



EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday – December 21, 2016

Present: Bruce Gros, Jason Bernard, Ron Trusley, David Hill, Guy Puglisi, Gene Fraikes

Absent: Roger Japp, Franklin Thompson

Guest: Lorry King

Call to Order

President Gros called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm Mountain Time. He then welcomed Gene as the newest Executive Board Member.

Approval of Minutes

Jason Bernard moved to approve the minutes of the November 17 and November 20, 2016 Executive Board Meetings. Guy Puglisi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Board Reports

President – Bruce Gros

President Gros said he has been spending a lot of time on making committee appointments.

Vice President – Jason Bernard

Nothing to report. David Hill reminded Jason that he has not received the addresses to send the checks for the 2016 royalty charities. Jason said he sent the information a couple of weeks ago but will resend. He will also resend the information for the associations to be fined for not providing the competition judge.

Secretary – Ron Trusley

Nothing to report.

Treasurer – David Hill

David said he is still working on the November 2016 financials. The on-line contestant entries for the February 2017 Arizona Gay Rodeo opened one day late on December 20, 2016, so the closing date is extended one day to February 3, 2017.

Trustee Chair/Division I Chair – Guy Puglisi

Guy reported he received a request from Kami Boles to certify people for Arena Crew Coordinator by grandfathering them in. Ron suggested to allow the ROC to discuss and make a recommendation in the January 13, 2017 Trustees Meeting. Guy said he agrees with the suggestion.

Division IV Trustee Vice Chair – Gene Fraikes

Nothing to report. President Gros asked Gene to contact FGRA regarding their Trustee vacancy and if a replacement has been selected.

Dance Committee

Wade Earp is not present, but Jason said he has not heard anything from Wade about the schedule. Bruce said he talked extensively with Wade and reminded him that the Executive Board has oversight and a budget needs to be presented for approval.

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2018 Annual Convention Pre-Planning

Bruce reminded us that it is now IGRA's responsibility for planning the convention. He asked if anyone had suggestions for locations we should consider. Suggestions were Florida, New Orleans, and Salt Lake City. He said Mary Honeycutt has expressed interest in serving as Committee Chair for the 2018 convention.

WGRF Report

Lisa Smith had sent documents for proposed Award Sponsorships and Royalty Sponsorships for the 2017 Finals. Discussion on the Award Sponsorships form centered around whether it should also include buckles for Ranch Saddle Bronc Riding. There was some discussion about just listing Bronc Riding since it is possible there might not be Bareback Bronc Riders. Other discussion was that both Bareback Bronc Riding and Ranch Saddle Bronc Riding buckles should be offered since it is conceivable there could be riders in both events. Bruce said our comments and discussion would be given to the committee for their appropriate action.

The Royalty Sponsorships form was approved after specific discussion about the cost of sashes.

Finals Hotel Contract

Bruce has signed the contract with the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel.

Finals Arena Contract

A few questions were asked about specific text in the contract; Bruce answered the questions and gave clarification. Bruce has also signed this contract.

Rodeo School Support Requests

This form will be revised to also include Ranch Saddle Bronc Riding. No additional requests have been received. Bruce asked that the Trustee Division Chairs communicate with associations in their respective division and ensure all associations understand the process and that money is available for two rodeo schools in each division. Bruce also requested David ask Tommy Channel to relay information to associations about rodeo schools and insurance.

Executive Board Retreat

The IGRA Executive Board Retreat is scheduled for Friday-Sunday – January 20-22, 2017 at his house in Denver. Bruce said he and Roger Japp have been talking about the retreat and agenda topics. Please let Bruce know of any topics we would like to discuss.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Bruce said IGRA's mechanical bull is in storage in New Jersey. IGRA no longer participates in the expo in New York, but we still pay storage for the bull. We need to dispose of the bull and stop paying storage. Bruce said he doubts it would be worth trying to sell the bull, but we will make it available to our associations.

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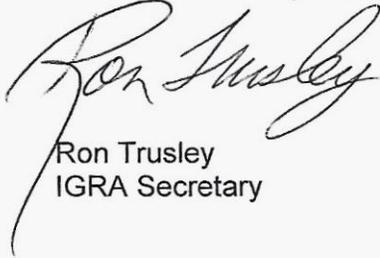
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Next Meeting

The next Executive Board Meeting will be January 13, 2017 in Las Vegas, and the next conference call will be on Wednesday – February 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm Pacific Time; 7:00 pm Arizona/Mountain Time; 8:00 pm Central Time; 9:00 pm Eastern Time

Adjournment

President Gros adjourned the meeting at 8:18

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Trusley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ron Trusley
IGRA Secretary