



EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday – April 20, 2016

Present: Bruce Gros, Jason Bernard, Ron Trusley, David Hill, Guy Puglisi, Franklin Thompson, Barbara Bugg

Absent: Rob Somers

Guests: Brian Helander, Laura Scott, Tom Lott, Joe Daddezio

Roll Call

Ron called and roll and stated 7 of 8 executive board members are present, thus constituting a quorum.

Call to Order

President Gros called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm mountain time.

Approval of Minutes

Jason Bernard moved to approve minutes of the February 17 and March 05, 2016 executive board conference calls. David Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Board Member Reports

President – Bruce Gros

Bruce said he is not aware of anything we need to take action and/or vote on tonight.

He said the Executive Board needs to determine how and when we will select WGRF 2017 Rodeo Directors. He asked Guy to serve as liaison with the Finals Committee, and Guy declined. He then asked Jason to serve as liaison with the Finals Committee to determine the process, and Jason accepted.

Bruce asked Ron to send a notice to all associations that we are requesting bids for the 2017 and 2018 Annual Conventions, and for the 2018 IGRA University. He also asked Ron to send notice that we are accepting invitations to host the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter Board Meetings and to include that the 1st quarter meeting is usually held in conjunction with IGRA University.

Vice President – Jason Bernard

Jason reviewed the document he prepared listing the money the royalty team and he have raised to date. A total of \$18,420.85 has been raised. Franklin asked if anything is being done about the members who have not raised any money. Jason said he has reached out to those members and offered to help.

Jason had contacted Bruce and let him know that one team member might not be able to go to finals rodeo and do his stepdown due to work, but he has been busy with fund raising. He wanted to be sure there is nothing to prevent the stepdown if he is unable to attend. Bruce said he finds nothing that requires attendance to step down. David said he has three checks of \$1,100 each and asked if Jason or Bruce want to write letters to the charities to include with the checks. Jason and Bruce will work together to prepare letters.

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Secretary – Ron Trusley

Ron asked for the schedule of meetings to be held on Friday – May 6 in Palm Springs. Bruce provided the following scheduled:

WGRF Committee - 8:30 am

Board of Directors - 10:00 am

Executive Board of Directors - following Board of Directors

Board of Trustees - following Executive Board Meeting

EPRB (*only if needed*) - following Board of Trustees

Ron said he is still have difficulty getting responses and added a few board members to the yahoo group, but he continues working with these individuals.

Bruce asked Ron to prepare information as to when award nominations are due and the voting process.

Treasurer – David Hill

David said nothing is particularly over or under budget. Bruce asked if the Rodeo School Support Request Form, Rough Stock Riding Development Progressive Prize Pool Agreement, Regional Rodeo Additional Funds Program, etc., have been completed. David said they have been completed, and he will send to Ron for distribution.

Trustee Chair/Division I Chair – Guy Puglisi

Guy asked about the “revised” rodeo application from OGRA, and Franklin said he mailed it to Guy on Thursday. Nothing to report for Division I.

Division II Trustee Vice Chair – Rob Somers

Absent – no report

Division III Trustee Vice Chair – Franklin Thompson

Everything looks good for the Texas rodeo. He sent reminders to associations in Division III about deadlines. Lize MacDonald will be Rodeo Director for the Oklahoma Rodeo, and everything looks good.

Division IV Trustee Vice Chair – Barbara Bugg

NSGRA is aware of deadlines for things they have to complete.

WGRF 2016 Update – Laura Scott

Laura reported that the 1st fund raiser Jason Bernard did raised \$2,417.00 for shavings for the 2016 WGRF, and the second one raised \$1,560.25 for contestants/volunteers hospitality. One more is planned with ½ of the money to go to contestants and ½ for royalty travel.

Bud Light only offered \$2,500.00 for a sponsorship. Laura reached out to Corona Extra about a sponsorship. They agreed to a \$10,000 cash sponsorship plus signage, bags, swag, etc. They want their name on our event. Laura requests approval to acknowledge Corona Extra as Presenting Sponsor with a \$10,000 cash and \$5,000 or more in kind contributions. David Hill moved to approve the request. Guy Puglisi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Other sponsorships total \$26,000, but there are more to come. Laura is also working trying to secure a gin or rum sponsorship. She thinks total sponsorships will be about the same as they were for the 2015 WGRF.

Tickets for a hotel getaway are being sold, and if all tickets are sold, \$5,000 will be raised.

Bruce reminded us that we have a commitment with Las Vegas Pride to print the rodeo program, and asked when the deadline is. Laura said the deadline to include anything in the program is August 1. She is redesigning a “traveling banner” to be taken to pride events. Brent Rosinski is working closely with Pride personnel to be sure everything promised is delivered.

Tom asked if IGRA will have a presence in a pride booth. Laura reminded us that the pride event is the same weekend as WGRF. Guy suggested that the committee might want to consider paying another group to hand out rodeo fliers at pride. Bruce suggested, if this is done, that the people be requested to dress in full western attire.

Next Meetings

The Executive Board will meet on Friday – May 5, 2016 in Palm Springs. The next conference call will be Wednesday – June 15, 2016 at 9:00 pm eastern time.

Adjourn

President Gros adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm mountain time.



Ron Trusley
IGRA Secretary

