



*International Gay Rodeo Association
Meeting Minutes*

IGRA September Virtual Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 25, 2024

Time: 7:30pm CDT

Place: ZOOM

Recorder: Gene Fraikes - Secretary

Call to Order **Brian Helander called the meeting to order at 7:33pm**

Roll Call **Roll call taken by Secretary Gene Fraikes. Roll call sheet attached**

Quorum **A quorum was present**

Business Proceedings

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **A motion was made by Guy Puglisi made a motion to approve the 3rd Quarter BOD meeting as emailed on August 1, 2024. Motion was second by Sammy Simpkins. There was no discussion or corrections and the motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- **President: Brian Helander reported that he was currently in attendance at the Compete Sports meeting in Anaheim CA. Brian also reported that the he had received word that the Oklahoma Visitors Bureau had approved a \$5,000 sponsorship for WGRA 2024. The grant from the city of Oklahoma City had failed but this sponsorship came from a different budget. Brian then stated he felt we had a very good year and thanked everyone for their part in that.**
- **Vice President: Michael Vrooman reported that everything was coming along well for the royalty contest in El Reno. He stated that there were 19 contestants and that was a very large number, and presents many challenges that are being handled. At this time Michael feels it's going to be a very good contest and encouraged everyone to attend.**
- **Secretary: Gene Fraikes reminded everyone of the upcoming due dates for submitting their association renewal packets as well as their rodeo applications for the 2025 season.**
- **Treasurer: David Hill advised the financials have been sent out and are on the website. There were no questions raised about these.**



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- Trustees Chair: Sammy Simpkins had no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Order of business: Statement of Work Documents for distribution center project.

- Brian Helander reminded the BOD that at the 3rd quarter meeting the EBOD had been given the task to research and approve the documents necessary to proceed forward with having IGRA branded merchandise handled by Design Lab distribution center. Brian stated that the EBOD had voted earlier that evening to sign and approve the documents we had corrected and will be moving forward slowly to see how this works for IGRA.

NEW BUSINESS

Order of business: 2024 Finals Update

- Mark Christensen reported that everything was going well with the preparations. He also stated he had received word that the buckles had been shipped. He also reported that the liquor license in IGRA's name was currently in review and should be approved this week.

Order of business: 2024 Convention Update

- Brian reported that the link for the hotel was available at the convention website and encouraged everyone to book their rooms if you have not already done so. Brian also stated that the link for registering delegates and alternates was also available.

Order of business: 2025 Rodeo Applications

- Guy Puglisi made a motion to approve the following rodeos as a package noting the variances show on the applications. Motion seconded by Chuck Browning. Motion passed and the following rodeos will be sanctioned.
 - TGRA April 11-13, 2025
 - GSGRA-PS May 2-4, 2025
 - MGRA – May 9-11, 2025
 - NGRA – May 23-25, 2025
- Secretary Gene Fraikes advised that he had also received rodeo applications from CGRA and GPRA, but they were not received the required 14 days in advance of the meeting so those 2 applications will be reviewed at the November BOD meeting. All trustees have received copies of these applications.



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Order of business: Rodeo Schools

- **Guy Puglisi made a motion to approve the rodeo school application from RRRRA for a school to be held on September 28, 2024 and also MGRA for a school to be held on May 9, 2025. Motion was seconded by Chuck Browning. Motion passed**
- **The BOD also received a rodeo school application for TGRA to be held on April 11, 2025. This application did not comply with the requirements for support and was returned to the Trustee to review and resubmit to the BOD at the November meeting.**
- **Secretary Gene Fraikes advised that he had been given a rodeo school support form with the checklist information for the rodeo in Santa Fe. This application had not been submitted for review prior to the rodeo school. The NMGRA Trustee Dave Henzel spoke and withdrew that application from review.**

