



*International Gay Rodeo Association
Meeting Minutes*

IGRA 2nd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 12, 2024

Time: 0930am

Place: Denton Tx. North Texas Fair Grounds

Recorder: Gene Fraikes - Secretary

Call to Order **Brian Helander called the meeting to order at 0932**

Roll Call **Roll call taken by Secretary Gene Fraikes. Sign in sheet and roll call sheet attached**

Quorum **A quorum was present**

Business Proceedings

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **A motion was made by Chuck Browning and second by Mark Christensen to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2024 regular Board of Directors meeting as emailed on January 15, 2024. There was no discussion or corrections and the motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- **President: Brian Helander reviewed all business handled by the Executive board since last meeting. Brian also reported that there are a lot of good things happening in IGRA and that should be obvious after today's meeting. He also advised that he is trying to focus on big things and important things at this time.**
- **Vice President: Michael Vrooman gave a verbal report which was followed up with the written report attached.**
- **Secretary: Gene Fraikes had no report**
- **Treasurer: David Hill advised the financials have been sent out and are on the website. David also reported that GPRA and NMGRA have not yet paid their insurance premium. A question was asked if CRGRA had paid their premium and David confirmed that they had.**
- **Trustees Chair: Sammy Simpkins had no report**



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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- **Executive Director:** Tommy Channel reported that he was able to negotiate a lower premium than we were quoted for liability insurance. Invoices reflected the lower premium. Tommy also advised that anyone needing a copy of the policy it is available at IGRA.com.
- **Corporate Auditors Report:** Tom Truitt provided written report which is attached
- **2023 Corporation Annual Report:** Written copy of the report is attached and was presented to the board by the Chair. Brian Helander advised this report is asked for by donors and it is ready for board approval. A motion to approve this report was made by Chuck Browning and second by Mark Christensen. Motion passed.

2024 Committee Chairs & Committee Reports

- **Membership:** No report
- **Bylaws:** No report
- **Rodeo Rules:** No report
- **Budget:** Posted to website
- **Marketing:** Report Attached
- **Finals Rodeo 2024:** Written report attached
- **Animal Welfare & Concerns:** No Report
- **Rodeo Officials:** Written report attached

There were no other standing committees that responded to the call for reports.

2024 Ad-hoc committee reports

- **Archives:** No report
- **Guidestar Gold Initiative:** Verbal report given by Michael Lentz. It was reported that IGRA was now ranked as Platinum in the Guidestar program. We still have a couple things that need updated and Michael will take care of these. Michael advised that a decision needs to be made as to whether we post certain documents to the public concerning transparency. Brian Helander reported that this achievement makes us a "Good 501c3". Anthony Lumpkins-Hood advised he will be posting this information on social media celebrating this achievement.
- **Hall of Fame:** Report attached



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- **Health & Safety:** Mark advised that we had 3 injuries at our first rodeo in Phoenix. He reported that we really need to have the injury reports filled out each time we have an injury. Mark recommends that at convention we change the person identified to complete that form from the Rodeo Review Trustee to the Safety Trustee. Mark also recommends that everyone check local laws concerning the need for a Emergency Action Plan based on the number of attendees. Chuck Browning reminded everyone that the contestant has the option to fill out the injury report but we should track all injuries regardless. Some process needs to be set up to do that. Chuck Browning is going to work with Mark Christensen to define and implement this process.
- **Registration System Initiative Update:** Brian Helander advised that there have been a couple issues with the registration system but all have been resolved at this time. Brian also advised that after a couple more rodeo registrations we should be able to determine where we go from here. David Hill advised that the file he receives from the system has been enhanced to be much more user friendly for him and the legacy system.
- **Sponsorship: Report Attached**
- **WGRF 2025 Planning Committee: Report attached**
- **World Gay Pride 2025 Washington DC: Report attached**
- **Website Public: Report attached**
- **Convention 2024: Report attached**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Order of business: 2025 WGRF Contracts

- **Hotel contract presented as emailed out on 3/19/24. A motion was made by Mark Christensen and second by Chuck Browning to approve this contract to be signed by the President. Motion passed.**

Order of business: 2026 WGRF PLANNING

- **Mark Christensen advised he is willing to help with the 2026 WGRF Planning.**



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Order of business: AWARD RECONCILIATION PROJECT

- Ron Trusley reported that to the best of his knowledge all awards omitted or needed correction have been completed. Brian Helander presented some of these awards to people at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Order of business: COWBOY CHANNEL INQUIRY

- Brian Helander advised that he received an inquiry to produce and broadcast our rodeos on their channel. Brian said that they did know about the sensitivities around our organization. He advised that their mission is to be all things rodeo to all people. The Cowboy Channel advised they would like to become more diverse and it may be best to start with us being part of their streaming application. Brian will report any additional information as it becomes available.

Order of business: 2025 AGRA RODEO APPLICATION

- Motion made by Guy Puglisi and second by Chuck Browning to sanction the 2025 AGRA Rodeo. Motion Passed

Order of business: 2025 IGRA UNIVERSITY

- Chuck Browning made a motion to hold an IGRA University in partnership with Sin City in Las Vegas January 2025 and was second by David Lawson. Motion Passed

Order of business: 2030 GAY GAMES DENVER BID

- Brian Helander advised that he had received an email from the Gay Games Denver organization. He has asked Robert Thurtell to take the lead on finding out more information. Robert advised he had reached out to them for more information. Robert also advised that there may be some interest in moving the CGRA rodeo that year to the time frame of Gay Games 2030. No decisions have been made at this time and there is no action to be taken at this time. Chris Tobin made a motion to move forward with discussions concerning our participation and was second by Mark Christensen. Motion Passed

Order of business: SUNDANCE ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL

- Motion was made by Guy Puglisi and second by David Lawson to move forward with discussions with Sundance Association to partner in 2025 for a joint dance event. Roger Bergman will lead these discussions. Motion passed



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Order of business: STOCK CONTRACT FOR WGRF 2024

- **Motion was made by Marcus Hood and second by Robert Thurtell to approve the stock contract presented in the WGRF finals report. Motion passed**

Announcements

Associations presents made announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 1138am

IGRA 2nd QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL April 12, 2024

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Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

A Texas Tradition Rodeo is this weekend

Sam I Am <CowboySamIAM@hotmail.com>

Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 6:57 PM

To: Brian Helander <bhelander@me.com>, "GeneFraikes@gmail.com" <genefraikes@gmail.com>, Chuck Browning <Trustee@crgra.com>, Guy Puglisi <LvGuyP@aol.com>, kenneth hall <kenhall66@hotmail.com>, Mark Christensen <mrogra2010@gmail.com>, David Lawson <David.LAWson18@gmail.com>, Robert Thurtell <Rkymtnbullrider@yahoo.com>, Michael Lentz <gmlentz@yahoo.com>, Chris Tobin <ChrisTobin81@gmail.com>, "Tim Smith (aka Tessy)" <budsandb@yahoo.com>, Monique Zimbelman <mrmzimbelman@msn.com>, Michael Vrooman <michaelvrooman@gmail.com>, Sam I Am <CowboySamIAM@hotmail.com>, Candy Pratt-RRRA <cappaints@aol.com>, "KevinHillman@comcast.net" <KevinHillman@comcast.net>, "Korff@att.net" <SKorff@att.net>, Lisa Smith <Lisahbstan@aol.com>, Anthony Valdez <Tony61861@sbcglobal.net>
Cc: Marcus Hood <marcus.hood595@gmail.com>

Hello Trustee's

The A Texas Tradition rodeo is this weekend. The Board of Directors also have a meeting on Friday, April 12th, 2024 starting at 9:30am in the large building on the fairgrounds where registration is typically held.

Any Trustee who will not be at the rodeo or Board Meetings, please "Reply All" here AND let us know who the alternate trustee will be for your association, if there is one. Also let us know the duration the alternate trustee will replace you.

I will not be in attendance initially as River Rodeo Associations Trustee for the Board Meeting as I'll be arriving late. Marcus "Boogie" Hood will be Red River Rodeo Associations Alternate Trustee until I arrive. I will be RRRA's Trustee for the entire rodeo.

We've already heard from Tim Smith from TGRA, who will not be attending the Board/BOT Meetings. Jeanne Mcleod will be TGRA's Alt Trustee for the Board and BOT meetings. (Tim, please forward to her, I didn't have her email.)

Pre-Rodeo Meeting:

Friday, April 12, 2024 at **4:45pm**, 15 minutes prior to onsite Registration starting (Onsite registration is from **5pm-7pm**).

North Texas Fairground
[2217 N Carroll Blvd](#)
Denton, TX 76201

Post-Rodeo Meeting:

Sunday, April 14, 2024, a minimum 30min after the last posted results at the rodeo grounds. Last year we held the Post Rodeo meeting under the ramada across the arena from secretarial.

