



*International Gay Rodeo Association
Meeting Minutes*

Executive Board of Directors Meeting

Date: June 25, 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 708pm CDT
Roll Call	Taken by Gene Fraikes – IGRA Secretary roll call sheet attached
Quorum	A quorum was present

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 24, 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**
 - **Motion was made by Michael Vrooman 2nd by Guy Puglisi. Motion Passed.**
- **SIN CITY CLASSIC PARTNERSHIP 2025**
 - **Brian Helander reported he had submitted our intention to hold IGRA University 2025 in January during The Sin City Classic in Las Vegas NV.**
- **2024 IGRA Convention Fees**
 - **Brian Helander asked about convention fees and Guy confirmed that the fee was decided at Convention and was \$135.00. There was discussion concerning increases to the fees as we get closer to convention. It was decided that the fee would be \$155.00 after September 16, 2024 and then \$175.00 after October 15, 2024. Meeting notice will be sent out on July 1, 2024 and registration will be opened at that time.**
- **REGISTRATION SYSTEM UPDATE**
 - **Brian Helander advised that he had instructed the vendor to proceed with the Admin panel for the registration system. Guy Puglisi stated that he objected to that action on the grounds that the Board of Directors had voted to pause development of the registration system. There was much discussion concerning this issue and what exactly should be done at this point. It was decided that the registration system would be put on the 3rd quarter Board of Directors meeting to resolve this is and determine the direction the project should go. Gene Fraikes strongly suggested that Brian have a conversation with the vendor to determine what exact legal obligations the Vendor feels**



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IGRA is under based on the contract signed. Brian should be ready to report on these issues at the 3rd quarter meeting.

- **2024 IGRA CONVENTION UPDATE/SITE/TECHNOLOGY**

- **Brian Helander reported that through conversations with Frank Harrell he had determine that Frank in the very near future, will no longer be able to do everything he has done for IGRA from a technology stand point. To be prepared to handle the documents and business of Convention 2024 Brain has started discussions with Dave Hansel and Alexander Saites to put together a “plan B” backup plan to implement at Convention 2024 if needed.**

- **INTERNATIONAL AWARDS**

- **Gene Fraikes advised that the Standing Rules require the EBOD to determine how nominations will be taken as well as the process for voting on the Special International awards. After discussion, it was decided that the Secretary would send out a “request for nominations” as soon as possible for the specific awards with a due date of July 22, 2024. The Secretary will then prepare a ballot for voting for each award in the appropriate meeting to be held in Minneapolis MN July 26, 2024.**

- **FLORIDA GAY RODEO GROUP**

- **Gene Fraikes reported that IGRA had been contacted by a group in Florida that wanted to begin the process of becoming part of IGRA. Gene stated he went over that process with them, and offered any help they needed. Gene also stated that based on observing the activity in their Facebook group they do seem to be very active in organized community activities. The group told Gene they would get back in touch when they needed more guidance and are ready to proceed with process.**

- **ROC INFORMATION**

- **Guy Puglisi reported that there would be business from the ROC for the Trustees in Minneapolis. More info to follow at that meeting.**

- **Rule COMPLIANCE WITH ASSOCIATION RODEOS**

- **Gene Fraikes reported that while looking for some information on an upcoming rodeo he noticed there were several required items not published on the websites of different associations that were required by rule. He also**



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reported that based on their website, one association was attempting to do something that required a approved variance which they did not have. Robert Thurtell advised that this question needing a variance was currently being handled and should be taken off the website very soon. There was further discussion concerning monitoring of websites for compliance with required information. Guy Puglisi and Robert Thurtell was going to be taking this back to the Trustee Chair for resolution.

- **GREATER COLUMBUS SPORTS COMMISSION**

- **Brian Helander reported that he attended this conference. Brain stated that during this conference there were many large corporations who wanted to connect with the LGBTQ community. However, it was also obvious to Brian that they really were not interested in simply sponsoring our rodeos. Brain stated that they all seemed to want to sponsor and be involved with organizations that “changed lives” by doing what they do. Because of this Brain stated that he had instructed Charlie Colella, sponsorship chair to start to incorporate that perspective in our letters we send out to prospective corporate sponsors.**

- **ROAD TO 50 PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

- **Brian Helander reported that he had instructed Tommy Channel to place an order for additional Road to 50 promotional tee shirts. Brian also advised that this would be an agenda item at the 3rd quarter Board of Directors meeting.**

Meeting Adjourned at 910pm CDT