Order of business: Royalty contest issue

- **Vice President Michael Vrooman stated the issue concerned the rule requiring all requirements be completed 60 days prior to the contest. Michael advised this meant that all fundraising and forms as well as rodeo attendance must be finished by that time. Due to a variety of different reasons and failures, there were 5 contestants that did not meet that requirement. Michael stated that he felt the failures were not within the control of the contestant. When made aware of the issue Michael advised that he gave an additional week extension to attempt to resolve the issue. Questions from associations and other contestants were raised when that was done. At this time, Michael Vrooman made the motion to allow the 5 contestants in question to compete in the royalty contest at finals. The motion was seconded by Chris Tobin. Motion passed.**

Order of business: IGRA BOD Meeting January 2025

- **Brian Helander stated that he was wanting the BOD to approve the 1st Quarter BOD meeting be held in Las Vegas NV in January 2025 during IGRA University. Mark Christensen, stated that at the 3rd quarter meeting he said that he wanted the meeting to be in Phoenix during their rodeo in February. There was discussion around why this decision was normally made at the BOD following Convention. Candy Pratt made the motion to hold the meeting the weekend of the Phoenix**



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rodeo and was seconded by Sammy Simpkins. After short discussion, the chair ruled the motion out of order.

Order of business: Stipend for admin phone use

- Motion was made by Chuck Browning to approve a stipend for admin phone use and was seconded by Robert Thurtell. After some discussion the motion was amended by Chuck Browning to approve a stipend of \$50 for admin phone use and Robert Thurtell seconded the amendment. Roll call vote was requested. See attached for voting results. Motion to amend Failed. Vote was called for on the original motion and that motion failed.

Order of business: Convention AV Assistant Travel Stipend

- A motion was made to approve a stipend not to exceed \$600.00 for AJ Malcomb to travel to convention 2024 and assist Frank Harrell with AV set up and administration. Seconded by Mark Christensen. Discussion was held and during this time it was clarified that this "stipend" would be for documented travel and shared room costs. Only the cost of ½ the room would be covered if he choose to have a room alone. Motion passed

Order of business: ASGRA rodeo school reimbursement

- Guy Puglisi made a motion to approve payment to ASGRA the support money for their rodeo school. Seconded by Tim Smith and motion passed.

Order of business: Use of logo permission from Jonathan Roman

- A request was received from Jonathan Roman, Mr. ASGRA 2024 and candidate for Mr. IGRA 2025, to use the Road to 50 logo for creating a "Royalty pop fan" to give to the new 2025 royalty team at the royalty contest as a gift. He also stated that if the fan was received well, he wanted to produce additional fans to sell as a fundraiser for the Rodeo School Scholarship fund. A motion was made by Guy Puglisi to approve the request and seconded by Chuck Browning. There was discussion that Jonathan should be told that the approval was for this one project only. It was also stated that he be reminded that any "fundraising" done benefiting or in relationship to IGRA need to go through IGRA accounts with the IGRA Treasurer. Motion passed.

Order of business: Finals invitation notification issue.

- Sammy Simpkins asked why the EBOD was handling the issue with the finals notification process since there was a BOD meeting happening now that could



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address it. The President advised that we could address it now if that's what they wanted. There was extended discussion and ended with Robert Thurtell making a motion that the email notification process be executed as quickly as possible and that the email include the statement that the due date to reply be set at October 4, 2024. Seconded by Chris Tobin. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26pm

