



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL**

Tuesday – February 27, 2018

Present:

Candy Pratt-President
Mary Honeycutt-Vice President
Ron Trusley-Secretary
David Hill-Treasurer
Michael Brent-AGRA Trustee
Michael Lentz-ASGRA Trustee
Jack Morgan-CGRA Trustee
Lisa Smith-DSRA Trustee
Lize MacDonald-GPRA Trustee
Steve Guidry-GSGRA Trustee
Amy Griffin-ILGRA Trustee

Michael Norman-KSGRA Trustee
Kenneth Hall-MGRA Trustee
Jeffrey Neal-NGRA Trustee
Rich Taylor-NMGRA Alternate Trustee
Gene Fraikes-NSGRA Trustee
Sammy Simpkin-RRRA Trustee
Mark Scammell-SCCGRA Trustee
Chuck Browning-SGRA Trustee
Ed LaBrash-SRRA Trustee
Terry Covington-TGRA Trustee

Absent:

David Hallwood-MIGRA Trustee

Kevin Hillman-UGRA Trustee

Guests Present:

Laura Scott
Robert Thurtell

Marcus (Boogie) Hood
MacMcMillan

Call to Order

President Candy Pratt called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm Central Time.

Roll Call

Secretary Ron Trusley called roll and said 21 board members and 4 guests are present.

Purpose of Meeting

President Pratt stated that because Westworld of Scottsdale had been cancelled as the 2018 WGRF site, we need to now look at all proposals and vote on a new site.

Review of Proposals

Proposals received are:

National Western Complex in Denver, Colorado
Mesquite Arena in Mesquite, Texas
Westworld of Scottsdale, Arizona
Expo New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico
Grady County Fairgrounds in Chickasha, Oklahoma

Lisa Smith commented that Expo NM did not raise prices from the 2017 WGRF, and they are willing to bend over backwards to get finals back.

Westworld of Scottsdale grants would be both for 2018 and 2019, but are not guaranteed. Carter said he would write IGRA a check and IGRA could give back whatever we got in grants.

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The WGRF Committee (Black Shirts) voted for and recommend Mesquite Arena as the 2018 WGRF site.

Jack Morgan moved that a spreadsheet be prepared comparing “apples to apples” and then schedule another conference call in a week to vote on the site. Amy Griffin seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Jack Morgan moved to remove the National Western Complex in Denver from consideration based on cost and weather. Amy Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chuck Browning moved to remove Grady County Fairgrounds from consideration due to date conflicts. Jack Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amy Griffin moved to accept Westworld of Scottsdale as the 2018 WGRF site. Jeffrey Neal seconded the motion. Motion failed with 5 voting in favor, 14 voting against, and 1 abstention.

Terry Covington moved to accept the committee recommendation to have the 2018 WGRF in the Mesquite Arena. Lize MacDonald seconded the motion. Comments included:

Chuck would like to know what the total cost would be.

Boogie said there would be a cost for EMT's and \$85 per stall.

Chuck question arrival times on grounds. Boogie said we could arrive on Thursday and leave on Monday.

Motion passed with 15 voting in favor, 3 voting against, and 2 abstentions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Trusley

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IGRA Secretary