



The meeting was called to order by President Blackwood at 6:41 p.m.

David Blackwood – President
Joel Castillo – Vice President
Jeffrey Neal– Secretary
David Hering - Treasurer
Doug Graff – Member at Large
Colin Moulton – Member at Large
Brian Rogers – Trustee
Shaun Sewell
Bill Watkins
JD Jensen
Laura Scott

Bill Trunzo
Tony Clark
James Morgan
Guy Puglisi
Ric Franklin
Chris Reynolds
James Crawford
Randy Grant
Rob Honeycutt

Board Members Absent:

Winsor Cooper III – Member at Large
Mitch Gill – Member at Large

President advised up front that he will be turning the meeting over to Joel Castillo on any issues regarding Royalty since he is a candidate.

President's Report

- Report submitted.
- **President requested to appoint Joel Castillo as Fundraising Chair. Second-C.Moulton. Approved with unanimous verbal vote**

Vice President's Report

- Report submitted.
- No new members this month.
- Nominations requested for Member of the Month for August.
 - Robert Presby
- D.Hering nominated Steve Erics for a honorary membership

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from Aug meeting were presented. **B.Rogers moved to accept. Second-J.Castillo. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- B.Rogers requested copy of the recent letter to Jackson at Badlands.
- Bylaws - Changes have been made. Drafted changes match notes of the State Convention Director. A few minor points picked up by several members from the draft document. The final will be posted by Friday.
- Meeting attendance by Secretary was discussed.



Treasurer's Report

- Report submitted.
- Reviewed financial accounts and balances.
- Taxes are not yet filed and another extension has been filed. Board considering other options.
- Discussion of Finals Fund. Finals Director requested Fundraising to look into this.

Trustee's Report

- Report submitted.
- Brian attended all the meetings in Kansas City for the quarterly meeting.
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Finals Committee

- Hotel Rooms are being reported completely sold out
- Brian is going down this Friday if anyone wants to do a site visit.
- Concern that we don't have any tickets sold for the transportation buses. It is going to be reviewed to see if we need to cancel some of the buses.
- Volunteers is now on the website and sign up there if you wish to help.
- Areas that we need to handle are some of the smaller miscellaneous areas, box office, directions and check in.
- Final room pick up numbers are not yet available but Brian is working with his contact.
- Next meeting - Friday, October 8th at Brian's home.
- **Brian moved that candidates for Judging at the Convention Royalty events needed to be determined tonight so the list can be supplied.** President poled the Board and members present to see if they were a) intending to go to Convention as possible delegate/alternate; and b) if they are eligible or able to be a part of the judging team.

Member-At-Large Reports

Doug Graff - represented at TGRA Rodeo as alternate Trustee and mentioned that it will be a big deal to have a strong audience push for our Rodeo and Finals. He was surprised how low the attendance was for a Texas Rodeo. Doug also expressed a concern on the bad press given against another rodeo association since we are trying to honor the long term relationships between gay and straight rodeos.

Mitch Gill – no report



Colin Moulton – State Convention went well and there are a lot of updates to be completed with the re-write of the Standing Rules. We will get them out as quickly as possible.

Fundraising Report

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- Joel Castillo (aka Sabel D/Zyre) will host the normal event at Charlie's that same night with the proceeds being distributed as normal.
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2010 Royalty Team

- Ric Franklin (Kimberli Foxx) Had a terrific time at the San Diego Rodeo. It was a terrific event and a very memorable riderless horse ceremony.
- Requests an approval for a proposal to be held as a Travel Fundraiser - Crews' N. Jello shots to be sold between 8-11 p.m. The vodka will be donated. Plans for money control were also presented and Kimberli will not be leaving the bar with any funds. B.Rogers moved. Second-D.Hering. Approved with unanimous verbal vote.
- The Crew's N Bar owner provided drink tickets to Kimberli in support of her travel fund. Discussion on the concerns of where and when to sell these tickets and the need for proper licensing. The decision was made that Kimberli would only sell them at that bar and will obtain the proper alcohol awareness documents. Cost of the cards is coming from the proceeds. B.Rogers moved. Second-J.Castillo. Approved with verbal vote with one opposed and one abstention.
- Kimberli advised that she is presiding at the upcoming Queen of the Desert event where she is required to wear her current Queen of the Desert crown. She advised that she is uncomfortable wearing the NGRA sash at the same time as being introduced for her other title.
- **B.Rogers moved that we approve Kimberli's appearance and with the understanding that C.Reynolds agreed to monitor to make sure that Kimberli's current NGRA title is used first in all introductions. Discussion. Approved with one opposed.**
- The plaque for the Volunteer of the Year award from SNAPI has been put on display at Charlie's in the NGRA display.

