



MEETING MINUTES

Executive Board of Directors

February 14, 2025

Following BOT Meeting Green Tree Hotel Phoenix West

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Helander at 2:53pm.

Secretary Gene Fraikes conducted roll call (see attached) and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Guy Puglisi made a motion and it was seconded to approve the minutes for the 4th quarter EBOD meeting and the Post convention EBOD meeting as a package. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Guy Puglisi made a motion and was seconded by Candy Pratt to approve the payment of \$500.00 to Marcus Hood from the Rodeo Crisis Fund as requested. Motion passed.

President Brian Helander commented on the status of the Rodeo Management project noting that the Board of Directors had put this project in the hands of the Executive Board and we needed to decide the direction of that project moving forward. After some discussion it was determined that Guy Puglisi would take the lead on this and report back to the Executive Board with recommendations for moving forward at a future meeting.

There were 4 applications submitted to fill the two WGRF Rodeo Director positions. Applications were received from Charlie Colella, Butch Compton, Marcus (Boogie) Hood, and Weston Crow-Tucker. On February 8, 2025 Butch Compton requested via text message to the Secretary Gene Fraikes to withdraw his application due to his work situation. Prior to the start of discussion on this matter a suggestion was made by Guy Puglisi for the President to place the meeting into executive session for this discussion of personnel. President Brian Helander advised he didn't feel that was necessary due to the positions being of the volunteer nature and this was actually not a hiring process. With that, the discussion moved forward.

Guy Puglisi made a motion and was seconded by David Hill that Marcus Hood and Weston Crow-Tucker be assigned to the 2 vacant positions in this order. After some discussion, Guy Puglisi withdrew his motion.

David Hill moved and was seconded by Guy Puglisi that Marcus Hood be placed in the first vacant WGRF Rodeo director position. After a short discussion the motion passed.



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Michael Vrooman made a motion to put Charlie Colella in the second vacant WGRF Rodeo Director position. Due to no second to this motion, the motion failed.

Candy Pratt made a motion and was seconded by Chris Tobin to put Weston Crow-Tucker in the second vacant WGRF Rodeo Director position. After a short discussion motion passed.

Candy Pratt asked how we could use dial in or Zoom options for meetings in the future to allow participation by people who were unable to attend the meeting in person. President Brian Helander stated that if someone wanted to set up a Zoom session for our meetings they could do that. However, he did advise that it was extremely difficult to manage both an in person meeting as well as manage the Zoom portion of the meeting.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:13pm

**IGRA EXECTIVE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS ROLL CALL
February 14, 2025**

ASSOCIATION		NAME	TRUSTEE	ALTERNATE
President	P	BRIAN HELANDER		
Vice President	P	MICHAEL VROOMAN		
Secretary	P	GENE FRAIKES		
Treasurer	P	DAVID HILL		
CGRA - Trustee Vice Chair	P	CHRIS TOBIN	X	
NGRA - Trustee Vice Chair	P	GUY PUGLISI	X	
RRRA - Trustee Chair	P	CANDY PRATT	X	
30% = 1.8(2)				

IGRA
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 14, 2025
SIGN IN SHEET

PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	OFFICER	TRUSTEE	ALTERNATE	GUEST
Brian Helander		PRESIDENT			
Michael Vrooman		VICE PRESIDENT			
Gene Fraikes		SECRETARY			
David Hill		TREASURER			
Candy Pratt RRRA Trustee			X		
Guy Puglisi NGRA Trustee			X		
Chris Tobin NSGRA Trustee			X		



BOB PIMENTEL IGRA RODEO CRISIS FUND
APPLICATION

Name: MARCUS HOOD

Member Association: RRRA Member's IGRA Number: 8050

Address: 10656 Fishtrap Rd

City: Aubrey State/Province: TX Postal Code: 76227

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone: 972 358 0699

Social Security Number (U.S.): 460-89-4624

Social Security/Insurance # (Canada):

E-mail Address: MARCUS.HOOD595@gmail.com

Insured: ☒ YES ☐ NO

Name as it appears on Insurance Card:

First: MARCUS Middle Initial: Last: HOOD

Name of Insurance Company: Aetna

Address: P.O. Box 14079 Lexington KY 40512-4079

City: Lexington State/Province: KY Postal Code: 40512-4079

Office Phone:

Insurance Deductible: \$3,200.00 / out of pocket 86,400

Gender: ☒ Male ☐ Female

Contact Information:

Rodeo Location: Phoenix AZ

Day: Saturday Sunday

Rodeo Director: Ron Trusley Phone #: _____

Arena Director: Tim Smith Phone #: _____

Treatment Level Provided: ☐ First Aid Only
☐ EMT/Paramedic
☐ Hospital Care and Released
☒ Hospital Care and Admitted (attach hospital report)

Provide a brief description of the injury if not admitted.

During Steer Riving I WAS bucked off, landing
on Right Arm and broke the Humerus Bone. Spent
3 days in hospital along with surgery. Placed a
Rod along with 3 screws 2 in shoulder 1 in the
elbo.

Had surgery again in July been in PT
all year. 2nd surgery the Remove hardware from 1st surgery
redid entire arm and did bone graft.

Amount Requested: \$ 500.00

Applicant's Signature: [Signature]



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MARCUS HOOD
18555 FISHTRAP RD
ALBERT, TX 76027-5217

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Statement ID: 081785107112024500

Reference Number	Due Date	Amount Due
0817851	08/10/2024	\$2,343.32

08/10/2024 08:00:00 AM 08/10/2024 08:00:00 AM

St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center
P.O. BOX 57123
LOS ANGELES, CA 90074-7123

Please detach and return top portion with payment.

Reference Number	Quarantor Name	Statement Date	Due Date
0817851	MARCUS HOOD	07/11/2024	08/10/2024

Date	Service Description	Status	Charges	Payment/Adjustments	Payment Balance
07/16/2024	MARCUS HOOD Linc St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center Account # 02111407 Insurance Payments/Adjustments Patient Payments/Adjustments Patient Balance		\$64,921.00	\$62,577.68 \$0.00	\$2,343.32

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Addressee



MARCUS HOOD
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AUBREY TX 76227-5257

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Statement ID: 08178511108500

Reference Number	Due Date	Amount Due	Amount Paid
0817851	11/28/2024	\$200.00	\$

Please make checks payable and remit to:



St Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center
P O BOX 57123
LOS ANGELES CA 90074-7123

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Reference Number	Guarantor Name	Statement Date	Due Date
0817851	MARCUS HOOD	11/08/2024	11/28/2024

Date	Service Description	Status	Charges	Payments/Adjustments	Patient Balance
	Payment Plan Balance Payment Plan Amount: \$200.00 Payment Plan Amount Past Due: \$0.00 Payment Plan Amount Due		\$1,743.32		\$200.00
	Thank you for choosing St Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center for your health care needs. This statement reflects charges for services you have received from us, including any payments that you and your insurance provider have made. This notice is to remind you that your monthly payment of \$200.00 to St Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center is due by 11/28/2024. Your payment plan may terminate if you fail to make the required monthly payment(s). If your financial situation has changed and you need to change the terms of this payment plan, please contact us at 800-644-0864 to discuss your options.				

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AMOUNT DUE: \$200.00

International Gay Rodeo Association
Rodeo Directors 'Black Shirt Program' Questionnaire

Name:___Weston Crow-Tucker___ Member Association:_____GPRA_____

1. Tell the Committee about yourself including things that may be beneficial to your consideration? (i.e. Life, Accomplishments, Awards, Recognitions etc.)

_I have been a passed competitor in the IGRA circuit for several years and have competed in numerous WGRF, I have also been a passed Mr. IGRA. I was the Vice President for GPRA in 2024 until the passing of our President when I then took over the President position. I am currently working on getting my license to be a health insurance agent and will have all that completed by the end of Feb. 2025.

2. What skills do you possess that you feel enhance your consideration as a qualified candidate as a WGRF Rodeo Director?

The skills that I believe that I possess to be a WGRF Rodeo Director is that I know the sport of rodeo very well. I grew up doing it and have been around the sport most of my life. Also, in 2024 when the passing of our current Rodeo Director for GPRA I assumed the role and in eight weeks put on one of the most successful GPRA Rodeos to date. I am also a resident of Oklahoma so for the next years to come with WGRF it would be helpful to have someone with feet on the ground to be able to plan and perform duties locally.

3. Your involvement as a 'Black Shirt', could at times, cause you to perform duties and tasks that you may have been opposed to, while working with the WGRF Committee. How would you deal with situations like this?

Life in general sometimes causes you to perform tasks that you are opposed to, can we just not do those tasks? No, we have all do and will continue to do tasks like this and move on with the rest of life or the task at hand. Swallowing pride and what you think is right or how you think something should be done is part of life and you take it in stride and keep going. Just because you think it should be one way doesn't mean that someone before you hasn't encountered the same thing before and you just don't know that. There may be more than one way that is the right way that you don't know and if you can't move past something you are opposed to then you will never make it far.

4. Throughout this Program the ultimate goal is one of producing forward thinking, visionary Rodeo Directors who will one day be in charge of the production of World Gay Rodeo Finals, under their Leadership. Please explain what your vision (once you achieve this role) would look like. Expand on things you have seen and things that you would love to see. What would your WGRF look like?

My ultimate goal as a Rodeo Director for the World Gay Rodeo Finals would be that by time is it my turn to be the “big man on top” especially with the fact that it will be in my home state would be to have one of the biggest and best WGRF in the last numerous years. Recruiting as many new members around to get involved more, raising our contestant numbers would be the biggest and first step to take along that journey. Second having more involvement from local businesses, here in Oklahoma City alone there is a number of LGBTQ owner and/or operated and many community friendly businesses that have not been taken advantage of. Not only would this boost our community’s involvement but it would also boost our exposure around the community and in places that nobody has yet thought about like flower shops, bakery’s, and different shops/boutiques. This would expose IGRA and WGRF to more than just the bar and rodeo communities which in turn would help us gain spectators, exposure in people that it normally would not have, and bringing us more into the light and mind of so many people. That in turn generates a plethora of things for us, gate sales start to rise which increase revenue. When it comes back to Oklahoma, when the attendance increases gate sales that means that there are more and more people seeing our athletes perform at the NFR of gay rodeo which again creates which I have said over and over exposure and especially in our nation today, we need this. More people also mean.... more alcohol sales, which we all know is one of our largest streams of revenue. All of this together builds a bigger, greater, more profitable rodeo and association for all of us to enjoy.

Thank you for your interest in the IGRA ‘Black Shirt’ program. Please feel free to use additional paper, if necessary.

International Gay Rodeo Association

Rodeo Directors 'Black Shirt Program' Questionnaire

Name: Marcus Hood (Boogie) Member

Association: RRRA

1. Tell the Committee about yourself including things that may be beneficial to your consideration? (i.e. Life, Accomplishments, Awards, Recognitions etc.)

I have been TGRA Rodeo Director for 2016,2017,2018, 2019 , Assistant WGRF Rodeo Director 2017 , WGRF Rodeo Director 2018,2022

2. What skills do you possess that you feel enhance your consideration as a qualified candidate as a WGRF Rodeo Director?

I understand the needs of producing a quality rodeo and being able to work with a budget as well as leading a qualified team.

3. Your involvement as a 'Black Shirt', could at times, cause you to perform duties and tasks that you may have been opposed to, while working with the WGRF Committee. How would you deal with situations like this?

We all have task at some point in our lives that we opposed, however as a leader you must work through and differences you could have with a team or team members. As a manager of 49 people for over 15 years I feel that I can handle any tough conversation or directions from the

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__My past years of being a rodeo director should speak for its self. My vision is to produce an equal playing field for all contestants while keeping them safe. It is just as important to produce a great show for the spectators keeping them engaged and wanting more.

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Name: Charlie Colella Member Association: DSRA/TGRA

1. Tell the Committee about yourself including things that may be beneficial to your consideration? (i.e. Life, Accomplishments, Awards, Recognitions etc.)

I have been involved with IGRA for approx. 33 years. During this time I have been a contestant, competing in 12 events in the early years. In 2012, I won All-Around Cowboy at the Oklahoma rodeo. Early on, GSGRA-LA split into 2 Chapters and I became President of GSGRA-LAC. In 1992 I organized the LA Gay Pride parade entry for GSGRA-LAC which included 30 cowboys/cowgirls on horseback, wagon pulled by 2 Clydesdales with 20 members and a float. The offices I've held are 2014-15 TGRA State Contestant Rep, 2017 TGRA Dallas Chapter Rep., IGRA Sportsmanship Award (2007), Rodeo School Instructor for GSGRA, TGRA, DSRA, NMGRA, 2023 IGRA President's Award. One of my most proud moments is running a 20.97 in Pole Bending on my horse Dashin Peppy Jet in Oklahoma, 2009 (I believe that was the 2nd fastest time for IGRA), and also being part of the 2023 WGRF Committee. I was the 2024 IGRA Sponsor Chair and will be the 2025 IGRA Sponsor Chair. Also a member of the 2025 50 Year Reunion Committee.

2. What skills do you possess that you feel enhance your consideration as a qualified candidate as a WGRF Rodeo Director?

I have been on the WGRF Committee for 2 years now and have worked closely with the Rodeo Director and Assistant's. From this, plus being a contestant for 30+ years, I know how a rodeo runs and what is needed from the team to produce this event. My track record with obtaining sponsors should speak for itself. I am organized and follow-through with tasks needed to be done and also follow-up.

3. Your involvement as a 'Black Shirt', could at times, cause you to perform duties and tasks that you may have been opposed to, while working with the WGRF Committee. How would you deal with situations like this?

As a 'Black Shirt', or being part of any committee, my attitude is that I do this for the benefit of IGRA. I have a job to do and will do it to the best of my ability for the good of IGRA. In 2023, while working on the Season Champ awards, I knew prior to Finals who would win these awards. That did not deter me from obtaining nice awards. My position was representing IGRA.

4. Throughout this Program the ultimate goal is one of producing forward thinking, visionary Rodeo Directors who will one day be in charge of the production of World Gay Rodeo Finals, under their Leadership. Please explain what your vision (once you achieve this role) would look like. Expand on things

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At WGRF, I would like to see the event winners paraded around the arena on horseback or in a 4x4, with the sponsor flag. I would also like to see entertainment in the arena, such as professional horse performers, color guard, etc.

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A G E N D A

Executive Board of Directors

February 14, 2025

Following BOT meeting Green Tree Hotel Phoenix West

Call to Order

Brian Helander

Roll Call

Gene Fraikes

Approval of Previous Minutes:

4th Quarter EBOD meeting

Sent via email November 14, 2024

Post Convention EBOD meeting

Sent Via email November 20, 2024

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Address Rodeo Crisis Fund request from Marcus Hood – Application attached

Select (2) Rodeo Directors for WGRF Rodeo Directors Team – Applications attached

Charlie Colella

Butch Compton – Application withdrawn via text message to me February 8, 2025

Marcus(Boogie) Hood

Weston Crow Tucker

Status and direction of Rodeo Management System

INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

50YR celebration Canadian letter

WGRF/50 All event Tickets at Canadian Dollar Par

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