance and waste on paper and to make the Rodeo Rules Committee review run efficiently.

The committee reviewed all 2010 filed protests; 19 protests were filed during the 2010 rodeo year. These were reviewed to help identify opportunities to make changes to existing rules if necessary to avoid future situations. Five of the protests resulted in a change to the original decision. The committee chairs recommend that all committees review these on an annual basis for identification of training opportunities. The protests were also provided at the Judges Committee request for their review.

Event	# of Protests
CROF	1
Break– Away	3
Team Roping	3
Chute Dog	3
Barrel Race	3
Pole Bending	2
Wild Drag	2
Steer Deco	2

The committee reviewed all 2010 Rodeo Review Board meeting minutes.

- Committee noted the following:
 1. Several association contracts with stock contractor did not have the required Rodeo Rule VII included (7 rodeos).
 2. Stock contractor liability insurance policy missing or not in effect (5).
 3. Several stock contractor liability insurance policies missing the following:
 - Naming IGRA as additional insured,
 - Naming host association as additional insured,
 - Were not verified per the current rule by the Rodeo Director, and
 - Stock contractor liability contract was not valid for said rodeo (name and effective dates). Due to the above, the Rodeo Rules Co-Chairs worked with Kaliff Insurance and Tommy Channel on a proposed rule change.
 4. One issue where the 2009 rodeo checklist was used (S/B 2010).
 5. What appear to be variances granted at rodeos by the Trustees present.
 6. One reported incident of stock contractor “excessive hot-shotting” of a trapped animal.
 7. Several noted instances where the new contestant meeting was not “posted” but stated they informed the new contestants of the meeting place and time.
 8. Situations of inappropriate stock being allowed to be used in events, even when the Trustees were notified. Bulls being used in Team Roping, heifer and steers mixed in Chute Dogging and camp events.

We then reviewed 48 proposed rodeo rule changes submitted to the committee chairs according to the bylaws. The committee then voted and approved to review any “late proposals.” The committee recommends adoption of these proposals.

We would like to report that at this time, the Rodeo Rules Committee Co-Chairs have reviewed each area of the Rodeo Rulebook and with the submission of the speed event editorial changes at this convention, has completed review of all areas of the Rodeo Rulebook for clarification and re-organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Ty Teigen & Chuck Browning
Rodeo Rules Committee Co-Chairs

2010 IGRA Convention – Rodeo Rules Committee Attendees

AGRA	George Immerso
AGRA	Dan Iverson
ARGRA	Judy Munson
ARGRA	Rob Summers
ARGRA	Janie Van Santen
DSRA	Lisa Smith
ASGRA	Beth Brockelman
ASGRA	Mike Sanders
CGRA	John Beck
CGRA	Tommy Channel
CGRA	Robert Thurtell
CGRA	Ty Teigen
FGRA	Chuck Browning
FGRA	Mitch Peterson
FGRA	Bobby Fender
NGRA	Guy Puglisi
NGRA	Lorry King
NGRA	Brian Rogers
NGRA	Laura Scott
NGRA	Shaun Sewell
SMRA	Chad Billings
GSGRA	Ed Morgan
GSGRA	Popper Dubray
GSGRA	Scotty Shadix
GSGRA	Jabby Lowe
GSGRA	Kelly Gilliland
SCCGRA	Sammy Van Galder
SCCGRA	Brian Lindlay
SCCGRA	Joe Rodriguez
MGRA	Jim Lilly
ILGRA	Debbie Cowgur
ILGRA	Rod Kline
GWGRA	Andy Struckhoff
PNWGRA	Lester Liu
NMGRA	Jeff Lowe
NMGRA	Kelly Peebles
TGRA	Jody Harvey
TGRA	Frank Mazzo
RRRA	Jay Beck
LGRA	Gerald McMahon
IAGRA	Dave Elliott

Report of the Strategic Planning Committee
to the 26th Annual IGRA Convention
Sunday, November 14, 2010

The Strategic Planning Committee met on Friday November 12, 2010 from 3:05 pm until 5:57 pm. A total of 13 individuals attended this meeting with a total of 11 voting members.

I personally want to thank the committee for their devotion and work as we look to face and tackle the challenges IGRA faces over the next few years.

The committee identified one immediate opportunity to begin shaping the future of IGRA. It is the recommendation of the committee to adopt the attached Standing Rule proposal, and we submit for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Tam Keltner

Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee

Report of the University Committee
to the 26th Annual IGRA Convention
Saturday, November 13, 2010

The University Committee met on Friday, November 12, 2010 from 8:30 am until 9:30 am. A total of 30 people representing 16 associations attended. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

There were no issues presented for the committee to approve. The committee spent the time discussing the role of University in the organization and some of the ways it has changed over the years. The floor was then opened for input from all associations present to suggest new class ideas and to field questions regarding University 2011 and future University events.

Patrick Terry was introduced as the Chancellor for 2011 University and Gateway Gay Rodeo Association was introduced as the hosts for the event and shared information about the host hotel, the Crown Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. Many thanks to the work they are doing to make the event a success.

The committee discussed opening bids for future events and I am pleased to confirm that the Executive Board will be accepting bids for host cities for the 2012 and 2013 University events. The RFP will be posted to the Web site early next week and bids will be accepted through December 31, 2010 to be distributed and reviewed at the January board meeting in St. Louis. Any interested associations may contact Jeffrey Neal or Patrick Terry for further details and to let us know if you are submitting a bid.

