

# **MEETING MINUTES**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Date: January 12, 2024**

**Time: Immediately following BOD meeting**

**Place: Las Vegas, NV**

**Recorder: Gene Fraikes – IGRA Secretary**

**Call to Order**      **Sammy Simpkins called the meeting to order at 417pm**  
**Roll Call**        **Roll call taken by Secretary Gene Fraikes. See sheet**  
                         **Attached as well as sign in sheet.**  
**Quorum**          **A quorum was present**

## **BUSINESS PROCEEDINGS**

**Order of business: Introduction of New Trustee's 1620 Sammy introduced new Trustees**

- **GPRA – Candy Pratt**
- **CGRA – Robert Thurtell**
- **DSRA – Lisa Smith**
- **Sammy also welcomed a member Emaly Allison serving as Alternate Trustee for ILGRA for the first time.**

**Order of business: Minutes**

**No minutes were received from previous secretary for the following meetings.**

- **Approval of November 2023 BOT minutes**
- **Approval of November 2023 BOT Post Convention minutes**

**Based on BOD approving that the notes from all meetings held during 2023 IGRA Convention be converted to the formal minutes for each of the meetings, the Secretary will arrange for that to happen for the BOT meetings and submit them for approval at the next BOT meeting.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Order of business: None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Suspension Notice – The suspension notice of Trustee Wes Givens as the Trustee for DSRA was reviewed by Sammy. Since receiving this notice from the DSRA President a letter of resignation was received from Wes Givens was received stating that Lisa Smith was now the new Trustee for DSRA.**
- **Trustee Interpretation – Sammy advised he had received an email from Mike Lentz concerning the possible need for an interpretation of Rule XI.2.b. This is a change of the rule requiring a Vet being onsite at all rodeos. After discussion by the BOT it was determined that this official interpretation was not necessary at this time.**

- **Initial certification of new Judges – 2023 ROC Chair advised that there may have been a misunderstanding of the process of approving the initial certification of student judges Brian Helander, Candy Pratt, and Marcus Hood. Motion was made by Chuck Browning and seconded to ratify the certification of these three as Rookie Judges. Motion passed.**

**Seeing no further business**

**The meeting was adjourned at 433PM**



IGRA Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda  
Flamingo Hotel  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting  
Friday January 12, 2024

- Call to Order - Sammy Simpkin
- Roll Call - Gene Fraikes
- Introduction of New Trustee's
  - Candy Pratt - GPRA
  - Robert Thurtell - CGRA
- Approval of November 2023 Board of Trustee Minutes
- Approval of November 2023 Board of Trustees Post Convention Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- Suspension Notice - DSRA

Any New Announcements Not Covered in BOD Meeting

CGRA, TGRA, GSGRA, AGRA, MGRA, DSRA, NGRA, MIGRA, NMGRA, NSGRA,  
ASGRA, ILGRA, RRRRA, KSGRA, UGRA, CRGRA



Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

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**ILGRA Trustee**

1 message

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**Anthony Valdez** <tony61861@sbcglobal.net>  
To: Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 11:10 AM

Hi Gene Fraikes and BOD

Just wanted to let you all know I'm fighting Covid and Emaly will sit in for me at University in Las Vegas .

Thank You  
Anthony Valdez  
Sent from my iPhone



Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

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## DSRA

2 messages

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wcgivens@aol.com <wcgivens@aol.com>

Thu, Jan 11, 2024 at 11:06 PM

To: Sammy Simpkin <cowboysamiam@hotmail.com>, Brian Helander <bhelander@me.com>, Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>, David Hartwell <cubswindph@aol.com>, mrmzimbelman@msn.com, "bsandy@aol.com" <bsandy@aol.com>, "lisahbstan@aol.com" <lisahbstan@aol.com>

IGRA Board,  
I have had major health problems since the Car Accident... I need 3 more surgeries and dealing with lawsuits and Doctors and Attorneys and Arkansas Law. I am resigning as Trustee of DSRA and Lisa Smith is going to step in as Trustee. When my health improves Lisa will resign and I will step back into DSRA Trustee.  
Life Sucks, and this accident has messed up my life 100%... Please keep me in your thoughts.. I'm fighting and trying to get better. Please understand I won't be well tomorrow or even next month. I love positive texts and emails. Just don't ask am I well yet.

Wes Givens

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Sam I Am <CowboySamIAM@hotmail.com>

Fri, Jan 12, 2024 at 12:23 PM

To: "GeneFraikes@gmail.com" <genefraikes@gmail.com>

See Below.... I should have CC'd you on it.

Sammy  
Cell 425 260 7907

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**From:** Sam I Am <CowboySamIAM@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2024 11:20 AM

**To:** [wcgivens@aol.com](mailto:wcgivens@aol.com) <[wcgivens@aol.com](mailto:wcgivens@aol.com)>

**Subject:** Re: DSRA

Hi Wes,

I don't want to assume anything. Does this include resigning from the Membership Standing Committee?

