



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Golden, CO  
Friday, July 11, 2014  
10:30 am

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Roll Call**

**Adoption of Rules of Debate**

**Approval of Previous Minutes**  
Oklahoma City – May 23, 2014

**Executive Reports**

**President**  
Ed Barry

**Vice President**  
James Jenkins

**Secretary**  
Bruce Gros

**Treasurer**  
David Hill

**Trustees Chair**  
Ray Ostmann

**Administrative Assistant**  
Tommy Channel

**Auditor**  
Jabby Lowe

### **Standing Committees**

Membership	–	Bruce Gros
Bylaws	–	Benjamin Avant
Rodeo Rules	–	Clint Coil
Community Outreach–Fundraising–Royalty	–	2014 Black Sashes
Budget	–	David Hill
Public Relations	–	Brian Helander
Marketing	–	
Nominating	–	Frank Mazzo
Dance Competition Rules	–	James Jenkins
Finals Rodeo	–	Dan Nagel
Women’s Outreach	–	Kami Boles
IGRA University	–	John Hill & Lisa Smith
Annual Convention	–	Larry Lindstrom
Hall of Fame	–	Roger Bergmann
Arena Directors	–	Heather Murray
Chute Coordinators	–	Jay Beck
Judges	–	Michael Lentz
Auditor, Secretary, Scorekeepers	–	Ron Trusley
Association Presidents	–	Bruce Roby & Randy Edlin

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

Animal Issues & Concerns	–	Kelly Peebles
Archives	–	Brian Rogers
Gay Games	–	Judy Munson
Health & Safety	–	Amy Griffin
Internet Technology	–	Larry Lindstrom
Joint Certification	–	Ron Trusley
Social Media	–	Kole Hillman
Disciplinary Processes	–	Randy Edlin

### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

Revision of 2014 Budget  
Rodeo Approvals for 2015 – AGRA, FGRA, DSRA, GSGRA-GPSC, TGRA, NGRA  
Review of Contracts for Approval  
Board Meeting Schedule for 2015  
International Award(s)

#### **Announcements**

CGRA, TGRA, GSGRA, AGRA, OGRA, MGRA, NMGRA, NSGRA  
DSRA, ASGRA, NGRA, ILGRA, ARGRA, MIGRA, RRRRA,  
GWGRA, FGRA, SCCGRA, IAGRA, LSGRA, SGRA, CSGRA

### **Adjournment**

## MINUTES

The regular quarterly meeting of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) was held on Friday, July 11, 2014 at 10:45 am at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Golden, Colorado; the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Upon calling the roll, the following board members and guests were present. Quorum was established at 69%.

President	Ed Barry	ASGRA	Frank Harrell
Vice President	James Jenkins	CGRA	John Hill
Secretary	Bruce Gros	CGRA	Robert Thurtell
Treasurer	David Hill	CGRA	Larry Lindstrom
AGRA – Alt	John King	FGRA	Stephen Fischbacher
ARGRA – Div 2	Janie Van Santen	FGRA	Bryan Hodges
ASGRA	Tom Lott	FGRA	Von Whitaker
CGRA	John Beck	NGRA	Larry King
DSRA – Alt	Sandy Bidwell	NGRA	Bill Trunzo
FGRA	Barbara Bugg	Guest – CNN	Jackie Hurwitz
GSGRA	Bruce Roby	Guest – CNN	Rachel Libert
GWGRA - TrCH	Ray Ostmann		
MGRA - Alt	Rob Matyska		
NGRA – Div 1	Guy Puglisi		
NMGRA	Brian Helander		
SCCGRA – Alt	Scotty Shadix		
SGRA	Chuck Browning		
TGRA	Mark Gurrola		

**Rules of Debate.** James Jenkins moved that we adopt the same rules of debate as those used at Annual Convention and he motion passed on a voice vote.

**Minutes.** Mark Gurrola moved that the minutes of the May 23, 2014 meeting be approved as read and the motion passed on a voice vote.

### **Executive Board Reports.**

President. Ed Barry deferred his report till later in the meeting.

Vice President. James Jenkins reported that progress for the Royalty Contest at WGRF is going well and thanked the Finals Committee for their work. The Judges Draw for competition has been conducted to rank each Member Association within each category, which will shortly be sent to the Trustees Yahoo Group to supply judges' names.