North Texas Fairground
[2217 N Carroll Blvd](#)
Denton, TX 76201

For more information: <https://tgra.org/>

Let's all have a safe, fun TGRA rodeo weekend!

Sammy
Trustee CHair
425 260 7907

Trustee's as a reminder of the By Law change regarding Pre-Rodeo Trustee Meetings. It can be found on Page 22, ARTICLE X, Section 9.

ARTICLE X TRUSTEES

Section 9. Duties.

Paragraph E. Pre-Rodeo Meeting.

1. The Trustees present shall conduct a pre-rodeo meeting at each rodeo.
2. The Trustees present will designate a Trustee to complete the rodeo checklist and a Trustee to act as Rodeo Review Trustee. For specific responsibilities for these two (2) positions, refer to Exhibit A4.
3. The Rodeo Review Trustee will be assigned to complete the IGRA Voluntary Rodeo Injury Report during the running of the rodeo. This Trustee will give the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator the completed injury reports for their review and signature(s).
4. **If an Association does not have a trustee or alternate trustee present for the pre-rodeo meeting they will not have a vote in any rodeo review meetings held during the rodeo and at the post rodeo meeting.**

****If for some reason as Trustee you're unable to attend the Pre-Rodeo meeting, it's suggested appointing an Alternate Trustee for that given period of time from your association who can make the meeting. Your association will still be represented throughout the rodeo and Post-Rodeo. The assigning of a alternate trustee needs to be in writing and for a stated time period. If a alternate can't be found, still contact us either by email or text to let us know the circumstances. Sammy 425 260 7907**



Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

Tgra Alternate Trustee

Buds and Blooms <budsandb@yahoo.com>

Tue, Apr 2 at 5:52 PM

To: Sam I Am <CowboySamiam@hotmail.com>, Gene Fraikes <GeneFraikes@gmail.com>

Hello Sammy

Jeanne Mcleod will be the Alternate Trustee for Tgra at the board meeting in Texas

Thank you
Tim Smith
Tgra Trustee

Sent from my iPhone



Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

A Texas Tradition Rodeo is this weekend

Scott Korff <scott.korff@icloud.com>

Thu, Apr 11 at 2:27 PM

To: Sam I Am <CowboySamIAM@hotmail.com>

Cc: Brian Helander <bhelander@me.com>, <genefraikes@gmail.com>, Chuck Browing <Trustee@crgra.com>, Guy Puglisi <LvGuyP@aol.com>, kenneth hall <kenhall66@hotmail.com>, Mark Christensen <MROGRA2010@gmail.com>, David Lawson <david.lawson18@gmail.com>, Robert Thurtell <rkymtnbullrider@yahoo.com>, Michael Lentz <gmLentz@yahoo.com>, Chris Tobin <christobin81@gmail.com>, Tim Smith (aka Tessy) <budsandb@yahoo.com>, Monique Zimbelman <MRMZIMBELMAN@msn.com>, Michael Vrooman <michaelvrooman@gmail.com>, Candy Pratt-RRRA <cappaints@aol.com>, <KevinHillman@comcast.net>, <skorff@att.net>, Lisa Smith <lisahbstan@aol.com>, Anthony Valdez <Tony61861@sbcglobal.net>, Marcus Hood <marcus.hood595@gmail.com>

I was hoping to make it this weekend but scheduling conflicts at work are not permitting.

Gordon Satterly will be the MIGRA Alternate this weekend.

Respectfully,

Scott Korff
MIGRA Trustee

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2024, at 1:05 PM, Sam I Am <CowboySamIAM@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

Fwd: IGRA Vice President Report - 2nd Quarter 2024, Denton, TX

Michael Vrooman <michaelvrooman@gmail.com>
To: Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 9:30 AM

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From: Michael Vrooman <michaelvrooman@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 8:39 AM
Subject: IGRA Vice President Report - 2nd Quarter 2024, Denton, TX
To: Michael Vrooman <michaelvrooman@gmail.com>

IGRA Vice President Report - 2nd Quarter 2024, Denton, TX

Completed IGRA Fundraising Requirements to Date:

Aurora Gayheart (December 2023 in New Mexico \$1500.00), Christopher Aguilar and Andy Siekkenin (March 2nd in Las Vegas \$5068.74), Southyrn St. John Comfort (March 30 in Oklahoma City \$1250.00)

Soon to be completed Fundraising Requirements:

Christina Miner and Janelle King Neptune have already held fundraisers and are continuing through April to meet their respective required amounts.

Planned Fundraising Requirement efforts:

Ryder Gently, Sebastian Black Starr, Miranda Rytes Ticey & Luna Starr Black are planning fundraisers for future dates.

The 2024 IGRA Royalty Team has been traveling to multiple local fundraising events and two IGRA sanctioned rodeos after this weekend and are projected to meet all of their rodeo and volunteer requirements.

An All IGRA Royalty FB Messenger Group has been created with almost all current royalty (IGRA and Member Association) actively participating. Mentoring through the page has been beneficial and has served as a bonding tool between member associations through team building, fostering creative idea sharing, support and collaboration.

Continued education and core curriculum from IGRA University regarding Fundraising and Public Representation are still available upon request and have continued to be used and revisited by member association representatives and royalty.

Since the addition of the MX Title at the 2023 IGRA Convention, 4 representatives are active on the IGRA Circuit in MX Title positions: 1 UGRA, 1 GSGRA, 2 AGRA. The current IGRA Royalty Team and I continue as part of Community Outreach to educate and advise individuals with questions and interest.

The 2025 IGRA Royalty Competition now has the potential of 30-35 royalty contestants for this year's competition, occupying 15 spaces on an IGRA team; the largest in IGRA History.

The IGRA Contestant Entry Form, Exhibit C02, has been corrected and its verbiage now matches the standing rules. It has been up on the IGRA Website since Feb 22nd and is available for use.

I am currently working with Gene Fraikes on a few more updates to Royalty exhibits to bring them current.

WGRF/IGRA Royalty Competition Objective:

Our objective is to produce a world class production that is valued as an equal entertainment component of the WGRF weekend since it was rooted in the beginnings of Gay Rodeo as far back as the National Reno Rodeos. In working with the WGRF Planning Committee, advertising, posters and web information for this weekend will include WGRF ***and*** IGRA Royalty Competition. Dates advertised currently reflect a 3 day weekend event where the Royalty Competition starts on Thursday night, making this a 4 day event.

I have assembled a core team of 8, including 7 past IGRA Winners to execute this 3 day, scaled event which when we talk about WGRF Weekend showcasing the “***best of the best***”, this is where we must also excel with that mission. Member Association Royalty coming to the IGRA Royalty Competition are already winners and will have qualified to compete here at the WGRF Weekend on this stage. Our core team's effort will be to ensure they get that important world class recognition.

The judges' draw for IGRA Royalty Competition categories will take place Friday July 12, 2024 after registration for the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in Denver, CO (more than the minimum of 100 days required to draw prior to the first day of the competition).

I want to thank members of the AGRA membership and past royalty for volunteering to host a fundraiser in Phoenix, AZ this May to sponsor the IGRA crown, buckles and sashes.

I will be going to OKC Rodeo in Aug with a few core production team members to meet/prep with the El Reno facility and work out any concerns or key production questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Vrooman

IGRA Vice President

IGRA Corporate Auditor Report for April 2024 Board of Directors Meeting

Dates reviewed: Oct, Nov, & Dec 2023; and Jan, Feb, and Mar 2024

I reviewed well over 100 of the checking account checks and deposits for the 6-month period, and all had scans of backup documentation attached.

Year ending December 31, 2023

I reviewed the Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet) reports, reconciliation reports, and Statement of Activity (profit and loss) reports from QuickBooks Online. Yearly comparisons for actual vs budget were within reason. Actual total revenue was only \$1,685 under budget even when considering there were Grants budgeted for \$30k which did not materialize. Finals produced a \$20,776.12 profit (\$16,776.12 over budget). The IGRA Alumni donations of almost \$13k helped immensely in making finals profitable. Expenses were \$16,727.51 under budget. Leaving a net revenue of \$15,191.50 for the year, which is excellent considering the \$34k computer software expense.

Cash assets are \$138,721, with total assets of \$140,678.90 for 2023, which is about \$50k more than year ending 2022. Note: Approximately \$1,500.00 in Accounts Receivable for year-end are over 90 days old and might need to be considered for write-off. I reviewed the 2023 year-end reconciliation statements for the checking, savings, finals fund, and finals contestant fund. All were reconciled and balances match the year end Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet) report.

2022 Retained earnings (67,311.11) plus 2023 Net revenue (15,191.50) correctly carry over to 2024 Retained earnings of \$82,502.61.