Sammy  
Cell 425 260 7907

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**From:** [wcgivens@aol.com](mailto:wcgivens@aol.com) <[wcgivens@aol.com](mailto:wcgivens@aol.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2024 10:06 PM

**To:** Sammy Simpkin <[cowboysamiam@hotmail.com](mailto:cowboysamiam@hotmail.com)>; Brian Helander <[bhelander@me.com](mailto:bhelander@me.com)>; Gene Fraikes <[genefraikes@gmail.com](mailto:genefraikes@gmail.com)>; David Hartwell <[cubswindph@aol.com](mailto:cubswindph@aol.com)>; mrmzimbelman@msn.com <[mrmzimbelman@msn.com](mailto:mrmzimbelman@msn.com)>; [bsandy@aol.com](mailto:bsandy@aol.com) <[bsandy@aol.com](mailto:bsandy@aol.com)>; [lisahbstan@aol.com](mailto:lisahbstan@aol.com) <[lisahbstan@aol.com](mailto:lisahbstan@aol.com)>

**Subject:** DSRA

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Gene Fraikes &lt;genefraikes@gmail.com&gt;

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**GPRA 2024 Rodeo**

1 message

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**David Hartwell** <cubswindph@aol.com>

Thu, Dec 21, 2023 at 10:20 AM

To: Sammy Simpkin <cowboysamiam@hotmail.com>, Brian Helander <president2023@igra.com>, Michael Norman <m.norman@sbcglobal.net>, genefraikes@gmail.com, mbutts1@outlook.com, David Hill <david.hill@igra.com>

All,

We have been informed that the Canadian County Expo Center is no longer available for our scheduled rodeo dates of August 16-18. Apparently the county fair begins the following Monday and they won't have time to turn the arena.

Therefore, GPRA requests a date change to August 9-11, 2024. We acknowledge this is the same week as Canada's rodeo, but it's either that or we don't have a rodeo next year. I would request this be put on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Thanks, and I wish you all a wonderful holiday.

David

Sent from my iPhone



Mark &gt;

Exactly

Tue, Jan 2 at 7:48 PM

Nicole said yes tonight  
she'd love to be assistant  
Rodeo director

Yesterday 3:48 PM

I will not be in Vegas  
Ron is going up on Friday  
coming home Friday night

Alt Trustee



Gene Fraikes <genefraikes@gmail.com>

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## Re: 1st Quarter Board Meeting this Friday

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**Sam I Am** <CowboySamIAM@hotmail.com>  
To: Gene Fraikes <GeneFraikes@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 15, 2024 at 2:22 PM

See below

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Buds and Blooms <budsandb@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** January 10, 2024 at 7:53:33 PM MST  
**To:** Sam I Am <CowboySamIAM@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: 1st Quarter Board Meeting this Friday

Hello Sammy

Mary Honeycutt will be the TGRA alternate Trustee for the board meeting

Thank you  
Tim Smith  
Tgra Trustee

Sent from my iPhone  
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**IGRA 1ST QUARTER BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES ROLL CALL  
January 12, 2024**

| ASSOCIATION |   | NAME              | TRUSTEE | ALTERNATE |
|-------------|---|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| AGRA        | P | RON TRUSLEY       |         | X         |
| ASGRA       | P | MIKE LENTZ        | X       |           |
| CGRA        | P | ROBERT THURTELL   | X       |           |
| CRGRA       | P | CHUCK BROWNING    | X       |           |
| DSRA        | P | LISA SMITH        | X       |           |
| GPRA        | P | CANDY PRATT       | X       |           |
| GSGRA       | P | DAVID LAWSON      | X       |           |
| ILGRA       | P | EMALY ALLISON     |         | X         |
| MIGRA       | P | SCOTT KORFF       | X       |           |
| MGRA        | P | KENNETH HALL      | X       |           |
| NGRA        | P | GUY PUGLISI       | X       |           |
| NMGRA       | P | MONIQUE ZIMBLEMAN | X       |           |

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# IGRA 1ST QUARTER BOARD OF

## TRUSTEES MEETING

January 12, 2024

SIGN IN SHEET

| PRINTED NAME      | SIGNATURE         | TRUSTEE | ALTERNATE | GUEST |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| Emily Allison     | Emily Allison     |         | ILORA     | Kate  |
| Mary Honeycutt    | Mary Honeycutt    |         | TORA      |       |
| Michael Leitz     | D. Michael Leitz  | ASGRA   |           |       |
| Scott Koff        | Scott Koff        | MIGRA   |           |       |
| Chuck Bennett     | Chuck Bennett     | MGRA    |           |       |
| Guy Puglisi       | Guy Puglisi       | NMGRA   |           |       |
| Robert Swerze     | Robert Swerze     | CGRA    |           |       |
| David Lawson      | David Lawson      | GSGRA   |           |       |
| Carol Pratt       | Carol Pratt       | CPRA    |           |       |
| Tammy Symptom     | Tammy Symptom     | RKRA    |           |       |
| Monique Zimbleman | Monique Zimbleman | NMGRA   |           |       |
| Kevin A. Williams | Kevin A. Williams | MGRA    |           |       |
| Lisa Smith        | Lisa Smith        | DSRA    |           |       |

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| CRGRA       | P | CHUCK BROWNING    | X       |           |
| DSRA        | P | LISA SMITH        | X       |           |
| GPRA        | P | CANDY PRATT       | X       |           |
| GSGRA       | P | DAVID LAWSON      | X       |           |
| ILGRA       | P | EMALY ALLISON     |         | X         |
| MIGRA       | P | SCOTT KORFF       | X       |           |
| MGRA        | P | KENNETH HALL      | X       |           |
| NGRA        | P | GUY PUGLISI       | X       |           |
| NMGRA       | P | MONIQUE ZIMBLEMAN | X       |           |

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