Secretary. Bruce Gros submitted a written report, a copy of which is attached.

Treasurer. David Hill reported that the June financials are not yet complete. He noted two Member Associations with outstanding accounts to IGRA: IAGRA \$242.87 for insurance premium and CSGRA \$242.87 for insurance premium.

Trustees Chair. Ray Ostmann reported that the Board of Trustees will meet following the board meeting. There will be no EPRB meeting.

Corporate Auditor. Ed Barry presented the written report submitted by Jabby Lowe, a copy of which is attached.

President. Ed Barry directed attention to three contracts that will be presented for consideration today. They are the stock contract for GG9, stock contract for WGRF, and the IGRA University hotel contract.

He read a letter regarding James Raimy's departure from Anheuser-Busch.

### **Standing Committee Reports.**

Membership. Bruce Gros reported we have responded to an inquiry in Montana and the northwest area of the U.S. Ed Barry also reported an inquiry from the Reno, Nevada area. Neither lead has responded for further follow up at this time.

Community Outreach. Bill Trunzo reviewed the activities of the Royalty Team, which has raised \$11,505.19 to date for their year.

Budget. David Hill reported that the 2014 budget revisions are still underway and are highly dependent on the activities surrounding planning of GG9 and WGRF.

Public Relations. Brian Helander reported that most effort is focused on GG9. He acknowledged our guests from CNN who are at Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo this weekend to prepare for filming interviews at Zia Regional Rodeo.

Marketing. Ed Barry stated we need someone to step forward to fill this position or we should consider revisiting it at Annual Convention.

Dance Competition Rules. James Jenkins asked if Member Associations are holding dance events to feed into the IGRA program to make it viable, and if not, whether we should continue to invest in the program or refocus our efforts.

Finals Rodeo. Dan Nagel gave an overview of the committee's progress, noting their decision to offer All Around High Point Event Awards in place of All Around saddles. He reported that Awards Banquet Tickets will be \$15, and recommended the Boards action to approve the stock contract.

IGRA University. John Hill and Lisa Smith reported on early planning for University.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Reports.**

Animal Issues. Kelly Peebles reported that cases of Equine Herpes EHV1 continue to rise, that no stock issues have been brought to the committee's notice, and recommended the practice of clearing vegetation prior to stock delivery.

Gay Games. Judy Munson reported on final preparations for GG9.

Rachel Libert and Jackie Hurwitz from CNN and Part 2 Pictures presented information on the CNN documentary planned for filming in Santa Fe at Zia Regional Rodeo.

The meeting recessed at 12:33 pm for lunch and reconvened at 1:33 pm.

Women's Issues. Kami Boles reported on the work of her committee.

Social Media. Kole Hillman reported on the work of her committee.

Convention. Larry Lindstrom reported on plans for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in November.

## **New Business**

Executive Board Action. Bruce Gros reported actions of the Executive Board of Directors to draft and adopt a policy regarding WGRF Directors, and reported the election of Robert Thurtell (CGRA) as Rodeo Director for WGRF 2015.

Rodeo Applications. Scotty Shadix moved that the 2015 Rodeo Applications submitted by AGRA, FGRA, DSRA, GSGRA-GPSC, TGRA, and NGRA be approved in a block as presented and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Contract Reviews. Ray Ostmann moved to approve the Gay Games 9 stock contract as presented and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Ray Ostmann moved to approve the WGRF stock contract as presented and the motion passed on a voice vote.

David Hill moved to approve the 2015 IGRA University hotel contract conditionally, subject to final approval by the Executive Board of Directors upon receipt of the revised contract. The motion passed on a voice vote.

2015 Board Meetings. Bruce Gros moved that the Board of Directors meet in 2015 at the following times:

- January 16, 2015 at IGRA University in Austin, Texas
- April 24, 2015 at Rodeo in the Rock in Little Rock, Arkansas
- September 4, 2015 at Show-Me State Rodeo in Kansas City, Missouri
- November 12, 2015 at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention in St. Petersburg, Florida

The motion passed on a voice vote.

International Awards. Nominations for the IGRA International Award were received from the floor for the following individuals:

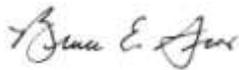
- Char Duran
- Wade Earp
- Travis Gardner
- Chris Sherman
- David Lanier
- Brian Rogers
- Judy Munson

Tom Lott moved that all seven nominees be approved for the award and the motion passed on a voice vote.