Quarter ending March 31, 2024

I reviewed the Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet) reports, reconciliation reports, and Statement of Activity (profit and loss) reports from QuickBooks Online. First Quarter comparisons for 2024 vs 2023 were within reason. Revenue for 2024 is up \$9,940.05 over 2023, \$6,730.85 of which is Royalty Fund Raisers. Expenses are down \$22,792.48 (mostly due to 2023 Computer Software payment) Leaving a net revenue of \$4,698.22 for first quarter 2024 vs a net loss of \$28,034.31 in 2023.

Assets and Liabilities are in balance, and the Net Revenue (\$4,698.22) for year to date through March 31, 2024, match on both the Statement of Activity (Profit and Loss) and Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet).

Everything reviewed is in balance and I see nothing out of the ordinary on any of the financial statements provided.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an Internal Review/Audit, as prescribed by the By-Laws, and is not, nor is it intended to be, an external independent audit performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards; and accordingly, no opinion is expressed on the IGRA financial statements in that respect.

The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA)
2023 Annual Report to the Public
April 10, 2024

IGRA 990 Summary

Income from unrestricted donations:	\$ 40,371
Income from restricted donations:	\$ 5,000
Income from events:	\$ 82,271
Income from member dues and fees:	\$ 41,265
Program expenses	\$ 70,402
Administrative expenses:	\$ 6,938
Fund Raising expenses:	\$ 1,968
2023 Year-end bank account balance:	\$ 138,721

Public Benefit Activities

In 2023, the IGRA sanctioned ten regional member rodeo events, plus four rodeo schools and the annual ***World Gay Rodeo Finals™*** (WGRF), held in El Reno, Oklahoma, where individual event and All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl champions were recognized based on their exemplary competitive achievements. There were between 25 and 75 contestants competing in each rodeo, comprising a total of 4,245 event performances for the year. Each rodeo school engaged approximately 10 to 20 new or existing participants.

IGRA held its 2023 annual convention in Reno, NV. The organization conducted normal business committee meetings and convention proceedings, including the election of the 2024-

2025 Vice-President and Secretary. Organization members and supporters were recognized for their contributions and excellence during the annual awards luncheon and four new members were later inducted into the IGRA Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Primary funding for the organization was derived from the production of the WGRF rodeo, fundraising activities of the IGRA Royalty Team, Alumni Project Fundraising, restricted and general donations, and member dues and assessments as outlined in the summary public financial report.

In 2023, IGRA focused on planning for the Road to 2025; Fifty Years of Gay Rodeo which will be celebrated in October 2025.

2024 Scheduled Board Meetings

(See IGRA.com for more meeting details and announcements)

January 12, 2024:	Las Vegas, NV
April 12, 2024:	Denton, TX
May 29, 2024:	Virtual Meeting: 7:30 pm Central
July 26, 2024:	Hugo, MN
September 25, 2024:	Virtual Meeting: 7:30 pm Central
November 14, 2024:	Grand Rapids, MI

For more information about IGRA, visit www.igra.com

Committee Report for April 12, 2024

Benjamin Avant <benjamin@benjaminavant.com>
To: Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

Fri, Apr 5 at 2:18 PM

Hi Gene. Nothing to report from Bylaws.

I hope things have been going well. Don't hesitate if I can help with anything.

Thanks!

Benjamin Avant

benjamin@benjaminavant.com

PO Box 192288

Dallas, Texas 75219

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COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: IGRA Marketing Committee

Committee Chair(s): Chuck Browning

Committee Members: Scott Korff

Date & Time of Last Meeting: _____

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: _____

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

WGRF-24 Poster has been created - will be used on Marketing our 2024 WGRF Event

Continue to expand our FaceBook capabilities to share events with LGBTQ+ Groups

Compete to expand our Marketing plan including our Road to 50 Years of Gay Rodeo

2024 Rodeo Calendar posted and updated due to CRRN Cancelation

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

☐ **No report at this time**

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Browning



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: WGRF

Committee Chair(s): CHRISTOPHER TOBIN

Committee Members: MARK CHRISTENSEN, CHARLIE COLELLA, JORGE SANCHEZ SAMMY VANGALDER, JAYME WALKER, NICOLE REIGHLIE, BRIAN HELANDER, CHUCK BROWNING, PATRICK TERRY, ROBERT THURTELL, MARK ARNOLD, MICHAEL VROOMAN, RICK JONES

Date & Time of Last Meeting: APRIL 9, 2024

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: WGRF PLANNING, OFFICIALS SELECTIONS, RUNNING ORDER, SPONSORSHIP

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):
OFFICIALS SELECTIONS, SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE, RUNNING ORDER

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):
STOCK CONTRACT

No report at this time

**Respectfully
submitted,**

CHRISTOPHER TOBIN

2024 IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals Stock Contract



IGRA, Inc.
P.O. Box 460504
Aurora, Co 80046-0504

This agreement is entered into by McCarson Rodeo Co. and the International Gay Rodeo Association hereafter called IGRA.

McCarson Rodeo Co. furnishes the following services, stock and personnel, for a two-day rodeo to be held on October 26 & October 27, 2024 at the Canadian County Expo & Event Center El Reno, Ok.

Based on our estimates, the minimum number of livestock and personnel shall be provided by the Stock Contractor:

- 2 - Bucking Bulls minimum of 1,200 pounds (SEE RULE IX – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS)
 - 2 - Broncs, minimum of 1,000 pounds (SEE RULE IX – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS)
 - 6 - Riding Steers, minimum of 900 pounds (SEE RULE IX – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS)
 - 12 - Team Roping Steers, 350-500 pounds and must have 7-inch horns (SEE RULE XI – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS)
 - 18 - Chute Dogging Steers, 400-500 pounds and must have 7-inch horns (SEE RULE XI – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS)
 - 12 - Camp Event Steers, 400-500 pounds with horns of uniform length (SEE RULE XI – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS)
 - 20 - Calves, no more than 30-pound difference between animals in herd (SEE RULE XI – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQ)
 - 4 - Common Goats, similar in height and weight. No more than 10-pound difference between animals not to exceed 100 pounds. Height of 25-30 inches at shoulder. NO Billy goats or fainting goats.
- 1 - Person to pull flank straps
 - 1 - Horse (very gentle) with saddle, bridle, etc. for Finish Flagging Judge
 - 1 - Bullfighter for Chute Dogging, Steer Riding and Bull Riding Events
 - Sufficient number of flank straps for bucking stock
 - Sufficient number of horn wraps for Team Roping steers
 - 2- Pickup men for saddle bronc riding should we have contestants competing

Stock Contractor will follow the following IGRA Rodeo Livestock Requirements (RULE IX):

- RULE IX – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS
- 1. All associations producing an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo must have a signed, dated, stock contractor contract on file and must provide a copy to the checklist Trustee during the pre- rodeo meeting.
- 2. Rodeo Rule IX (Rodeo Livestock Requirements) must be included in the stock contractor's 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 never exceed 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. Livestock Requirements
 - a. Bulls, minimum of 1,200 pounds, non-horned (preferred) or with horns blunted to a minimum diameter of a fifty-cent piece, with smooth, rounded, and non-jagged edges. Bulls must be identifiable by brand, paint, chalk, or other means acceptable to the stock contractor and Chute Coordinator. Pen of bulls will not be used as junior bulls if Junior Bull Riding is offered.
 - b. Broncs, minimum of 1,000 pounds, been previously bucked, and proven capable of the event.
 - c. Riding steers, minimum of 900 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.
 - d. Team Roping steers, 350–500 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, 400–500 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, 400–500 pounds with horns of uniform length, blunted to the minimum diameter of a dime, with smooth, rounded, and non-jagged edges, and have been previously handled. No bobbed or partial tails.
 - g. Calves, no more than a 30-pound difference between animals in the herd. Prefer they not have horns.
 - h. Common goats, similar in height and size
 - i. No more than 10-pound difference between animals not to exceed 100 pounds
 - ii. Height of 25–30 inches at shoulder.
 - iii. No Billy goats or fainting goats.
 - i. No animal with steel reinforcing bar or plaster on the horns shall be allowed in the competition.
 - j. The utilization of steers in the above specified events is for safety considerations. All steers are expected to follow the guidelines of the veterinary community for proper castration. Host association must request for proof of castration if a stock contractor brings young bulls for any event that specifically states the use of steers. IGRA Rodeo Resources has a reference document titled Castration in Cattle – Welfare Issues. An excerpt follows. “Castration is deemed a necessary practice in U.S. cattle production systems. The procedure is primarily advocated to reduce damage to animals, humans, and facilities by decreasing aggressive male behavior. Several techniques have been developed for castration. Less pain has been associated with early castration (younger than 2 months of age) and is, therefore, recommended.”
 - k. Host association will be fined \$100.00 per intended use for the utilization of stock not meeting stock requirements and will be responsible for any replacement costs associated with obtaining the required stock.
- 7. Grouping of steers a. 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 the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator are present to inspect all stock.

