



## EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday – September 21, 2016

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

Guests: Lisa Smith, Tom Lott, Laura Scott

### Call to Order

President Gros called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm Mountain Time.

### Roll Call

Ron called and roll and stated all executive board members are present.

### Approval of Minutes

Barbara moved to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2016 Executive Board Conference Call. Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Executive Board Reports

*President – Bruce Gros*

Nothing to report

*Vice President – Jason Bernard*

Jason said five associations have not responded with judges' names for the royalty and asked how he should proceed. Consensus was to move up alternate judges and assess appropriate fines to associations in accordance with Standing Rule VII.

Jason submitted 20 interview questions for the competition. Consensus was to approve the recommended questions.

*Secretary – Ron Trusley*

Nothing to report except to thank Lisa Smith for recording minutes for the August 17, 2016 conference call.

*Treasurer – David Hill*

Tommy Channel mailed 187 finals invitations yesterday.

Two OGRA checks have been returned twice. Franklin said they have had problems with the bank; the checks are good, and the bank is writing a statement that this was a bank problem. Franklin also said he will send money orders tomorrow to replace the checks.

*Trustee Chair/Division I Chair – Guy Puglisi*

Nothing to report

*Division II Trustee Vice Chair – Roger Japp*

Nothing to report

*Division III Trustee Vice Chair – Franklin Thompson*

Nothing to report

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*Division IV Trustee Vice Chair – Barbara Bugg*

Nothing to report

### Old Business

None

### New Business

David moved to approve the Rodeo Crisis Fund request for \$500.00. Guy seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Ron will notify the contestant of the approval.

### *Membership Renewals*

Ron expressed concern that our bylaws do not specifically state that an association must still have 10 members in the geographical area to remain a member association, although it is implied. He is concerned that this could be an issue with at least one association. Consensus was that this is a requirement and should be applied for all membership renewals.

### *New Association*

A group in Utah has submitted all required documents to request approval as an IGRA Member Association with the name of Utah Gay Rodeo Association.

### *Website Award*

Frank Harrell has asked for approval to give ribbons with the IGRA logo on them to the associations receiving the top 5 scores for the IGRA Website Award. Consensus was to approve the request.

### *Recertification of Rodeo Officials*

Ron moved to suspend Standing Rule XX, Section 7(B) requiring individuals to pass an exam to be eligible for recertification with the suspension only for the current year. Guy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### WGRF 2016 Updates

Laura Scott reported as of September 19 we have exceed 80% of our room block at South Point.

The stock contract was sent to Bruce for review and signature. During the conference call, the contract was emailed to all executive board members for review. Bruce also asked Roger Japp to review the contract. Roger said on page 8 of the contract the name Minnesota should be changed to Colorado. No additional changes were recommended, and no questions were asked. Roger moved to approve the contract as amended. Guy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Medals for the last 10 events have been sponsored.

Ranch House in San Diego will sponsor and pay for one of the bars. Any money they make at the bar Thursday through Saturday will be given to IGRA.

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### WGRF 2017

Jason moved to use Horseman's Arena at a cost of \$600 per day plus any add on costs. Barbara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Earlier this evening Lisa Smith emailed a proposed sponsor package to executive board members. Roger moved to approve the sponsor levels with all inclusions. Barbara seconded the motion.

Ron moved to postpone approval of the sponsor package to allow for sufficient time to review and to schedule a special conference call for October 5 to approve a package. Guy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bruce said we have to staff the 2017 team. Jason contacted current team members asking if they wanted to continue on the committee, but did not receive any responses. Roger Japp volunteered to be on the committee. Bruce continued by saying we typically look for a slate of directors who would move into the rodeo director position from year to year.

After discussion, consensus was for Ron to send a notice asking anyone interested on being on the committee to respond and to convene a special conference call on October 5, 2016 to discuss and approve rodeo directors for 2017.

Lisa also sent a proposed emblem to use on advertising materials, merchandise, etc. Bruce noted that the "TM" is not shown on the logo, but ® is shown for World Gay Rodeo Finals, so there should be no issue. Consensus was to add this matter as an agenda item for the October 5 conference call.

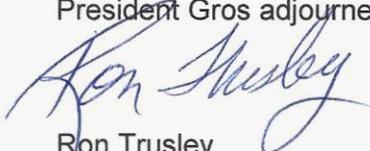
Roger moved to consider the October 5 special conference call as the regular conference call for October. Barbara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Next Meeting

The next conference call will be on Wednesday-October 5, 2016 at 6:00 pm Pacific/Arizona Time; 7:00 pm Mountain Time; 8:00 pm Central Time; 9:00 pm Eastern Time

### Adjournment

President Gros adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm Mountain time.



Ron Trusley  
IGRA Secretary