### **Announcements**

Announcements were made by representatives of the various Associations.

There being no further business appearing, the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm.



Bruce E. Gros, IGRA Secretary

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## IGRA BOD Meeting Denver

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From: **SGRA & IGRA** (agracowboy@yahoo.com)

Sent: Wed 7/09/14 2:57 PM

To: IGRA BOD Group (igrabod@yahoogroups.com); Gros Bruce (secretary@igra.com); janine pardee (janinepardee@yahoo.com)

Hello Bruce,

This letter is to appoint SGRA Member Janine Pardee as my Alternate Trustee for the Friday July 11th IGRA Meetings. This appointment will expire at the end of the Trustee meeting or EPRB if one is called.

Thank you,

Chuck Browning. SGRA Trustee

Sent from my iPhone

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## SCCGRA Alt Trustee for Calgary and Denver

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From: **Scotty Shadix** (scottysHADIX@yahoo.com)

Sent: Wed 6/18/14 12:00 PM

To: Janie Van Santen (dewintoncowgirl@hotmail.com); secretary@igra.com; Bruce Gros (brgros@hotmail.com)

Cc: Mark Scammell (skisnbeer@aol.com); Scotty Shadix (scottysHADIX@yahoo.com)

Hi Janie and Bruce -

Mark Scammell, SCCGRA President, is cc'ed for verification.

Scotty Shadix will be the SCCGRA Alternate Trustee for these events and dates:

CRIR - Calgary - June 27-29, 2013

IGRA BOD and RMRR - Denver - July 11-13, 2013

Thank you.

Scotty Shadix  
310-902-2276



Bruce Gros <igrabruce@gmail.com>

## [IGRABOD] IGRA Board Meeting

1 message

**kenneth hall** [kenhall66@hotmail.com](mailto:kenhall66@hotmail.com) [IGRABOD] <IGRABOD@yahoogroups.com>

Tue, Jul 8, 2014 at 6:19 PM

Reply-To: IGRABOD@yahoogroups.com

To: "igrabod@yahoogroups.com" <igrabod@yahoogroups.com>, "robmatyska@gmail.com" <robmatyska@gmail.com>

Rob Matyska will be MGRA's alternate for the IGRA Board Meeting and weekend of July 11-13. Rob is a member in good standing. Thank you and have a great rodeo.

Ken Hall  
MGRA Trustee

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Posted by: kenneth hall <[kenhall66@hotmail.com](mailto:kenhall66@hotmail.com)>

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Bruce Gros <igrabruce@gmail.com>

**[IGRABOD] Denver rodeo**

cowboybear99@yahoo.com [IGRABOD] <IGRABOD@yahoogroups.com>  
Reply-To: IGRABOD@yahoogroups.com  
To: IGRABOD@yahoogroups.com

Thu, Jul 10, 2014 at 7:23 PM

Sorry I will not be able to attend. Sandy Bidwell is alternate Trustee for DSRA

Bearhugs

Jacky Green

Trustee

DSRA

Posted by: [cowboybear99@yahoo.com](mailto:cowboybear99@yahoo.com)

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Bruce Gros <igrabruce@gmail.com>

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'Ron Trusley' rtrusley@cox.net [IGRABOD] <IGRABOD@yahoogleroups.com>  
Reply-To: IGRABOD@yahoogleroups.com  
To: IGRABOD@yahoogleroups.com

Thu, Jul 10, 2014 at 11:39 PM

Also, I am unable to attend the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo July 11-13, 2014. John King, a member in good standing, is designated as AGRA Alternate Trustee for the Board Meeting and through the duration of the Rodeo Review Board Meeting on Sunday.

Ron Trusley  
AGRA Trustee

**From:** <mailto:IGRABOD@yahoogleroups.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2014 6:23 PM  
**To:** [IGRABOD@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:IGRABOD@yahoogleroups.com)  
**Subject:** [IGRABOD] Denver rodeo

Sorry I will not be able to attend. Sandy Bidwell is alternate Trustee for DSRA

Bearhugs

Jacky Green

Trustee

DSRA

Posted by: "Ron Trusley" <rtrusley@cox.net>

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Lester Meier Rodeo Co.  
Fredericksburg, Texas  
830-997-1864

This agreement is entered into this July 7, 2014 between Lester Meier Rodeo Co. and The International Gay Rodeo Association, hereafter called IGRA.

