



*International Gay Rodeo Association
Meeting Minutes*

Executive Board of Directors Meeting

Date: August 28, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm CDT

Place: ZOOM

Recorder: Gene Fraikes – IGRA Secretary

Call to Order	President Brian Helander called the meeting to order at 700pm CDT
Roll Call	Taken by Gene Fraikes – All members were present
Quorum	A quorum was present

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 26, 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**
 - **Motion was made by Guy Puglisi to approve the minutes and seconded by David Hill. Motion Passed.**
- **WAYNE JAKINO AWARD**
 - **Gene Fraikes presented the two nominations he had received for the Wayne Jakino award. After discussion a consensus was reached and Guy Puglisi made the motion to choose Robin Cagle as this year's recipient and seconded by Sammy Simpkin. Motion Passed.**
- **STATEMENT OF WORK FROM DISTRIBUTION CENTER PROJECT**
 - **Motion was made by Robert Thurtell to approve the Statement of Work documents received from the distribution center project and seconded by David Hill. After much discussion the motion failed. Special note that Gene Fraikes and Robert Thurtell abstained in the vote. Brian requested that Robert reach out to Sebastian Matthews to clear up some of the concerns about the contract and report back to the EBOD.**
- **2024 WGRF COMMUNITY HERO**
 - **Brian Helander reported that we received the recommendation from the WGRF 2024 committee to name Canadian County Expo and Event Center as the 2024 Community Hero. Motion was made by Guy Puglisi to accept the recommendation and seconded by Sammy Simpkins. After short discussion including Brian Helander reminding everyone that the Community Hero was originally set up to be someone from the community that might draw in patrons because of who they were. The motion passed.**
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- **2024 WGRF UPDATE**

- **Brian Helander reported that because the venue for WGRF 2024 no longer had a liquor license, IGRA would be providing the liquor for the event and therefore receive the proceeds from that. Robert Thurtell is going to work with the WGRF committee to be sure that all requirements of this are followed and find out what other needs the committee might have concerning this. No action taken**

- **CONVENTION 2024 UPDATE**

- **Brian Helander advised that Patrick Terry had resigned as chair of the convention committee and that he was looking for someone to replace him. No action taken.**

- **2025 IGRA UNIVERSITY UPDATE**

- **Brian Helander reported that it was his intentions to request the Board of Directors to hold the first quarter BOD meeting in Las Vegas the weekend of IGRA University. No action taken.**

- **IGRA AT 50 YEAR WORLD PRIDE/SMITHSONIAN PROJECT UPDATE**

- **Brian Helander reminded everyone that this event was coming up and encouraged everyone to participate. More information to be distributed after WGRF 2024. No action taken.**

- **WGRF 2025**

- **Brian Helander advised that Roger Bergmann had been working very hard on this event already. Brian feels this event is going to big and we have a lot to look forward to.**

- **PHOTOGRAPHY AT IGRA SANCTIONED RODEOS**

- **Brian Helander reported that he has had to address copy different situations where a person with a photographer pass has engaged in nude photography with IGRA logos or posters in the background. He advised these situations were stopped as soon as they were discovered. Brian advised that we might need to have some sort of proposal at convention to add guidelines for photography at rodeo's. After some discussion Brian stated that he may attempt to simply take some executive action prior to convention. No action was taken at this time.**



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- **RODEO ADMIN/CONTESTANT REGISTRATION/RMS PROJECT UPDATE**
 - **Brian reported on the Demo done by the vendor earlier this month and asked where we wanted to go from here. After much discussion, it was determined that there should be a meeting with the vendor and the Auditors to continue the needed work with the Admin portion of the system. Brian advised he will get that set up and advise. No action was taken at this time.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46pm CDT