Rodeo Director

- Two bids are out for Stock. \$10,000 each. It is better than last years and we are still waiting on one more bid.



- All officials has been chosen.
- Security is out for bid.
- RPC has voted to make Sin Sity Sisters and their Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program (SADAP) as the beneficiary for the Rodeo and requests Board approval. B.Rogers approved. Second-J.Castillo. Discussion. Approved with unanimous verbal vote.

President passed Meeting Chair to Vice President.

2011 Royalty Competition

- Mitch Gill is the Royalty Competition Director and sent his report by email. (read by VP)
- 5 candidates
 - Randy Grant aka Mormonizer (Miss)
 - David Blackwood aka Tailor Trash (Miss)
 - Robert Honeycutt Aka Veronica Baygo (Miss)
 - James Crawford (Mr.)
 - Chris Reynolds (Mr.)
- Friday, November 26 at Charlie's
- Budget line item would \$1,100
 - Crown - \$200
 - Sashes - \$100 ea
 - Flowers - \$100
 - Decorations - \$200
 - Printing - \$100
- Charlie's has agreed to do decorations but wants seed money
- Further discussion on the budget request will be tabled until Mitch can be present at the meeting.

Buckles for the outgoing royalty team are estimated at \$200. **D.Graff moved to authorize the Rodeo Director to spend \$200 for buckles for the outgoing Royalty Team. Second-B.Rogers. Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**

Mitch proposes that the Board please waive the meeting requirements for this competition year and because the Competition was moved and the schedules of the candidates would preclude several from meeting the requirements of attendance. Second-B.Rogers. Discussion on changes, deadlines, and situations of candidates. Motion failed with verbal vote

B.Rogers moved to create a Standing Rule to authorize the Board to entertain and approve hardship exceptions in regards to the meeting attendance requirements for the 2011 Royalty Competition only. Second-D.Graff. Approved with unanimous verbal vote to present this to the October General Membership meeting.

2011 Candidate team presented their Fundraising Proposal as part of the Candidate Requirements.

- Looking at the Fundraising Requirements as a Team Effort so they propose the following events:

Saturday, October 2nd – Bears, Boots, and Boxers

- Badlands Saloon 9 p.m. – Midnight
- Emcees – Mr. NGRA Candidates – James Crawford, Chris Reynolds
- \$7 beer bust (\$2 for Badlands)



Friday, October 29th – We'll Work Hard for the Money

- Charlie's 9 p.m. – Midnight
- Emcees – Miss NGRA Candidates – Veronica DeBaygo, Mormonizer, Taylor Trash

Tuesday, September 21 thru Wednesday, November 24th – Candidate Cans
Monies will be collected at other events both local and out of state.

- Marketing and Advertising
- Flyers submitted for Board Review
- Posters in the bars
- Social Networking will be used to advertise
- Placement in the BigHorn Gazette
- Posted on the Website
- E-blast for the bar events

Candidate Charity selections requested are:

- The Center - \$1,000 raised would go to Violet Sponsorship Package in NGRA's name to provide all the benefits of the sponsorship to the organization
- BigHorn Rodeo 14 to receive the balance of the funds raised

B.Rogers moved to approve the Candidate proposal as presented. Second-D.Hering. Discussion. Approved with unanimous verbal vote.

Vice President passed Meeting Chair to President.

Unfinished Business

- Trustee Election – Guy Puglisi is the new Trustee.

New Business

- Center Sponsorship - Moved off because of the vote on the Candidate proposal
- Court Coronation. We have been offered \$400 sponsorship that will provide us a Table and a Full page add for the Coronation program. **B.Rogers moved to approve up to \$400 for a Table and Ad for the Coronation event. Second-D.Hering. Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeffrey Neal
NGRA Secretary

NGRA – General Membership Meeting – