



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Golden, CO
Friday, July 12, 2013
10:00 am

AGENDA

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Roll Call

Approval of Previous Minutes
Palm Springs – May 3, 2013

Executive Reports

President
Ed Barry

Vice President
Gene Fraikes

Secretary
Larry Lindstrom

Treasurer
David Hill

Trustees Chair
Ray Ostmann

Administrative Assistant
Tommy Channel

Standing Committees

Membership	–	Larry Lindstrom
Bylaws	–	Benjamin Avant
Rodeo Rules	–	James Jenkins
Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty	–	2013 Black Sashes
Budget	–	David Hill
Media Relations	–	Brian Helander
Nominating	–	Frank Mazzo
Dance Competition Rules	–	Gene Fraikes
Finals Rodeo	–	Janie Van Santen
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IGRA University	–	Ray Ostmann
Annual Convention	–	Scotty Shadix
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Judges	–	Michael Lentz
Auditor, Secretary, Scorekeepers	–	Ron Trusley
Association Presidents	–	Bruce Roby

Ad Hoc Committees

Animal Issues & Concerns	–	Kelly Peebles
Archives	–	Brian Rogers
Gay Games	–	Judy Munson
Health & Safety	–	Amy Griffin
Information Systems	–	Larry Lindstrom
Joint Certification	–	Randy Edlin
Social Media	–	Kole Hillman

Old Business

New Business

Bud Light Sponsorship
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Adjournment



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
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- Pre-rodeo meeting – March 15, 2013 (Houston)
- Rodeo Review Board meeting – March 17, 2013 (Houston)
- Pre-rodeo meeting – April 26, 2013 (Little Rock)
- Rodeo Review Board meeting – April 28, 2013 (Little Rock)
- Trustees meeting – May 3, 2013 (Palm Springs)
- Rodeo Review Board meeting – May 5, 2013 (Palm Springs)
- Pre-rodeo meeting – May 10, 2013 (Las Vegas)
- Rodeo Review Board meeting – May 11, 2013 (Las Vegas)
- Pre-rodeo meeting – May 24, 2013 (Oklahoma City)
- Rodeo Review Board meeting – May 26, 2013 (Oklahoma City)
- Pre-rodeo meeting – June 7, 2013 (Sacramento)
- Rodeo Review Board meeting – June 9, 2013 (Sacramento)
- Pre-rodeo meeting – June 28, 2013 (Calgary)
- Rodeo Review Board meeting – June 30, 2013 (Calgary)

Variance Requests

Old Business

New Business

Selection of Rodeo Checklist and Protest Trustees

Adjournment



ETHICAL PRACTICES REVIEW BOARD MEETING
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MINUTES

The regular quarterly meeting of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) was held on Friday, July 12, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden, Colorado; the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the previous meeting in Palm Spring were approved with no corrections.

The following board members and guests were present (board attendance was 82%).

President	Ed Barry	Admin. Assistant	Tommy Channel
Vice President	Gene Fraikes	Mr. IGRA	Frank Thompson
Secretary	Larry Lindstrom	Media Chairman	Brian Helander
AGRA	Ron Trusley	Social Media Chair	Kole Hillman
ARGRA	Janie Van Santen	Gay Games 9 Chair	Judy Munson
ASGRA	Tom Lott	CGRA President	Robert Thurtell
CGRA	John Beck	CGRA	Bruce Gros
DSRA alternate	Lisa Smith	DSRA	Sandy Bidwell
FGRA	James Young	FGRA	Barbara Bugg
GSGRA	Scotty Shadix	FGRA	Bryan Hodges
GWGRA	Ray Ostmann	FGRA	Voni Whitaker
IAGRA	Tim Fellencer	FGRA	James Young
ILGRA	Steve Schultz	GSGRA	Bruce Roby
MGRA	Kenneth Hall	ILGRA	Patrick Terry
MIGRA	David Hallwood	NGRA	Lorry King
NGRA	Guy Puglisi	SGRA	Bobby Fender
NMGRA	Kelly Peebles	SGRA	Jim Mitchell
NSGRA	Carl Stange	TGRA	Terry Covington
OGRA alternate	Jeff Germany	TGRA	Dan Nagel
RRRA alternate	Dee Zuspann	TGRA	Roger Peterson
SCCGRA	Gary Eddy		
SGRA	Chuck Browning		
TGRA	Mark Gurrola		

Executive Board Reports.

President. Ed Barry highlighted the following active items since the last meeting:

- Received an E-mail on gay sports hall of fame August 2nd in Chicago,
- Bud Light sponsorship allocation in New Business,
- New interest in Finals Rodeo sponsorship, and
- Gay Games 9 presentation in New Business.

Vice President. Gene Fraikes announced that he has CDs ready for association royalty. He also said that the judges' draw has been done but will need the names of the judges no later than 60 days prior to Finals Rodeo.

Secretary. Larry Lindstrom would accept nominations for the International and Trustee awards through the end of the weekend.

Treasurer. Larry Lindstrom presented the current Accounts Receivable (see attached). Chuck Browning mentioned that the financial reports need to be posted by the 10th of each month.

Trustees Chair. Ray Ostmann said that a short meeting would follow with an EPRB meeting to follow the Trustees meeting.

Administrative Assistant. Tommy Channel reminded everyone of updating their membership lists. Stock contractor insurance certificates are due to him no later than 2 weeks prior to a rodeo.

Standing Committee Reports.

Community Outreach–Royalty Team. Mr. IGRA Frank Thompson presented a written report (see attached). The team has raised \$6,493 so far this year. That is approximately 43% of their goal. He also reported that *Cancer is a Drag!* no longer has its 501(c)3 status. Therefore, the team would like to nominate a new charity, *The National LGBT Cancer Network*. The chair moved approval of this charity to New Business.

Merchandise. Patrick Terry reported that the *Bad Burro* embroidery business has been sold. The only available vendor to finish the year is Gene Fraikes' *Twisted Embroidery* but no contract has been created. Chuck Browning moved to approve the recommendation but the motion failed due to lack of a second.

Media Relations. Brian Helander spoke briefly on the Gay Games, the gay sports hall of fame in Chicago, and in August the New Mexico History Museum in Santa Fe will feature mainstream cowboys and cowgirls in a *Cowboys Real & Imagined* display. IGRA has archives at the Autry Museum in Los Angeles, but they are not yet on display.

Finals Rodeo. Janie Van Santen gave an update on the following items:

- Robert Thurtell, CGRA President, and Lisa Smith, DSRA Rodeo Director, have been added to the rotation of Rodeo Directors.
- Budget is going to be re-evaluated.
- Tommy Channel is aggressive on advertising, which will include Dallas Gay Pride and Fort Worth Gay Pride.
- Mitch Gill has been selected as the 2013 Grand Marshal.

Annual Convention. Scotty Shadix spoke on the following items:

- Web site is active. The delegate fee is \$125.
- Heritage dinner on Saturday night.
 - Tables of 8 with 4 already committed.
 - *The Drag Factor* show to follow.
- Working to raise money so not to use the \$5K requested from IGRA.
- \$400 coffee breaks.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports.

Animal Issues. Kelly Peebles reported that no recent outbreaks have been reported.

Archives. Brian Rogers thanked those for recent donations and asked members to look at eBay for additional items.

Social Media. Kole Hillman reported that there are 1,000 likes on the IGRA page.

New Business.

Royalty Charity. Scotty Shadix moved to approve the team's recommendation and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Bud Light Sponsorship. Ed Barry announced that Bud Light had granted his request of \$30,000 sponsorship for 2013, an increase of \$5,000. He proposed the following breakdown for the year along with last year's allocations. He also presented a travel computation to use the "Road to World Gay Rodeo Finals."

2012	2013	
\$ 4,000	\$ 500	Bud Light Rodeo School, ILGRA
	500	Bud Light Rodeo School, ARGRA
	500	Bud Light Rodeo School, SCCGRA
	500	Bud Light Rodeo School, GSGRA
3,000	2,000	IGRA University presented by Bud Light
2,000	2,000	IGRA Dance Competition (part of University)
2,000	2,000	GLBT Expo in NYC
3,500	5,000	IGRA Annual Convention presented by Bud Light
1,250		Judges video (never started)
9,250	11,000	World Gay Rodeo Finals presented by Bud Light
	6,000	Bud Light "Road to World Gay Rodeo Finals"
<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	Bud Light Sponsorship for 2013
	(25,000)	Bud Light Sponsorship for 2012
	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	Increase

Scotty moved to approve Ed's proposal on the "buckets" only. Questions were raised about assistants, chute crew, arena personnel, and timers as well as the basis for the random draw for awards. Chuck Browning asked for a copy of the Bud Light contract.

A 10-minute break was taken at 11:20 am.

Tom Lott suggested that we change the bylaws to allow the President to sign contracts.

Ron Trusley moved to make a substitute motion that within one week send all relevant material to all board members and within one week after that schedule a conference call. After debate, Ron withdrew his motion.

Scotty's original motion passed by a voice vote.

Scotty moved to approve the (2013) Bud Light contract and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Chuck moved to have one week to review allocating the \$6,000 and then schedule a conference call. The chair requested a hand count and the motion passed 13-8. Ed would also add the Jack Daniels contract to the conference call agenda.

Lunch was taken from 12:00 noon until 12:40 pm.

Gay Games 9. Judy Munson reported on the event that will be held in the Cleveland-Akron area the week of August 9-16, 2014 (from Saturday-Saturday). She then showed a PowerPoint® presentation along with a movie clip. Discussion then followed regarding officials (or lack of), livestock, animal issues, and the budget.

2014 Rodeo Approvals. Chuck Browning moved to approve AGRA's rodeo application and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Chuck moved to approve GSGRA's Los Angeles rodeo application and the motion passed.

Chuck moved to approve GSGRA's Palm Springs rodeo application and the motion passed.

Scotty Shadix moved to approve NGRA's rodeo application and the motion passed.

Scotty moved to approve IGRA's rodeo application and the motion passed.

The Secretary had FGRA's rodeo application and check, which was turned in at the beginning of the meeting. The chair suggested using a conference call to approve FGRA's application since it did not meet the 7-day preview rule.

Scotty moved to approve FGRA's rodeo application. The chair ruled the motion out of order and called for a 10-minute recess at 2:00 pm.

FGRA withdrew their application. The Secretary announced that all remaining applications need to be approved before the start of Annual Convention.

2014 Board Meetings. The months of January, February, and March 2014 were presented on the screen. Ray Ostmann, GWGRA, requested the first quarterly meeting be held in St. Louis on Friday, January 17. Ron Trusley, AGRA, requested the meeting be held in Phoenix on Friday, February 14. The meeting will be held in St. Louis by a hand count of 11-10 with the chair casting the deciding vote.

The months of April, May, and June 2014 were presented. Scotty Shadix, GSGRA, requested the second quarterly board meeting be held in Palm Springs on Friday, May 2. Jeff Germany, OGRA, requested the meeting be held in Oklahoma City on Friday, May 23. The meeting will be held in OKC by a hand count of 12-8.

The months of July, August, and September 2014 were presented. David Hallwood, MIGRA, requested the third quarterly board meeting be held in Detroit on Friday, July 25. The other option was to have the meeting during the Gay Games in Cleveland the week of August 11–15. The meeting will be held in Detroit by a hand count of 16–3.

Consensus was to have the fourth quarterly meeting in Denver on Thursday, November 13 during Annual Convention.

Corporate Auditor. Jabby Lowe submitted a written report (see attached) with no action items.

Merchandise. David Hallwood moved to use *Twisted Embroidery* until such time that a bid process could be worked out. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Announcements

CGRA welcomed everyone to Denver.

TGRA reported that Rodeo Director Mike Lee had recently passed on. The TGRA Royalty competition is set for October 11–13 and TGRA is excited about Finals Rodeo in Fort Worth.

GSGRA is excited to have the LA Rodeo back and asked everyone to book early for convention.

AGRA is working on more trailer space, will again have a limited rodeo, and signed a 3–year contract with Bud Light.

OGRA

MGRA reminded everyone of their Labor Day Weekend rodeo in Kansas City.

NMGRA invited everyone down to Santa Fe the weekend of August 9–11.

NSGRA announced they had a pride tent this year.

DSRA recently had visitors from the country of Georgia.

NGRA had another successful BigHorn Rodeo.

ILGRA's next rodeo is August 23–25 south of Chicago.

ARGRA hosted their 20th rodeo June 28–30 and had a high number of Trustees attend.

MIGRA signed a 2–year deal with Coca–Cola for the Great Lakes Regional Rodeo in Detroit.

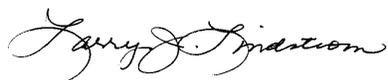
GWGRA reminded everyone of IGRA University the weekend of January 17–19, 2014

FGRA is bringing back the cruise February 8–15, 2014.

SCCGRA's announced that it was 108° (42°C) at their recent rodeo in Sacramento.

IAGRA is looking to host a rodeo in 2015.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.



Larry Lindstrom, IGRA Secretary

Larry Lindstrom

From: "cowboybear99" <cowboybear99@yahoo.com>

To: <IGRABOD@yahoogroups.com>

Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 7:27 AM

Subject: [IGRABOD] Upcoming BOD Meeting

Due to work schedule conflicts, I will be unable to go to Denver for the BOD meeting and Colorado's wonderful Rodeo!

Lisa Smith will serve as alternate trustee for the DSRA....Unless Sandy Bidwell says no and SHE takes it! Anything can happen with those two!
(LOVE YOU GALS!!!)

Thank you and everyone have a FUN and SAFE rodeo!

Take lots of pictures!!

Jacky Green
Trustee
DSRA



Larry Lindstrom

From: <cowbyup98@aol.com>
To: <IGRABOD@yahogroups.com>
Cc: <IGRABOD@yahogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 9:38 AM
Subject: Re: [IGRABOD] Upcoming BOD Meeting
I will not be able to attend, however, Jeff Germany will be there as my alternate.

Paul Boyd
OGRA Trustee



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Larry Lindstrom

From: <cappaints@aol.com>
To: <IGRABOD@yahogroups.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 10:56 AM
Subject: [IGRABOD] Denver Board Meeting

I will not be able to attend the Denver board meeting, Dee Zuspenn with me my alternate trustee.

thank you

Candy Pratt
RRRA



I.G.R.A.
A/R Aging Summary
As of June 30, 2013

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	> 90	TOTAL
A.R.G.R.A.	83.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.46
C.S.G.R.A.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	217.32	217.32
Hernandez, Gabe c	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
S.S.R.A.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	217.32	217.32
TOTAL	83.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	534.64	618.10

3rd Quarter IGRA Fundraising, Community Outreach and Gender Diversity Report

The last meeting of the Community Outreach / Gender Diversity & Fundraising committee was held on July 9, 2013. We had an important issue to talk about, our Charity Partner. Unfortunately “Cancer is a Drag!” is going through a restructuring period right now and it no longer has its Non-Profit status. According to the by-Laws and Standing rules they are no longer eligible. The rule states that they must be a 501(c)3 in order to be eligible. They apologized to me for the inconvenience and asked that we keep them in mind down the road after their reorganization is complete.

In keeping with our campaign “Coping with Cancer”, we would like to nominate a new charity, “The National LGBT Cancer Network.” This organization's goals are to educate the LGBT communities of the growing number of cancer cases being reported within our community, Promote and help with prescreening campaigns, Teach current health care systems about the LGBT family structure and its role in the patient's welfare, Although they are located in New York, currently they are working with the National Cancer Institute, which has 61 clinics across the United States, by helping to setup group counseling meetings geared towards the LGBT community as part of a patient's care. This is due to the fact that most of our community does not have an open line of communication with their families. To speak frankly, it is very scary to go through this without a support group; I cannot imagine trying to go through treatment alone. After speaking with Liz Morgolies, the executive director, she said the money donated by IGRA would go to help start a new program of Cancer Prevention which includes exercise, where she could cross promote Gay Rodeo if approved. You can find more information on this organization at www.cancer-network.org or you can follow them on twitter at www.twitter/cancerlgbt.

Other important detail that was discussed was Rodeo Attendance for the remainder of the year. The upcoming World Gay Rodeo Finals and IGRA Royalty Competition was another area of long discussion. Topics included; what we can do to help make it an incredible time for everyone. From set up to, decorations, our rolls during the upcoming Royalty Competition and what we can do help keep the excitement level up and to support the finalist during the weekend.

We briefly spoke about convention, but all came to a unanimous decision that we would like to add a framed certificate to the Spirit Stick Award. Our goal with this is so when the Association who has won the Spirit Stick has to turn it over, they still have something to put in a trophy case or in their own archives to keep in recognition of such a great honor. We finished up with words of encouragement to continue even stronger by reminding each other that no matter how minimal raffle tickets are or silly a small piece of ribbon can be; these items are just tools that allow us to have a positive impact on someone's life.