Lester Meier Rodeo Co. furnishes the following services for a two day rodeo to be held August 10, and August 11, 2014 at Summit County Fairgrounds which is located in Tallmadge, Ohio.

1. Stock and personnel as specified below:
2. One solid-floor skid large enough to remove an injured horse or bull from arena. *No - L.M.*
3. Sufficient number of flank straps for bucking stock, and horn wraps for Team Roping Steers.

Based on our estimates, we are expecting approximately:

- 4 Bareback Bronc Riders,
- 9 Bull Riders
- 12 Steer Riders
- 46 Chute Doggers
- 67 Calf-Ropers-On-Foot
- 23 Breakaway Calf Ropers
- 8 Teams for Team Roping
- 21 Goat Dressing Teams.

Based on these estimates, the following

minimum number of livestock and personnel shall be provided by Stock Contractor:

- 3 Bareback Bucking Horses (minimum 1,000 lbs. )suitable for amateur (high school level) Contestants.
- 6 Bucking Bulls (mullie preferred) minimum 1200 lbs. -suitable for amateur (high school level) contestants
- 5 Bucking Steers, Cows, or Heifers ( 800 lbs minimum) – suitable for amateur (high school level contestants) No green animals will be accepted..
- 8 Steers (400 to 500 pounds) seasoned for Team Roping.
- 12 Steers (400 to 500 pounds) seasoned for Chute Dogging
- 9 Steers (400 to 500 pounds) to be used for Steer Decorating (56 contestants =28 teams)
- 7 Steers (400-500 pounds) to be used for Wild Drag Race (46 contestants = 16 teams)
- 15 Calves for Roping-On-Foot and Breakaway Roping (similar in size and breed) 30 lbs difference, **prefer no horns** or all horns.
- 4 ~~5~~ Goats (at least 25-30 inches high at the shoulders, and similar in height and size, **no Billy's**)
- 1 Person to pull flank straps
- 2 Pick-up Men for Bareback Riding Event

- LM (1)
- 1 Horse with saddle, bridle, etc. for Finish Flagging Judge
  - 1 Bullfighter for Chute Dogging, Steer Riding, and Bull Riding Events
  - 3 personnel behind the chutes for moving stock.
  - Two personnel on horseback for moving stock in the arena.

Clarifications on un-acceptable Stock:

No green animals will be accepted for use in any event. (Chute fighting or overly aggressive)

No young bulls, recently "krimped", or banded steers, or those castrated less than 6 months from rodeo date will be accepted for any event.

The only Bulls allowed will be those for Bull Riding, and they will be seasoned bulls – not green.

Green = inexperienced and / or overly aggressive.



Date: July 7, 2014

Lester Meier Rodeo Co. and The International Gay Rodeo Association

Rodeo Director: Judy Munson

The number of livestock may be modified based on the number of pre-registered contestants as of date following close of pre-registration. This will be done by verbal agreement between the Rodeo Director and Lester Meier Rodeo Co.

Listed below are the requirements to produce a quality rodeo for the IGRA. Any requirement considered essential to good rodeo is followed with a monetary fine to be imposed if the stock contractor does not follow the requirement. The Rodeo Director will impose these monetary fines.

1. Stock contractor shall have full control over his staff at all times. No drinking of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed until the completion of each day's rodeo events, and no member of his staff shall be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while on duty. \$500.00 or your amount fine for each occurrence.

2. Stock contractor and his crew shall be familiar with all International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) Rules pertaining to rodeo conduct and livestock. A copy of the 2014 IGRA Rules will be given to the stock contractor. Section IV. RODEO LIVESTOCK will be strictly enforced (See Addendum). The stock contractor will be assessed a fine of \$500 per violation of conduct by any of the Stock Contractor or any member of his staff.

3. No "hotshots" may be used on livestock without prior approval of Chute Coordinator or Arena Director. And will never be used on an animal while in an enclosed chute.

4. Stock requirements shall be as indicated on this contract. The stock contractor will be assessed a fine of \$500 per intended use of each animal that does not meet the IGRA rules and requirements.

The following schedule is to be followed in producing the IGRA Rodeo at Gay Games 9.