- 9. The Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator will inspect stock 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.
 - 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. Inspect horned animals to see that they follow the guidelines in #6 above.
 - d. Any animal not meeting the horn requirements must be visibly marked and pulled from competitive status or blunted appropriately.
 - e. Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator must inform the stock contractor if they decide to pull an animal for the above reasons.
- 10. Any livestock concerns should be addressed to the Arena Director and/or Chute Coordinator.
- 11. 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 as well as a designated area available to treat any animal that may be injured.
- 12. Stock contractors and their staff cannot compete as contestant(s) or perform in any exhibition event during an IGRA-sanctioned rodeo in which they are working.
- 13. Livestock shall be transported in a safe and humane manner in accordance with local, state, provincial and federal laws.

The number of livestock may be modified based on the number of pre-registered contestants as of October 16, 2024 (approximately 7-10 days prior to rodeo), following the close of pre-registration. This will be done by verbal agreement between the WGRF Rodeo Director, Mark Christensen and the stock contractor, McCarson Rodeo Co.

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 “crimped”, or branded steers, or those castrated less than 2 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

Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, “Contractor” agrees to defend , indemnify, and hold harmless _____ and its agents and representatives, from and against all losses, injuries, personal damages, costs, obligations, liabilities, damages, actions, suits, causes of action, claims, demands, settlements, judgments, and other expenses, including but not limited to defense costs and reasonable attorney’s fees, relating to, arising out of or existing by reason of “Contractor” execution or performance of this Agreement, and to the extent caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of “Contractor” or anyone directly or indirectly employed or guest of the “Contractor”, except in the event that any such injury, death, damage or other loss is caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of _____, its officers, directors, agents or employees.

_____ Date _____

Justin McCarson - Owner

_____ Date: _____

Brian Helander, President IGRA

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

1. Stock contractor shall have full control over his/her 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/her staff shall be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while on duty.
2. Stock contractor and his/her crew shall be familiar with all International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) Rules pertaining to rodeo conduct and livestock. A copy of the 2024 IGRA Rules will be sent to the stock contractor. Section IV. Rodeo Livestock will be strictly enforced (SEE RULE IX – RODEO LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENT). The stock contractor will be assessed a fine of \$100.00 per violation of conduct by any of the stock contractor or 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. Stock Contractor shall pay all fines assessed to IGRA for rodeo stock that does not meet requirements.

The following schedule is to be followed in producing the IGRA "World Gay Rodeo Finals":

Livestock to arrive no later than Friday, October 25, 2024 at 9:00 am, so they can be run through the chutes and arena that day. There will be a \$100.00 fine for any infraction to the arrival or departure dates.

On Saturday, October 26, 2024 and Sunday, October 27, 2024 – Stock contractor to be on site with all of his crew from 8:00 am until the rodeo performance is concluded and all livestock is secure.

On Monday, October 28, 2024 – Stock contractor to move out livestock by 8:00 am.

_____ Date: _____

Brian Helander, President
International Gay Rodeo Association

Date _____

Justin McCarson, Owner
McCarson Rodeo Co.

IGRA will provide:

Two hotel rooms for two nights If needed at (TBA). Adequate pens to hold livestock and up to 60 bales of hay, which will be delivered to the rodeo site on Friday, October 25, 2024. Other items provided are water, equipment (tractor and loader), animal skid, advertising and necessary personnel for an IGRA sanction rodeo.

McCarson Rodeo Co will provide:

The livestock and all other items detailed on pages one, two and three for compensation of: **\$10,000**

As a good-faith payment, an amount equal to the cost of the required Liability Insurance will be paid in advance by IGRA by August 7, 2024 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 the venue name. (If the Rodeo Director imposes monetary fines, they will be deducted from the final payment check).

McCarson Rodeo Co. will provide the Liability Insurance with a minimum of \$1 million dollar coverage.

IGRA may terminate this contract and be relieved of any further performance if McCarson Rodeo Co. fails to perform as scheduled. McCarson Rodeo Co. 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 considered in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado.

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: _____

Brian Helander, President
International Gay Rodeo Association

Date_____

Justin McCarson, Owner
McCarson Rodeo Co.

RODEO OFFICIALS FOR WGRF

AND BACKUP IF NEEDED

ARENA DIRECTOR

- TIM SMITH

CHUTES

- DENISE REINHART-STANGE

SCOREKEEPER

- SAM POLK (BACKUP GUY PUGLISI)

SECRETARY

- RON TRUSLEY

ARENA CREW COORDINATOR

- TRAVIS JAMES (BACKUP DEVON GARCIA)

JUDGES

- MIKE LENTZ (LEAD JUDGE)
- RICK JONES
- RANDY EDLIN
- AMY GRIFFIN
- (BACKUP TOM SHERIDAN)

ANNOUNCER

- TRE BREWBAKER

RUNNING ORDER FOR WGRF

10AM GRAND ENTRY
CALF ROPING ON FOOT
RANCH SADDLE BRONC
STEER DECO
MOUNTED BREAK AWAY
TEAM ROPING
CHUTE DOGGING
STEER RIDING
POLE BENDING
GOAT DRESSING
BARREL RACING
FLAG RACING
WILD DRAG
BULL RIDING



Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

Re: Committee Report for April 12, 2024

Stefanie Garber <stefanieanngarber@gmail.com>
To: Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

Sun, Apr 7, 2024 at 3:34 PM

Here

Stefanie Garber (she/her)

On Tue, Apr 2, 2024, 5:18 PM Stefanie Garber <stefanieanngarber@gmail.com> wrote:
Gene,

I have nothing to report.

Stefanie Garber (she/her)
[Quoted text hidden]

*Animal
Welfare*



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Rodeo Officials Committee report for April 12, 2024 BOD Meeting

Committee Chair(s): Guy Puglisi

Committee Members: Brian Helander, Travis Drapeau, Guy Puglisi,

Carl Schmidt, Tom Sheridan, Sam Simpkin, Robert Thurtell, and Ron Trusley

Date & Time of Last Meeting: 3/12/2024

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: See attached minutes.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

The recertification exam was administered on 3/9 with a due date of 5/1/2024.

The Judges met 2/6/2024.

The arena/chutes committees met on 3/20/2024.

The auditor/secretary/scorekeeper committee did not meet in the first quarter.

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

N/A

☐ **No report at this time**

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Guy Puglisi

Rodeo Officials Committee Meeting

March 12, 2024

Present:

Brian Helander, Travis Drapeau, Guy Puglisi, Carl Schmidt, Tom Sheridan, Sam Simpkin, Robert Thurtell, and Ron Trusley

Guests: Tim Smith, Arena/Chutes mentor

Absent: None

1. Call to Order at 6:01 pm by Guy Puglisi
2. Old Business (None)
3. New Business

A. Program Enrollment Requests

- a. Requests for program enrollment were received for the following:
 - i. Christopher Aguilar Scorekeeper
 - ii. Brandon Bays Arena Crew Coordinator
 - iii. Stefanie Garber Auditor, Secretary, Scorekeeper
 - iv. Scott Allen Kelly Arena Crew Coordinator
 - v. Ken Wells Scorekeeper
- b. Tom Sheridan moved to approve these requests as a package. Travis Drapeau seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Area Lead/Rodeo Officials Meetings

- a. The area lead/ROC meetings are tentively scheduled as listed below. The fourth quarter meetings will all be held at IGRA Convention on November 15th in Grand Rapids, MI.
 - i. Arena and Chutes: March 20, June 19, and September 18
 - ii. Auditor/Secretary/Scorekeepers March 27, June 5, and September 18
 - iii. Judges February 6, April 23, and August 20
 - iv. Rodeo Officials Committee March 12, June 11, September 10, October 8

C. Program Certification Recommendations

- a. Ron Trusley presented a recommendation to approve certification requests for Dwayne Rennels and Travis Zirkle upon completion of their seminars and examination with a passing score. Tim Smith moved to accept the area lead's recommendation to present certification requests for both individuals contingent on them completing the remaining requirements before the Board of Trustee's meeting at the 2023 IGRA Convention. Sammy Simpkin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Recertification Examinations

- a. The recertification exam was published March 9th with a due date of May 1st. To date, 12 individuals have taken and passed the exam with an average score of 97%.