Respectfully Submitted

Frank Thompson
Mr. IGRA 2013

IGRA BOD Meeting

July 12, 2013

Convention Committee Report

Planning for IGRA 2013 Convention is well underway and running smoothly so far. Although a couple of weeks delayed, the website for the event is now live. (igraconvention2013.org) GSGRA plans to basically mirror the 2011 Convention since the hotel layout remains the same.

Some changes worth noting:

- The Paladin dinner will be Saturday night instead of Sunday night and will not be formal.
- A very fun entertainment gig, The Drag Factor, will follow the Paladin dinner Saturday evening.
- Entertainment options for each night of convention will be offered.

We would like to request any association that can to assist us in this promotion by sponsoring one of the breaks throughout the weekend. Please let us know soon if you can help with this and how we can best maximize your sponsorship.

Additionally, we are raffling off a suite for the weekend of convention. Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. Please see Scotty or Ed Hamilton, Mr. GSGRA 2013, for your tickets. We thank you for your support in this as well. This suite will be for any three days during our block of Wednesday through Sunday.

The booking link for the hotel room block is on the site and some rooms have already been picked up. We strongly encourage you to ask your delegates to stay at the host hotel. Although we realize there are cheaper options, we must be of the mindset that we have to support those businesses that support us.

Enjoy your weekend in Denver,

Scotty Shadix

Convention Committee Chair

IGRA Corporate Auditor Report – 2Q2013

To: IGRA Board of Directors
From: Jabby Lowe, IGRA Corporate Auditor
Date: July 11, 2013

Members of the Board,

I have reviewed the financial statements for the period of April 1 – June 30, 2013. I was provided copies of the bank statements and the monthly financial statements, which included the balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows. I was also provided a copy of the general ledger for this period and reviewed the ledger for deposit and cash expense transactions.

There were a total of 190 line item deposits/expenditures, with some items covering multiple lines. In accordance with established protocol, I selected a 10% random sample, which I rounded to a sample of 20 items. I used the random number generator from the website, random.org, to select 20 items for review. After establishing the sample, and as an abundance of caution, I manually included additional items for individuals affiliated with IGRA.

The IGRA Treasurer promptly provided documentation supporting all transactions in the sample. Sampled deposits and expenditures tied to the general ledger. I also reviewed airline ticket invoices to determine fare classes utilized for affiliated party travel. All airline fares were at economy or discount economy fares and no charges were noted for auxiliary items such as bag fees or food/beverage purchases.

This is an internal review/audit, as prescribed by IGRA By-Laws and is not, nor is it intended to replace, an external independent audit that would be performed according to Generally Accepted Accounting Standards and Principals. No opinion is expressed, nor should the Board of Directors infer an opinion as to compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Standards and Principals.

Respectfully submitted,
Jabby Lowe, IGRA 2013 Corporate Auditor

MINUTES

The regular quarterly meeting of the IGRA Board of Trustees was held at 2:52 pm on Friday, July 12, 2013 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden, Colorado with the Trustees' Chair presiding.

Ron Trusley performed the roll call with following Trustees present.

AGRA	Ron Trusley
ARGRA	Janie Van Santen
ASGRA	Tom Lott
CGRA	John Beck
DSRA alternate	Lisa Smith
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GSGRA	Scotty Shadix
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SCCGRA	Gary Eddy
SGRA	Chuck Browning
TGRA	Mark Gurrola

Tim Fellencer moved to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Mark Gurrola seconded the motion and the motion carried by voice vote.

Rodeo Variances. No variance requests were submitted.

Bobby Fender expressed thanks to a few individuals for their help in regards to inappropriate and unethical events.

Old Business. None.

New Business. Michael Lentz, IGRA Judges Certification Committee Chairperson, requested approval for Terry Covington, TGRA member, to enter the Student Judging Program. Scotty Shadix moved to approve the request. Carl Stange seconded the motion and the motion carried by voice vote.

Rodeo Checklist Trustee. Mark Gurrola was selected to complete the checklist.

Rodeo Review Trustee. John Beck and Kelly Peebles were selected to perform these duties.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 3:01 pm.

Ron Trusley
Acting Secretary