**IGRA September Virtual
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL
September 25, 2024**

ASSOCIATION		NAME	TRUSTEE	ALTERNATE
President	P	BRIAN HELANDER		
Vice President	P	MICHAEL VROOMAN		
Secretary	P	GENE FRAIKES		
Treasurer	P	DAVID HILL		
AGRA	P	MARK CHRISTENSEN	X	
ASGRA	P	MIKE LENTZ	X	
CGRA	P	ROBERT THURTELL	X	
CRGRA	P	CHUCK BROWNING	X	
DSRA		LISA SMITH	X	
GPRA	P	CANDY PRATT	X	
GSGRA		DAVID LAWSON	X	
ILGRA		ANTHONY VALDEZ	X	
MIGRA		SCOTT KROFF	X	
MGRA	P	KENNETH HALL	X	
NGRA	P	GUY PUGLISI	X	
NMGRA	P	DAVID HANSEL	X	
NSGRA	P	CHRIS TOBIN	X	
RRRA	P	SAMMY SIMPKINS	X	
TGRA	P	TIM SMITH	X	
UGRA	P	KEVIN HILLMAN	X	
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I.G.R.A. Rodeo School Support Request

Prior to Rodeo School: **Must apply for at least 21 days prior to your rodeo school**

The purpose of this program is to support association rodeo schools which provide educational programs to encourage and train new contestants and to improve rodeo skills for both new contestants and existing rodeo contestants. **All support is to be approved or denied by the IGRA Board.**

I.G.R.A. may support up to 6 rodeo school's a year in the amount of \$500 each, depending on available budget.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Association must be in good standing with IGRA on date of application and date of the rodeo school.
- Application must be made 21 days in advance of rodeo school (for board approval and insurance considerations) and 10 days post the rodeo school verifying the school was offered and the events were made available.
- Your rodeo school must offer at least one event from each of the 4 categories of events a sanctioned rodeo must offers.
- A minimum of 6 events must be offered.
- Notification must be sent to the IGRA Website Webmaster and IGRA Social Media Chair, 21 days prior to the rodeo school with time, date, location and for the rodeo school.

Association providing the rodeo school? NMGRA

Date of rodeo school? 8/24/2024

Any other pertinent information which is beneficial in your support request? N/A

Circle events that will be offered at your rodeo school:

ROPING

Calf Roping on Foot

Break-Away Roping

Team Roping

ROUGHSTOCK

Bull Riding

Steer Riding

Chute Dogging

Bareback Riding/Ranch Saddle Bronc Riding

SPEED

Flag Race

Barrel Racing

Pole Bending

CAMP

Steer Decorating

Wild Drag Race

Goat Dressing

After Rodeo School: To be filed within 10 days after your rodeo school to verify events offered.

Please indicate which events were made available at the rodeo school.

ROPING

Calf Roping on Foot

Break-Away Roping

Team Roping

ROUGHSTOCK

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Number of contestants attending the rodeo school? 30

How was the rodeo school advertised? website, rodeo letter, fundraisers

Please submit this form with any additional documentation, preferably electronically, to following:

I.G.R.A. Secretary

genefraikes@gmail.com

Gene Fraikes

125 Lajitas Dr.

Decatur, TX 76234

**IGRA September Virtual
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROLL CALL VOTE
September 25, 2024**

FOR ADMIN PHONE STIPEND QUESTION

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President	N/V	BRIAN HELANDER		
Vice President	Y	MICHAEL VROOMAN		
Secretary	N	GENE FRAIKES		
Treasurer	A	DAVID HILL		
AGRA	N	MARK CHRISTENSEN	X	
ASGRA	N	MIKE LENTZ	X	
CGRA	Y	ROBERT THURTELL	X	
CRGRA	Y	CHUCK BROWNING	X	
DSRA	X	LISA SMITH	X	
GPRA	N	CANDY PRATT	X	
GSGRA	X	DAVID LAWSON	X	
ILGRA	X	ANTHONY VALDEZ	X	
MIGRA	X	SCOTT KROFF	X	
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NGRA	Y	GUY PUGLISI	X	
NMGRA	A	DAVID HANZEL	X	
NSGRA	N	CHRIS TOBIN	X	
RRRA	N	SAMMY SIMPKINS	X	
TGRA	N	TIM SMITH	X	
UGRA	X	KEVIN HILLMAN	X	LEFT EARLY
YES VOTES	4			
NO VOTES	8	ABSTENTIONS	2	