E. Next Meeting

- a. The next regularly-scheduled ROC meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11th on Zoom. The link to the meeting is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2285060750?pwd=RFZRMVZlQk5tVzY2NHJlTcGsxSEpFdz09&omn=86487707971>

4. Adjourned at 6:11 pm by Guy Puglisi

Judges call on February 6th, 2024

- **Judges, Students on call**

- Tom Sheridan (Chair)
- Jody Harvey (Senior)
- Randy Edlin (Senior)
- Rick Jones (Senior)
- Marcus Hood (Rookie)
- Amy Griffin (Senior)
- Candy Prat (Rookie)
- Jennifer Vrana (Student)
- Michael Lentz (Senior)
- Ron Call (Student)

Topics of discussion:

- Rule Changes that affect Judges
 - A steer will be considered dogged only when it is lying on its side, or on its back, with all four hooves out from under the body and the head in a natural position.
 - A meeting under the direction of the Rodeo Secretary will be held "prior to the start of the rodeo".
- Rodeo schedule. IGRA.COM
 - Let me know about the rodeos you have been invited to thus far and in the future as that happens.
 - We will be keeping track of all Rodeo's attended and positions for 2024.
- Seminar schedule
 - Phoenix rodeo on Friday time tbd.
 - Future dates to be determined and distributed.
- Open discussion

From: Travis tjrn01@cox.net 
Subject: Fwd: Meeting Minutes
Date: April 2, 2024 at 10:45 PM
To: GUY PUGLISI lguyyp@aol.com



Hi Guy,
We discussed who was doing what rodeo's so far. So we put it on a document that I sent out.
If you need anything else please let me know.

Travis
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: tjrn01@cox.net
Date: March 20, 2024 at 8:09:00 PM MST
To: Bill Barber <wjbracer@yahoo.com>, Brandon Dale <brendondale18@gmail.com>, Carl Schmidt II <info@capitolhillmansion.com>, David Henzel <dave.henzel@gmail.com>, Denise Reinhart-Stange <dreinhart06@hotmail.com>, Devon Garcia <devon.b.garcia@gmail.com>, Greg Tinsley <Gregorytinsley@msn.com>, Jeanne McCleod <jeanneaustin@aol.com>, Nichole Reighlie <K.N.Reighlie@gmail.com>, Stefanie Garber <stefanieanngarber@gmail.com>, Tim Smith <budsandb@yahoo.com>
Subject: Meeting Minutes

Hello everyone,
Thank you for those who were able to Join. Apologize for the mix up with times.

We had received invites for which rodeo's so far. Please see attached Spread Sheet.
If you have been invited to a rodeo as an official or assistant please feel free to update the list and send back.

For the zoom meetings, we found that some people were unable to join right away as the link didn't work.
Trouble shoot resolve: Please accept the meeting invite and check your calendar to see if was added, if it was not added and the hyperlink is not blue please reach out to let me know.

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for Wed June 19th 6 pm Pacific Coast Time, 7pm MST, 8 PM Central Time for those who may be time zone dyslexic.

Invite for the meeting will be sent out two weeks before the Mtg.

Travis Drapeau RN, BSN

Green.Blue.Purple - confirmed
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10 KB





COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Archives

Committee Chair(s): Roger Bergmann

Committee Members: _____

Date & Time of Last Meeting: Nov. 2023 IGRA Annual Convention

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: _____

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

☒ No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Roger Bergmann – April 12, 2024 at Denton, TX



Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

Re: IGRA Committee Reporting Form

Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
Reply-To: genefraikes@gmail.com
To: genefraikes@gmail.com

Sat, Apr 20, 2024 at 8:45 AM

**IGRA Committee Reporting Form**

Name	Michael Lentz
Committee Name	Guide Star Gold Initiative
Report Status	Report below
Date of last meeting	09-09-8099
Committee Chair(s)	Michael Lentz
Committee Members	n/a
Brief Overview of last meeting:	n/a
Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at next BoD meeting):	Since the 2023 IGRA Convention, information was uploaded to Candid/Guide Star to complete the process for obtaining Platinum status, a level above the original goal of gold status. The importance of this achievement is that IGRA can post a logo/identifier on our website attesting to our good governance and transparency. It opens us up to acknowledge and potential funding from granting agencies and individuals. Although we have met the Platinum level, we will still need to continually upload updated financial and operational data. Examples include the IRS 1023 charitable organization application package and our 2022 990-EZ tax return. The fiscal year 2023 tax return will need to be added once it is completed. Additional tweaks to our program information will also be needed. IGRA members considering their own individual Guide Star profile can reach out to Michael Lentz if you would like some help getting your own individual profile.

Items Requiring Action (to
be voted on at next BoD
meeting):

none

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COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Hall of Fame

Committee Chair(s): Roger Bergmann

Committee Members: Judy Munson, Teri Hibben, Dan Iversen, Patrick Terry

Date & Time of Last Meeting: Currently participating in email exchanges

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: Debating and considering HOF nominees to be
inducted at the 2024 IGRA Annual Convention. Final votes will happen prior to April 20th
deadline. After committee completes selection process the nominees will be notified to accept or decline their
opportunity to be inducted into the HOF.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

☐ No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Roger Bergmann – April 12, 2024 meeting at Denton, TX



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: 2024 IGRA Sponsor Committee

Committee Chair(s): Charlie Colella

Committee Members: _____

Date & Time of Last Meeting: _____

Brief Overview of Last Meeting:

There were 5 people that signed up for this committee at convention, but to date have not participated. I have held 2 meetings to discuss how to go about procuring sponsors and our mission, along with putting documents on a Google Drive for all to use. In the last couple of months, I have reached out to 20 companies for sponsorship, including submitting a 2 yr, \$140k grant request to Suburu (which was denied) and am working with Compete Diversity magazine to procure sponsors for IGRA and local Associations. I have sent a link for Tito's Vodka to all Association Trustees to submit for sponsor/donation. I am working with TGRA and have brought in 3 sponsors for their rodeo. Have also rewritten the IGRA sponsor guide (attached). I am currently working on Woxer (a women's underwear/lesbian owned company) and Hanes.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

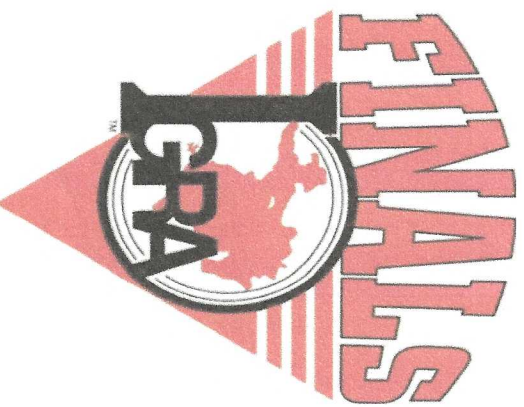
The sponsor guide attached is not critical, but just for review. I have presented this to the WGRF '24 committee. Please reach out to me if there are any questions.

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

☐ No report at this time

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Colella



**WORLD GAY
RODEO FINALS®**

International Gay Rodeo Association

World Gay Rodeo Finals

Sponsorship Guide



IGRA Presents the 36th World Gay Rodeo Finals®

October 25-27, 2024

El Reno, OK

Canadian County Expo and Event Center

Gay rodeo began in 1975 as a fundraiser for Multiple-Sclerosis. In the next few years, several local Associations were formed and in 1982, the International Gay Rodeo Association was created. In 2025 we will be celebrating **50 years of Gay Rodeo.**

The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) supports country/western sports heritage through education, training, competition and recognition in rodeo and other associated activities by developing, enhancing, and maintaining standards of amateur rodeo production, competition, and sportsmanship.

Today, IGRA consists of 16 local Associations that span the U.S. and Canada.

We would be very honored to have you to join us as a sponsor of the World Gay Rodeo Finals (WGRF).



Pole Bending

Women of gay rodeo



The events are open to men and women. Men compete against men, women against women, except in team events.

IGRA rodeos consist of 13 events:

- | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Calf Roping on Foot | Barrel Racing | Pole Bending |
| Flag Race | Chute Dogging | Steer Riding |
| Break Away Calf Roping | Team Roping | Bull Riding |
| Wild Drag Race | Steer Decorating | Goat Dressing |
| Ranch Saddle Bronc | | |

As part of our mission statement we focus on animal welfare, encouraging all to have and maintain a healthy respect for the well treatment of our animals that also participate in rodeo activities and are a critical part of this heritage.

We also focus on Women of Gay Rodeo. As the sport of rodeo can be dominated by men, we encourage women to compete in this sport as well. IGRA is proud to have many female bull riders and ropers among the many diverse athletes.



