



## Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – May 11, 2009

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The meeting was called to order by President Blackwood at 6:30 p.m.

David Blackwood – President	Shaun Sewell – Past President
Colin Moulton – Vice President	Mitch Gill
Jeffrey Neal– Secretary	Lorry King
David Herring – Treasurer	Eddy Krien
Ken Wong – Member at Large	Bill Trunzo
Jimmy Gattis – Member at Large	Bill Watkins
JD Jensen – Member at Large	Jason Dyer
Brian Rogers - Trustee	

Board Members Absent - Richard Armstrong – Member at Large

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Welcome from President to new board and visiting members.

Advised of Email vote for two fundraisers. 1. Prize purse for Closet ball. \$200 needed to cover top place for both men’s and women’s categories. Was approved. 2. Move date of Memorial Day show from Saturday to Friday to alleviate a conflict at Charlies. Was approved.

Discussed need to assign Member At Large – Ad Hoc committees. Ken volunteered for merchandising.

### President’s Report

State Convention - President advised the State Convention needs to be 90-days from the new board taking office. **Moved to recommend Lorry King as Chair.** If held on Sunday Lorry accepts. Passed unanimously by verbal vote. Suggestion to the Chair to review the quorum rules as we have an influx at the end of the year that increases the requirements to do business at the end of the year that has to be put off until the numbers drop in March. Also, discussion on dates. **C.Moulton moved for June 28<sup>th</sup>. B.Rogers second. Amended and accepted to have at 11 a.m. Approved with unanimous verbal vote**

**B.Rogers moved to allow for up to \$60 expenditure for lunch. C.Moulton second. Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**

**President moved to adjust NGRA Royalty Competition date to January to coincide with University which has moved to January. B.Rogers second.** Advised that because of standing rules requirement for 6 month membership to be eligible, advertising and notifications need to be adjusted and the deadlines would be in June for new members. Discussion... numbers of people attending and as contestants; would this change help make more money for the event; looking to make the balance sheet break even versus taking a loss. **Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**

### Vice President’s Report

Membership numbers - Lost one member – Gary Mendyka; Lorry King brought in a new member from Palm Spring - Hot Rodeo so membership remains at 110.



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JD Jensen voted in as member of the month for March. (For activity prior to becoming board member)

Nominations requested for member of the month for April to be presented at the next General Membership meeting.

### Secretary's Report

David Blackwood presented his final meeting minutes from the last Board meeting. Accepted by acclamation.

### Treasurer's Report

Reviewed Operating expenses and rodeo funds.

**David advised of wanting to obtain a Credit Card for the organization.** Former board tabled this request because of timing on step down. New Board to move forward with this. **D.Herring moved to proceed. B.Rogers seconded.** Discussion on who would have the card. David prefers to have board approval for all expenditures. Most expenditures will be connected to rodeo and deposits. Bill Watkins suggested to have the Board prepare a procedure to clearly outline what and when the card can be used, by whom, and how it will be monitored. **Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**

Signatures on Bank Account cannot be entered until we have certified officers filed with State. President and Treasurer stated this would be handled in the next month.

### Trustee's Report

Pride Weekend - kudos to the teams who worked extensive hours. Also JD Jensen did a great job organizing the NGRA Volunteers.

NGRA has won the bid for 2010 Finals in Laughlin- will be responsible for transport from LV to Avi

**B.Rogers expressed a desire to have NGRA Sponsor Chute #1 for \$500 for the 2010 IGRA Finals but suggested it be done quickly. B.Rogers moved. C.Moulton second.** Discussion - Good branding opportunity, gets our name out there. First chute in line ups. **Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**

Hellrodado activities are coming up including PRCA rodeo event downtown, Parade.

Lorry King gave report on Trustees meeting from Palm Springs Hot Rodeo where she was Alternate.

- All IGRA Association websites will be judged in July and August for the Website Award this year.
- Cautioned the current Board to send our membership list to IGRA (monthly). NGRA was on the non-compliance list. Colin has already sent the first list. Discussion – B.Watkins was sending list but it was going to the IGRA Secretary and it needed to go to the IGRA Admin – Tommy Channel.
- Convention Update - Costs will be converted from Canadian - Delegate costs is \$80 will be \$64 US with conversion; Hotel will be \$115 or \$95 US. Board needs to identify who will be going as Delegates and Alternates so the arrangements can be started. Toronto has also offered Sponsorship opportunities for Convention to be brought up at a future meeting



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- Variance approved for BigHorn Rodeo 2009 regarding the draw since this does not follow normal processes
- 2010 University approved for Vegas
- IGRA publication of rodeo schedule was out and provided
- There are several new sponsors for Finals... Quantus Airlines providing two ticket for round trip to Australia and Ford is providing a Pickup Truck. Both will be used for raffles
- Finals Hotel rooms will be \$85; Finals entertainment to include the Dolly Parton look alike & Demented Divas
- Volunteers being solicited to help work various parts of the weekend
- Finals assigned Ticketing and Marketing to NGRA
- 501-C-3 status was discussed at IGRA level. IGRA is looking into possible foundation opportunities to be able to provide support in this venture.
- IGRA VP gave Royalty report. Royalty has raised \$2,800 and have covered all rodeo's so far and would appreciate having help with accommodations when they travel and would also like to have a goal provided in advance for any groups wanting fundraising assistance from the IGRA Royalty Team.
- Judges for IGRA Royalty competition have been identified– NGRA was not called upon. Might change if the organizations prior to ours on the list decline and the selection process continues further down the list.
- IGRA Royalty has chosen the charity they would like their fundraising money to go to --- St. Jude Hospital. They had mentioned also the ASPCA but further discussion at the meeting brought out that ASPCA is not Rodeo friendly so only one charity has been chosen.
- A film maker/author presented to IGRA Board and wanted to go through Archive records IGRA has in Denver. They did some networking and there are two museums interested in creating an exhibit of the archives on Gay Rodeo. Wyoming and LA. Was voted to go to the Gene Autry museum in LA and hopefully will create some good fundraising opportunities.
- John King going to Chair the Gay Rodeo Legacy Project to work in tandem with the archives.