Livestock to arrive no later than (August 8, 2014), so they can be run through the chutes and arena before (August 10, 2014). There will be a \$500.00 fine for any infraction to the arrival or departure dates.

Sunday August 10, and Monday August 11, 2014, Stock contractor to be on site with all of his crew from 7:00 AM until the rodeo performance is concluded and all livestock secured. \$500.00 or your amount fine for each hour and/or portion of an hour that the crew is late.

Tuesday August 12, 2014 - Stock contractor to move out livestock by noon. \$500.00 fine for infraction.

Lester Meier Date: 7/7/14 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/7/14  
Lester Meier Rodeo IGRA President -

**IGRA will provide:**

50 bales of alfalfa hay, which IGRA will have delivered to the Summit County Fairgrounds on Friday August 8, 2014 and IGRA will also provide Lester Meier Rodeo with ~~2~~ hotel rooms 3 LM Friday August 8, Saturday August 9, Sunday August 10, and Monday August 11, 2014.

**Lester Meier Rodeo Company will provide:**

The livestock and all other items detailed on pages 1 and 2 for compensation of: **\$\$16,000.**

As a good-faith payment, an amount equal to the cost of the required Liability Insurance will be paid in advance by IGRA by July 14, 2014 and the remainder of the total cost by check at the conclusion of the rodeo, when the livestock, equipment, and all other items are loaded and ready to leave Summit County Fairgrounds. (If the Rodeo Director imposes monetary fines, they will be deducted from the final payment check).

Lester Meier Rodeo Company and any subcontractors, such as a chute and arena supplier shall provide their own Liability Insurance. As per IGRA rules, a copy of the insurance policy must be sent along with the bid proposal to IGRA with a government postmark no later than date 45 days before rodeo. The copy will include the policy name, policy number, and insurance company phone number. A copy of the Liability policy must also be submitted to the IGRA Checklist Trustee at the rodeo grounds. The Liability policy will list the following as additional insured:

**International Gay Rodeo Association**  
**P.O. Box 460504**  
**Aurora, Colorado 80046**

**Summit County Fairgrounds**  
**229 E Howe Rd. Tallmadge, OH 44278**

Failure to provide a current Insurance Policy will result in a fine of \$1500.00 which will be deducted from the Stock Contractor's final payment.

IGRA may terminate this contract and be relieved of any further performance if Lester Meier Rodeo Company fails to perform as scheduled. Lester Meier Rodeo Company and its employees shall act as an independent contractor and not as employees or agents of IGRA.

Time is of the essence, and all of the provisions of this agreement shall extend to and be binding upon and insure to the benefit of heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

The provisions of this contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

The above prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. This

contract is binding when both parties agree and both parties sign this agreement. This contract is also binding as to all pages as attached and signed by both Parties.

Lester Meier Date: 7/7/14 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/7/14  
Lester Meier Rodeo Co. IGRA President

## **IGRA RODEO RULES ADDENDUM**

*Please review with your staff*

### **RULE V - RODEO LIVESTOCK**

1. All Associations producing an IGRA Sanctioned Rodeo must have a signed, dated, original contract on file, and must provide a copy to checklist Trustee during the Trustee Pre-Rodeo Meeting.
2. All IGRA rodeo livestock requirements must be included in the stock contract.
3. Stock Contractors bear the responsibility to know and follow all State or Provincial laws and/or rules regarding health certificates and/or Coggins tests for each State or Province that he/she is traveling in or entering, and must have the necessary paperwork that complies with each State's or Province's laws and/or rules, in regards to all of his stock, State laws can be found at Web site <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/sregs/>.
4. IGRA contestants are of an amateur ability, and bucking stock provided must be similar to the level used in a high school rodeo.
5. No animal shall be beaten, mutilated, or cruelly prodded. Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible. Animal shall be touched only on the hip or shoulder area with prod, and never while in a closed chute.
6. Requirements for livestock shall be...
  - A. Bulls - minimum of 1,200 pounds, Non-horned, or with horns blunted to a minimum diameter of a fifty-cent piece, with smooth, rounded and non-jagged edges.
  - B. Bareback Broncs - Minimum 1,000 pounds, been previously bucked, and proven capable of the event.
  - C. Riding Steers - minimum of 800 pounds, non-horned, or with horns blunted to a minimum diameter of a quarter, with smooth, rounded and non-jagged edges. Cows/Heifers may be used for the steer riding event if riding steers are not available of the proper weight. If Cows/Heifers are used, then steers may not be used in that event
  - D. Team Roping Steers- 400 to 500 pounds, and must have minimum of seven inch horns, blunted to the minimum diameter of a dime, with smooth, rounded and non-jagged edges. These steers cannot be used for any other event, must have been previously roped, and wear protective Horn Wraps during the event.
  - E. Chute Dogging Steers - 400 to 500 pounds, and must have minimum of seven inch horns, blunted to the minimum diameter of a dime, with smooth, rounded and non-jagged edges. These steers cannot be used for any other event, must have been previously dogged or wrestled, and have not been previously used for Team roping.
  - F. Camp Event Steers - 400 to 500 pounds, and must have minimum of seven inch horns, blunted to the minimum diameter of a dime, with smooth, rounded and non-jagged edges, and have been previously handled.
  - G. Calves - no more than a 30 pound difference between animals in the herd.
  - H. Common goats - with a minimum height of 25 - 30 inches at shoulder, and be similar/same in breed, height and size. No Billy goats or fainting goats.
  - I. No animal with steel reinforcing bar or plaster on the horns shall be allowed in the competition.
7. Grouping of Steers - The Chute Coordinator and Stock Contractor shall determine which animals are in each group, and pen accordingly. One group for chute dogging, a second group for team roping, and a third group for Camp Events.

8. All stock must be run through the event chutes and through the arena prior to the start of the rodeo, while Arena Director and Chute Coordinator are present to inspect all stock.

9. The Arena Director and Chute Coordinator will inspect stock upon arrival, and prior to each rodeo performance.

a. No green (overly aggressive), sore, lame, sick, diseased, or injured animal, or animal with defective eyesight, will be used in the Rodeo Events.

b. An animal with any of the above noted characteristics will be referred to as "unfit" and are to be visibly marked and removed from competitive status.

c. They will also inspect horned animals to see that they follow the guidelines in Rule #8.

d. Any Animals not meeting the horn requirements must be visibly marked and pulled from competitive status, or blunted appropriately.

e. Arena Director and Chute Coordinator must inform the Stock Contractor if they decide to pull an animal for the above reasons.

10. If an animal is injured during an event, it shall be removed as soon as possible from the arena to a place as isolated and comfortable as possible to reduce stress to the animal. Each rodeo shall provide a method and the equipment necessary to remove injured animals from the arena.

11. Any livestock concerns should be addressed to the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator.

Lester Meier Date: 7/7/14 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lester Meier Rodeo Co. IGRA - President



## World Gay Rodeo Finals

**International Gay Rodeo Association Inc.**

**P.O. Box 460504**

**Aurora, CO 80046-0504**

This agreement is entered into this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014 by and between Lester Meier Rodeo Company and the International Gay Rodeo Association hereafter called IGRA Inc.

Lester Meier Rodeo Company furnishes the following services for a two day rodeo to be held on October 18 & 19 2014, at the John Justin Arena which is located in Fort Worth, Texas.

1. Stock and personnel as specified below
2. Four (4) bucking chutes
3. Labor to setup bucking chutes
4. Sufficient number of flank straps for bucking stock, and horn wraps for Team Roping Steers.

Based on our estimates, we are expecting approximately, 6 Bull Riders; 24 Steer Riders; 3 Bareback Bronc Riders; 36 Chute Doggers; 40 Calf-Ropers-On-Foot; 40 Breakaway Calf Ropers; 20 Teams for Team Roping; and 20 Goat Dressing Teams. Based on these estimates, the following minimum number of livestock and personnel shall be provided by Stock Contractor:

- 4 Bucking Bulls (mullie preferred) minimum 1,200 lbs. - suitable for amateur (high school level) contestants
- Riding steers, minimum of 800 pounds, non-horned (preferred) or with horns blunted to a minimum diameter of a quarter, with smooth, rounded, and non-jagged edges. Cows and/or heifers may be used for Steer Riding if riding steers are not available of the proper weight. If cows and/or heifers are used, then steers may not also be used.
- 2 – 3 Broncs - Minimum of 1,000 pounds, been previously bucked, and proven capable of the event.
- 10 Steers (400 to 500 pounds) seasoned for Team Roping.
- 12 - 15 Steers (400 to 500 pounds) seasoned for Chute Dogging
- 10 Steers (400 to 500 pounds) to be used for Steer Decorating and Wild Drag Race.
- 12 Calves for Roping-On-Foot and Breakaway Roping (similar in size and breed)
- 4 Goats (at least 25-30 inches high at the shoulders, and similar in height and size)
- 1 Person to pull flank straps
- 2 Pick-up Men for Bareback Riding Event
- 1 Horse with saddle, bridle, etc. for Finish Flagging Judge
- 1 Bullfighter for Chute Dogging, Steer Riding, and Bull Riding Events

The number of livestock may be modified based on the number of pre-registered contestants as of September 30, 2014 This will be done by verbal agreement between the Rodeo Director Chair, Dan Nagel and the Stock Contractor, Lester Meier.

Clarifications on un-acceptable stock:

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No young bulls, recently "crimped", or banded steers, or those castrated less than 6 months from rodeo date will be accepted for any event

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The provisions of this contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

The above prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. This contract is binding when both parties agree and both parties sign this agreement. This contract is also binding as to all pages as attached and signed by both Parties.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lester Meier  
Proprietor, Lester Meier Rodeo Company  
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Fredricksburg, Texas 78624  
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## World Gay Rodeo Finals

**International Gay Rodeo Association Inc.**

**P.O. Box 460504**

**Aurora, CO 80046-0504**

This agreement is entered into this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014 by and between Lester Meier Rodeo Company and the International Gay Rodeo Association hereafter called IGRA Inc.

Lester Meier Rodeo Company furnishes the following services for a two day rodeo to be held on October 19 & 20, 2013 at the John Justin Arena which is located in Fort Worth, Texas.

1. Stock and personnel as specified below
2. Four (4) bucking chutes
3. Labor to setup bucking chutes
4. Sufficient number of flank straps for bucking stock, and horn wraps for Team Roping Steers.

Based on our estimates, we are expecting approximately, 6 Bull Riders; 24 Steer Riders; 3 Bareback Bronc Riders; 36 Chute Doggers; 40 Calf-Ropers-On-Foot; 40 Breakaway Calf Ropers; 20 Teams for Team Roping; and 20 Goat Dressing Teams. Based on these estimates, the following minimum number of livestock and personnel shall be provided by Stock Contractor:

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- 1 Horse with saddle, bridle, etc. for Finish Flagging Judge
- 1 Bullfighter for Chute Dogging, Steer Riding, and Bull Riding Events

The number of livestock may be modified based on the number of pre-registered contestants as of September 30, 2013 This will be done by verbal agreement between the Rodeo Director, Patrick Terry and the Stock Contractor, Lester Meier.

Clarifications on un-acceptable stock:

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The only bulls allowed will be those for Bull Riding and they will be seasoned bulls – not green.

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Listed below are the requirements to produce a quality rodeo for the IGRA Inc.. Any requirement considered essential to good rodeo is followed with a monetary fine to be imposed if the stock contractor does not follow the requirement. The Rodeo Director will impose these monetary fines.

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Board of Directors Meeting  
July 11, 2014  
IGRA Secretary's Report

Actions of the Executive Board of Directors

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IGRA Corporate Records

Executed copies of the GG9 facilities contracts and Outlook advertising contract have been received for the corporate records.

International Awards

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IGRA provides up to two awards for each Member Association; additional awards may be presented as the Member Association desires at their cost, currently billed at \$25 per award.

IGRA Convention

Several deadlines relating to Convention could affect the business of Member Associations

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- Requests by Member Association to host Annual Convention, 60 days
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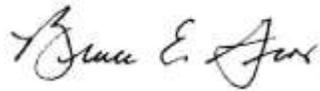
60 days prior to Convention is September 16, 2014.

Progressive Prize Concept

I'm still interested in discussing the viability of the Progressive Prize Pool concept I introduced at our last meeting. With our present results, we could be entering this rodeo with \$22,867.98 in progressive money available, equaling more than \$5700 in the women's bulls, broncs, and steers. For men, there would be over \$1200 for bulls, \$540 for steers, and \$3860 for broncs.

Action Items

None at this time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce E. Gros".

Bruce E. Gros  
IGRA Secretary