Platinum Buckle Sponsor \$30,000

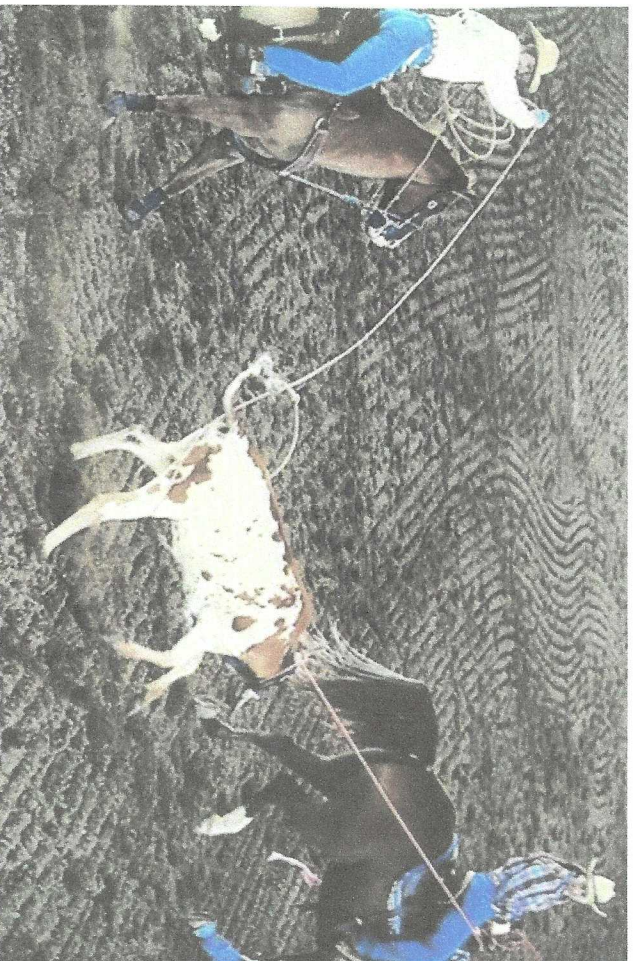
- "sponsor name " Platinum Buckle Sponsor
- Arena name after sponsor
- Full page ad in Program and all social media platforms
- Complimentary Tickets
- VIP access
- Sponsorship of All-Around Cowboy/Cowgirl Buckles (if available)
- Sponsor name announced during 2 day rodeo & Royalty programs
- Exposure during live stream
- Sponsor flag presented in Grand Entry (flag provided by sponsor)
- Banners at Rodeo & Royalty events (provided by sponsor)
- Area for vendor booth or table at WGRF Rodeo
- Distribution of promotional materials/product to attendees/contestants
- First right of refusal for continued sponsorships during live stream

Women's Bull Riding



Gold Buckle Sponsor \$20,000

Team Roping

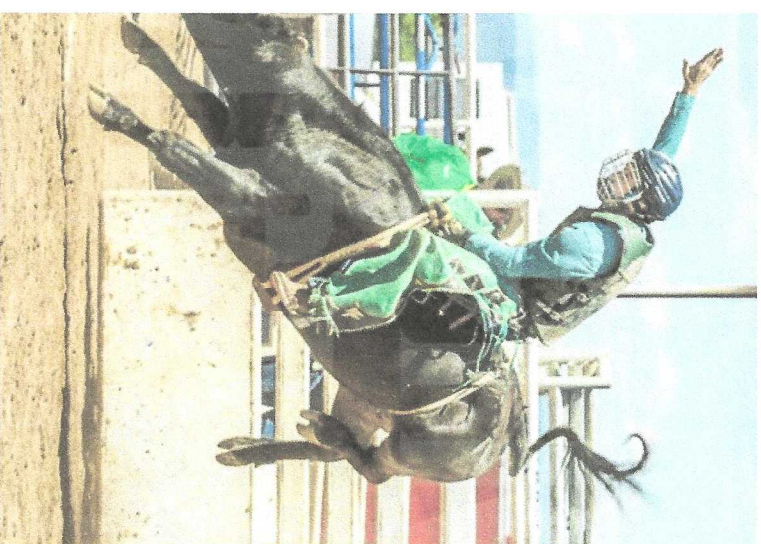


- “Sponsor Name” Gold Buckle Sponsor
- Complementary tickets to rodeo (both days)
- Access to VIP area
- Present the WGRF Medals to the All-Around top 5 Cowboys & Cowgirls
- Full Page ad in rodeo / royalty program and all social media platforms
- Announcements during the rodeo and royalty events
- Exposure during live stream
- Banners at Rodeo and Royalty events (Provided by Sponsor)
- Flag presented on Horseback during Grand Entry (Provided by Sponsor)
- Area for Vendor booth / table at the WGRF rodeo events
- Distribution of promotional materials/product to attendees/contestants
- Choice of buckle or ribbon/medal sponsorship – up to 2 max. / present at Award Ceremony
- First right of refusal for continued sponsorships

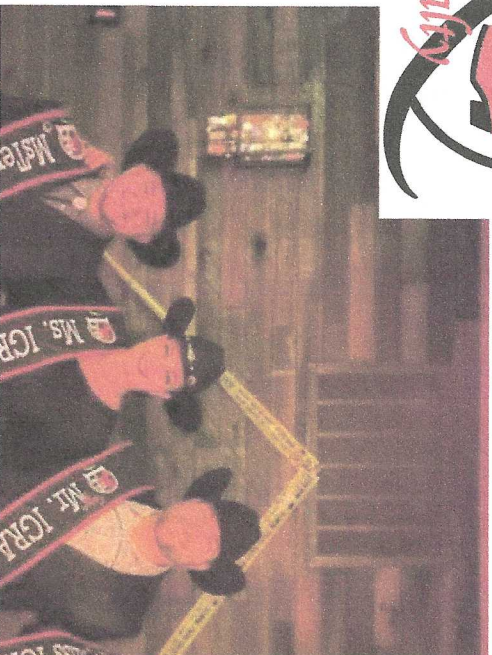
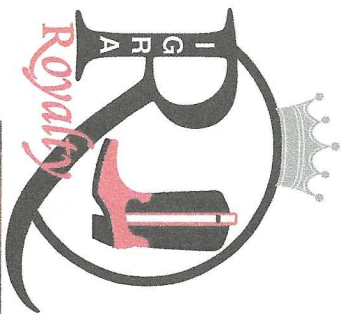
Silver Buckle Sponsor \$15,000

- “sponsor name” Silver Buckle Sponsor
- Full page ad in Program and all social media platforms
- Complementary tickets to rodeo (both days)
- Access to VIP area
- Announcements during the rodeo and royalty events
- Exposure during live stream . . . ‘Brought to you by . . . ’
- Banners at Rodeo and Royalty events (Provided by Sponsor)
- Sponsor Flag presented on Horseback during Grand Entry (Provided by Sponsor)
- Area for Vendor booth / table at the WGRF rodeo events
- Distribution of promotional materials/product to attendees/contestants
- Choice of buckle or ribbon/medal sponsorship (1) / present at Awards Ceremony
- Present the IGRA Sashes to the newly crowned IGRA Royalty (if available)
- First right of refusal for continued sponsorships

Men's Bull Riding



Bronze Buckle Sponsor \$10,000



2024 IGRA Royalty

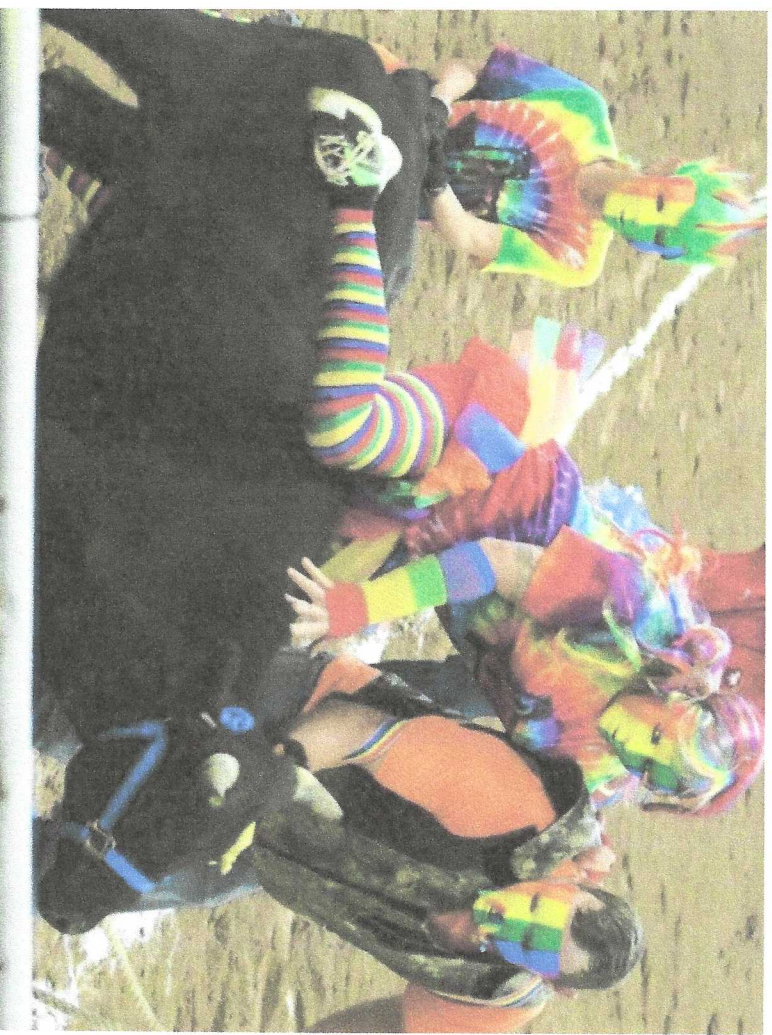
- “sponsor name” Silver Buckle Sponsor
- Full page ad in Program and all social media platforms
- Access to VIP area
- Complimentary tickets (both days)
- Announcements during the rodeo and royalty events
- Exposure during live stream . . . ‘Brought to you by . . . ’
- Banners at Rodeo and Royalty events (Provided by Sponsor)
- Sponsor Flag presented on Horseback during Grand Entry (Provided by Sponsor)
- Area for Vendor booth / table at the WGRF rodeo events
- Choice of Event buckle (1) or ribbon/medal sponsorship / present at Awards Ceremony
- First right of refusal for continued sponsorships