### Member-At-Large Reports

Ken - Suggested that the members-at-large provide a skills and interests list so that the assignments would be easier to assign. And to have President provide a list of jobs that the Board needs handled with descriptions so that the team can review and help volunteer for what is needed.

JD – Nothing to Report

Jimmy – Nothing to Report

### Fundraising Team Report

Mitch Gill reported that nine people attended the last Fundraising Meeting on 4/21/09 at Darren Warnette's house.

Advised that Badlands Beer Bust price has to be raised to \$6. Badlands is requiring \$1 for the Bar

List of events was provided verbally. List included:

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Memorial Day – Red White & Blue – Badlands

June 13<sup>th</sup> Pumps-N-Pearls – Charlie's



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June 20<sup>th</sup> Bus Trip to Laughlin (Bus(es) from Charlie's & Commercial Center)  
June 27<sup>th</sup> Let Us Light Your Firecracker (USO) - Badlands  
July 4<sup>th</sup> NGRA Pool Party (\$10) - Jimmy Gattis Home  
July 11<sup>th</sup> Whipped into Shape (Whip Cream Auction) – Charlie's  
July 25<sup>th</sup> NGRA Outing - TBA  
July 26<sup>th</sup> Katrina's Brunch South of the Border - TBA  
August 8<sup>th</sup> *Evening of Duets (Darren & DeShannon) – Charlie's – to be rescheduled*  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> Diamond and Spurs – Badlands  
September 12<sup>th</sup> Saddle-Up (Lucky 13 – BigHorn Rodeo)  
September 26<sup>th</sup> Survivor Party (Beer Bust) - Badlands

**B.Rogers moved to accept Events as planned and read. C.Moulton second.** Discussion included Katrina's Event with separate budget outline. **Approved with 1 abstention.**

Red Ribbon Sales to be sold as IGRA Royalty Fundraiser requirement for Mitch to be able to run for IGRA Royalty at the end of the year. **B.Rogers moved to approve this provided all funds go through NGRA's account. S.Sewell second.** **Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**

After discussion, the August 8<sup>th</sup> fundraising event has been pulled by Chair as it would be an IGRA fundraiser that they scheduled for a NGRA dated event night. They will revisit this despite it being on the originally voted list.

Mitch advised that he wanted to work with the bars to place money boxes as fundraising banks in several of the bars. There was concern for how the money will be handled, picked up, and safeguarded. Chair pulled this item for further research on security of funds and boxes and concerns from Board.

Financially, the last two events pulled almost \$1,900 combined.

Badlands has requested all fundraisers end by midnight

### Unfinished Business

Storage Unit - Rent is coming due in July. Currently we pay \$95 per month per unit for 2 units. \$190 per half year. Get one free month if we pay 5 months up front. Thinking about consolidation with new renewal. Bill to get more info on decreasing, notice to landlord, and whether there are any other pricing changes. Bill says he will try to report these items out at General Membership meeting next week so the Board can set a date for a site visit to start going through the inventory.

Website Posting of Minutes. Discussion of whether it is a good idea to put the minutes for all the meetings online – but finding a way to show what is a draft and what is approved per the next meeting. **S.Sewell moved to post an agenda prior to the meeting and a summary of the minutes following each board and General Membership meeting. B.Rogers second.** **Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**



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### Rodeo Director's Report

Shaun S. reported as Rodeo Director

- RPC has decided to have the Welcome Pool Party on Friday at the Host Hotel. The Tea dance at Blue Moon will be scheduled for Sunday. This change was made in order to encourage more general inclusive involvement at opening event (male and female).
- Officials have been selected and we are in the process of handling room assignments.
- RPC is working on Entertainment options
- Budget coming along quite nicely
- Buckle selections approved
- There has been some pushback from Contestants for the OneDay Rodeo that has gone all the way to IGRA level. Shaun working on talking points to get the information out and educate contestants and others.

### New Business

Board needs to look at BigHorn Rodeo 2010 in light of the awarded finals bid – do we have it, when would we place it. Discussion - dates too close to Finals, Rodeo director needs to be chosen now, dates need to be requested and if the date is moved earlier... has to go to the IGRA Board for approval by Philadelphia in July. What are the pros or cons of taking a year off? Could give us the opportunity to focus some efforts on rebuilding and boosting the membership and focus on fundraising for charity.

**S.Sewell moved to not have a NGRA rodeo in 2010. D.Herring second. Friendly amendment – and to make sure that we have financial support events for our local charity, possibly in conjunction with Finals. Friendly Ammendment Accepted.** Discussion – it works better to support Finals. Won't wear out the board, volunteers, RPC. We will have to pay for one day at Horseman's to hold our date; possibly hold a smaller event at the site – rodeo school, riding event. These to be considered.  
**Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**

Bill Trunzo has been asked to host a fundraiser for travel funds for Royalty members. The event will be held May 30<sup>th</sup> and the funds will be directed to be used to cover travel for Mitch. These will be disbursed through NGRA.

Mitch requested to have merchandise and new applications at all events.

Adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeffrey Neal  
Secretary