After the close of the meeting, the following sponsorships have been promised or received which I am pleased to report.

\$1,000	CowboyFrank.Net – Event Sponsorship
\$ 500	Frank Harrell & Tom Lott – Coffee Break Sponsorship
\$ 300	CGRA – Coffee Break Sponsorship
\$ 300	ILGRA – Coffee Break Sponsorship
<u>\$ 250</u>	Sponsorship donations provide for Instructor Stipends
\$2,350	

The committee looks forward to seeing everyone meet up in St. Louis January 14-16, 2011 for IGRA University.

I want to thank the members of the committee for their input and help to complete the business of the committee.

Jeffrey Neal
Chairman University Committee

University Committee Attendance List

Name	Association	Voting Delegate
Sharon Starks	AGRA	X
Mike Sanders	ASGRA	X
Sonny Koerner	ASGRA	
Tom lott	ASGRA	
Rich Valdez	CGRA	X
Sandy Bidwell	DSRA	X
Bobby Finder	FGRA	X
Chris Caufield	GSGRA	
John Paul Soto	GSGRA	X
Carl Flowers	GWGRA	X
Ed Labrash	GWGRA	
Gene Cheek	GWGRA	
Jim Sparks	GWGRA	
Mike Lunter	GWGRA	
Ray Ostmann	GWGRA	X
Frank Harrell	IGRA	
Ernie Bowers	LGRA	X
Laura Scott	NGRA	X
Ken Hogg	NMGRA	X
Mark Larson	NSGRA	X
Gordon Deckelmeier	SCCGRA	X
Jerry Jacobs	SGRA	X
Michael Fierro	SMRA	X
Eddie Taylor	TGRA	X
Frank Mazzo	TGRA	
Gary Jacobs	TGRA	
Rodd Smunk	TGRA	
Wade Earp	TGRA	

WORLD GAY RODEO FINALS COMMITTEE
IGRA CONVENTION, RENO
November 13, 2010

The World Gay Rodeo Finals committee met on Friday, November 12, 2010. Twenty-five people attended representing 15 associations. A list of attendees is attached to this report.

Brian Rogers gave the 2010 WGRF Wrap-up Report.

	2009	2010
Sponsorships	\$28,812	\$58,015
Vendors	19	28
Contestants	121	101
Stalls	85	67
Attendance (all events)	1745	1886
Friday Party	0	420
Saturday Rodeo*	840	663
Saturday Party*	355	200
Sunday Rodeo	450	253
Sunday Awards	100	150
BOTTOM LINE	+\$1,960	+\$60

* Total Attendance: Includes Comps, Vendors, Badges and VIP Attendees (244)

- Successes include:
 - Contestant Comfort
 - Sponsorship
 - Vendors
 - Program
 - Teamwork
- Areas of concern were discussed:
 - Low rodeo attendance
 - Selection of Officials
 - Arena Set-up

Tommy Channel led a discussion of the 2011 WGRF which will be held in Ft. Worth, Texas.

2011 Production Plan

Location: Ft. Worth Texas, Watt Arena
Hotel:
Sub Committee Chair Selections

Selection of Officials – Discussion Suggestions:

1. Ask each committee to nominate officials from their ranks for Finals committee approval.
2. The Finals committee select with input from the certification chairs and the surveys.
3. Set criteria for selection process in advance in writing.

General Discussion

- There will be site tour for the committee - date TBA
- Need local point people for sponsorships, arena and host hotel
- Need a corporate sponsorship chair
- Bill Watkins to be asked to devise some logos for use on merchandise that is just the acronym. No year either.

2011 Meeting Dates Announced

IGRA University – St Louis – January 14, 2011

Sunshine Stampede – Fort Lauderdale – April 8, 2011

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo – Denver – July 8, 2011

IGRA Convention – Date and Location to Be Determined

Adjournment

Women's Outreach Committee Meeting

The Women's Outreach Committee met on Friday, November 12, 2010 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. A total of 14 persons attended the meeting representing 12 associations.

The following topics were discussed.

1. The new Women's Outreach brochure was presented to the committee.
2. The group identified ways to reach out to the women's community and identified common interests (what women like to do).
 - a. Golf Tournament
 - b. Barrel Race
 - c. University/College GLBT Groups
3. Contact Lesbian/Bisexual Women's Organizations
 - a. Ball Teams
 - b. Women's Hockey
4. Marketing. It was suggested that IGRA gather statistics on member associations and assist them in marketing to women.
5. Explore why the number of women at IGRA Finals Rodeo dropped in 2010.
6. Women's Outreach is meant to create a space for women and does not discount men's participation. No male bashing!
7. Animal rights is an important issue for most women's groups and has proven an obstacle for recruitment. It was decided that "Livestock, Health, & Safety" will be included in outreach materials for women.
8. Work with charities that are relevant to women such as women's health, animal groups (spay/neuter), animal rescue, etc.
9. Create a section which encourages women to contact their local member association.
10. Have IGRA request that each Member Association compile demographics on their membership, including gender.
11. Ask each association to submit the name of a "contact person" for women's outreach.
12. Ask that each association report their financial contributions to women's groups/charities such as breast cancer (ex. Mautner Project, Susan G Komen).
13. In an effort to be inclusive of all women we ask that all Member Associations recruit:
 - a. Women who might compete,
 - b. Women who might volunteer, and
 - c. Straight women.
14. Utilize your royalty women to help promote your association at the bars.
15. Post videos, photos, and images of women in rodeo on the IGRA Web site.

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