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

- Bucking Chutes (6) - \$500 each – banner (provided by sponsor) on chute/announcements
- Roping Boxes (2) - \$500 each – banner (provided by sponsor) in roping box(es)/announcements
- Event/Royalty/Specialty Buckles - \$250 each / 2 or more @ \$200 ea. Announcements / present buckle at Awards Ceremony
- Season Champion Buckles (28) - \$350 each / 2 or more @ \$300 each
- Event Medals (28) - \$100 per set
- Arena Banner - \$300 – Banner provided by sponsor

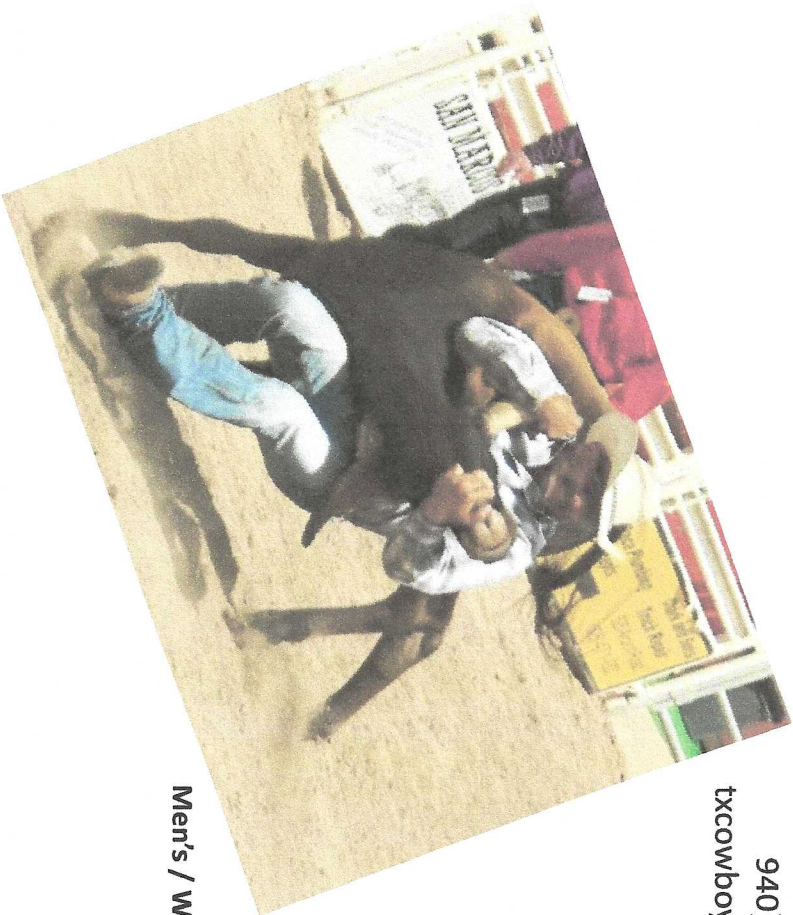
Sponsor packages can also be tailored to specifically meet your needs.

Wild Drag Race



IGRA is a 501©3 organization. For all sponsorship opportunities or additional information, please contact:

Charlie Colella
2024 IGRA Sponsor Chair
940) 465-0764
txcowboy@ yahoo.com



Men's / Women's Chute Dogging





COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: WGRF 2025 Planning Committee

Committee Chair(s): Roger Bergmann

Committee Members: Patrick Terry, Judy Munson,

Date & Time of Last Meeting: Ongoing email exchanges

Brief Overview of Last Meeting:

Discussions with Sundance Association regarding assistance with WGRF 2025 dances. Proposal attached.

One aspect of the Sundance proposal is their willingness to promote WGRF 2025 to all of the Bay Area dancers on their email list, as well as to dancers across the U.S., Canada, Australia, and Europe. High potential for 400 to 800 dancers coming to WGRF 2025 if IGRA can provide sufficient dance space.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

Proposal submitted by Sundance Association for Country/Western Dancing. This proposal is only for

suggested possibilities for dances to be produced by Sundance Association. This is all preliminary ideas

that need to be firmed up to fit within the hotel's available ballrooms. If Board approves moving forward

Roger Bergmann will continue to work with Sundance to bring a detailed proposal back to the Board.

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

Does the IGRA Board approve moving forward to develop a detailed plan with Sundance Association?

This vote is only to approve moving to a more detailed plan. It does not lock IGRA into a solid commitment at this time.

Respectfully submitted, Roger Bergmann – April 12, 2024 meeting at Denton, TX

Sundance Association for Country-Western Dancing Suggestions for Cooperative WGRF 2025 Dance Event

Roger Bergmann indicated that he is interested in bringing a significant CW dance presence to the 2025 World Gay Rodeo Finals (WGRF) in Reno. The Sundance Association for Country-Western Dancing would love to help make that happen.

There was a time when gay rodeo was synonymous with big country-western dance events day and night. The rodeos were major LGBT destinations. As interest in both rodeo and CW dancing waned, the rodeos became smaller and CW dancing was featured less and less. This seems like an opportunity to create a real throwback to the glory days of gay rodeo.

The Sundance Association has had experience producing LGBT+ country-western dance events for over 25 years, arguably better than any other similar organization. In addition to the twice-weekly country-western dance event we produce in San Francisco, called "Sundance Saloon", we are known for the "Sundance Stompede", an annual four-day country-western dance weekend that became known as the best of its kind, attracting hundreds of attendees from all over the world. Our focus was on creating a welcoming, inclusive, and diverse community. Last year we had 800 attendees at the Saturday night dance alone. After 27 years, last year's "Stompede" was the final one for us. We see this opportunity with IGRA to give dancers an alternative to the Stompede, which always occurred in October/early November.

Here is what Sundance can offer to you:

We have enough sound system to power three rooms, with a primary room having four speakers plus a subwoofer, and two secondary rooms with two speakers each. We have four wireless headset microphones, one wireless handheld microphone, and several wired handheld microphones. And the expertise to set it all up for you.

We have minimal lighting, but we are happy to share what we have, including a dozen uplights with color filters, and six LED par can uplights.

We can provide high-quality DJs at no cost to you, except that providing hotel rooms and comps would probably be advised.

Roger mentioned that he would like to have dance exhibition performances. We can recruit and manage all of this, again at essentially no cost to you. If Sundance were recruiting performance groups, you would not even have to offer any hotel nights. You probably would also not be required to offer any comps, but it would be a nice gesture, especially since these are folks who probably would not attend the IGRA Finals otherwise. I predict we could get three to four groups, with 6 to 12 or more performers each.

If we decide we want to hold formal dance workshops during the day in the hotel ballrooms, we can recruit and manage the instructors and the workshops – again at no direct cost to you. Instructors would need comps and some hotel rooms.

We can promote to our Sundance Saloon list (mostly Bay Area) as well as our Sundance Stompede list (nationwide, plus Canada, Europe, and Australia). If we can mimic enough of the Sundance Stompede, I am guessing we could attract a few hundred dancers, but of course it's hard to predict.

We would heavily promote volunteer opportunities for all types of positions needed by the IGRA. Sundance is an all-volunteer organization, and we are fortunate to have developed a culture where our many volunteers jump at the opportunity to help. There is no doubt that they would step in to help with the IGRA Finals.

What would the Sundance Association want?

We would want enough dancing during the weekend to make it a bona fide country-western dance weekend. What I list here are just suggestions, subject to modification. Much of this overlaps with what I believe Roger also envisions.

- Thursday night CW dancing in the main ballroom, with Royalty competition and entertainment in a separate room.
- Friday night dance with general CW dancing in the main ballroom and a separate smaller line dance room. Also, a separate room for royalty entertainment.
- Saturday night, same as Friday
- We can probably skip Sunday night CW dancing. You can have the awards in the main ballroom, and maybe this could be a night with non-country dancing and/or royalty entertainment in the main ballroom.
- Ideally there would be something for dancers to do during the day. I'm sure there will be some dancers who will enjoy attending the rodeo all day, but there will be others who might want to attend for a shorter period, or not at all. Ideally there would be dancing at the rodeo itself, but this may be logistically too impractical. I understand there is a venue adjacent to the rodeo that might be suitable for dancing?
- In addition, we could hold instructional dance workshops at the hotel in two, maybe three rooms. This would be a real draw for folks who are used to the Sundance Stompede format.
- Exhibition dance performances at Friday and Saturday night dances in the main ballroom.
- It would be nice (but not required) to have some social events during the "in-between" times like late afternoon or late night. Could we take over a bar at one of the hotels? Ideas include a "welcome" social, a "women's/trans-inclusive" social, and after-hours parties after the dancing is done. This would be for all rodeo attendees, of course.

It would be important for us to have high quality sound and dance floors. Dance floors can be tricky, with the biggest concern ensuring that they don't come apart. The dance floor in the main ballroom would have to be at least 2400 square feet. The dance floor in the line dance room could be maybe 1500 square feet. If there is a dance floor in the royalty room, and if we hold dance workshops during the day, if that floor is at least 900 square feet, we can use it for workshops.

It would be nice, but possibly not required, if Sundance could benefit financially from this arrangement. Sundance is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We would be providing a lot of equipment and personnel at no cost to you, except for hotel rooms for DJs and instructors. On the income side, we would likely be adding 100, 200, maybe even 300+ attendees. You're also getting our expertise and our reputation for producing quality events. Perhaps we can discuss an amount you think is fair and affordable, or a small percentage of dance ticket sales, or something.

Additional thoughts!

Hi, Roger.

So exciting! A couple of thoughts I had after I sent the proposal to you ...

(1) I don't consider our wants and needs to be requirements. They are mostly advisory, so that you can deliver the best experience for your attendees, especially considering what our Stompede folks have come to expect. I just want to make that clear. This is still **your** event, and we want to be helpful, not demanding.

(2) There may a few additional expenses that we would hope the IGRA to cover. One would be any transportation costs to get our audio and other equipment from San Francisco to Reno. We would probably be OK renting a truck or van if the costs can be covered. I think there's too much to fit into our cars. I actually can't think of other costs off-hand, but something's bound to come up.

Thanks for all the floor plans! You've given this so much thought, and each of your plans makes sense. It's all very well thought-out. Good luck getting the ballrooms you need.

I don't know if you've investigated how much dance floor the hotel has on hand. I worry that it won't be enough, and the cost for additional dance floor could be prohibitive.

I had an idea for our Bay Area folks — it might be fun to encourage a group to take Amtrak from the East Bay to Reno. It's a 7-hour trip, but it's only \$29 each way! The Reno Amtrak station is only about 2 blocks from the Eldorado.

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President Sundance Association for Country Western Dancing



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: World Gay Pride 2025 Washington DC & Special Museum Project

Committee Chair(s): Jack Morgan

Committee Members: Roger Bergman, Mike Lentz, Jonathan Roman

Date & Time of Last Meeting: Saturday April 6, 2024

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: Discussion focused on the timelines of World Gay Pride 2025, as well as the special museum project and the activities required to support both activities.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

- 1 – The potential need to expand the Hyatt Regency room block June 5-9, 2025. Currently 30 rooms for 5 nights.
- 2 – The need to solicit 2-D materials from the “early” days of IGRA including, but not limited to: Posters, Photos (with names and descriptions if possible), Entry forms (blank), Programs, Early stories of “push back” on IGRA, Rodeo Numbers
- 3 – The communication that “the Museum” name not be used until items are in hand.

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

If it is determined to potentially expand the room block.

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No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Jack Morgan



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Website Public

Committee Chair(s): Scott Korff - MIGRA

Committee Members: _____

Date & Time of Last Meeting: _____

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: Continued updates to website with current information.
Working on new photo and video gallery

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

N/A

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

N/A



No report at this time

Respectfully submitted, Scott Korff, MIGRA



COMMITTEE REPORTING FORM

Committee Name: Convention 2024

Committee Chair(s): Scott Korff

Committee Members: _____

Date & Time of Last Meeting: _____

Brief Overview of Last Meeting: Met with members of BOD locally (MIGRA) Working or researching some weekend activities during convention.

Items of Critical Importance (to be discussed at the next BOD meeting):

n/a

Items Requiring Action (to be voted on at the next BOD meeting):

n/a

☐ **No report at this time**

Respectfully submitted, Scott Korff



2025 RODEO APPLICATION FORM

Association Acronym: AGRA Application Date: March 13, 2024

Association Name: Arizona Gay Rodeo Association

Rodeo Name: Arizona Gay Rodeo

Rodeo Dates: February 14-16, 2025

Rodeo Venue: Corona Ranch & Rodeo Grounds - 7611 S 29th Ave - Laveen AZ 85339

Rodeo Director: Ron Trusley

VARIANCES REQUESTED:

Arena: Mexican Charro Arena - 130' 6" wide X 131' long - alleyway/runway into arena is 193' 5" long X 30' wide

Stock: _____

Other: _____

Address any fines or compliance issues from your immediate past rodeo along with actions taken to mitigate those issues at your proposed rodeo. If none, state none.

None

 Yes X No Is this your first IGRA-sanctioned rodeo?

 Yes X No Has it been more than 2 years since your last IGRA-sanctioned rodeo?
If both were answered "No" skip to next page.

 Yes No Do you have a rodeo budget in place? Please attach.

 Yes No Do you have a plan in place to raise the necessary revenue?

What is your back-up plan if your revenue fails to pay expenses?

By our signatures below, we certify that this rodeo application has been approved in accordance with our internal association policies and procedures and we have reviewed the rodeo budget and have determined it to be accurate and acceptable for our business planning purposes.

Rodeo Director: Ron Trusley

Signature:  Date: 03/10/24

Association President: Ron Trusley

Signature:  Date: 03/10/24

Association Trustee: Mark Christensen

Signature:  Date: 3/13/2024

*Please send completed application, attachments, and copy of check to the IGRA Secretary at:
Please send the original check direct to David Hill - Treasurer at:*

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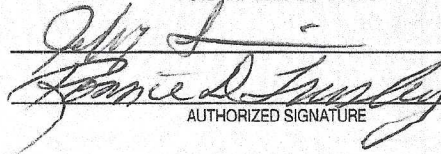
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Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

Fwd: Gay Games Denver 2030 bid - seeking support

3 messages

BRIAN HELANDER <bhelander@icloud.com>

Sat, Mar 9, 2024 at 9:41 PM

To: Fraikes Gene <genefraikes@gmail.com>, Hill David <david.hill@igra.com>, Vrooman Michael <michaelvrooman@gmail.com>, PUGLISI GUY <lvguyp@aol.com>, Sammy Simpkin <CowboySamIAM@hotmail.com>, Thurtell Robert <Rkymtnbullrider@yahoo.com>, Christensen Mark <mrogra2010@gmail.com>, Lentz Michael <gmlentz@yahoo.com>, Browning Chuck <trustee@crgra.com>, Smith Lisa <lisahbstan@aol.com>, Candy Pratt <igracpratt@rrra-tx.com>, Lawson David <david.lawson18@gmail.com>, KORFF Scott <Korff@att.net>, Hall Kenneth <kenhall66@hotmail.com>, Zimbleman Monique <moniquezimbelman5@gmail.com>, Tobin Chris <christobin81@gmail.com>, Smith Tim <budsandb@yahoo.com>, HILLMAN KEVIN <kevinhillman@comcast.net>

Gene, could you please:

Add this to the agenda for Denton

BOD: please review this email. I met Reggie Snowden at the IGRA U 2024 and Compete Sports Diversity Conference. I will reach out to Courtney for a preliminary discussion.

Brian Helander

Begin forwarded message:

From: Courtney von Bergen <courtney@ggden2030.com>**Date:** March 9, 2024 at 12:19:19 PM MST**To:** bhelander@icloud.com, eric.carlyle@competediversity.com, trustee@crgra.com**Cc:** Lance Husak <lance@ggden2030.com>**Subject:** Gay Games Denver 2030 bid - seeking support

Hi folks!

I'm with the bid team for Gay Games Denver 2030 and got your contact info passed along via Reggie Snowden to Doug Litwin from FGG.

Our team in Denver is interested in planning a rodeo component to our Denver event and we'd like to know more about how your world works to see how best to incorporate it into our bid. Although I was not wrapped into FGG at the time of the Cleveland+Akron Games, I've heard wonderful things about the rodeo there!

Would you or someone from your network be interested in meeting with me virtually about our Gay Games bid?

Thanks so much!
Courtney

Courtney von Bergen (she, her, hers)
Co-Chair, Gay Games Denver 2030 Bid Committee

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Chris Tobin	<i>Chris Tobin</i>	NSGRA	X		
Jeanne Meleod	<i>Jeanne Meleod</i>	TGRA		X	
Robert Turner	<i>Robert Turner</i>	AGRA	X		

IGRA 1ST QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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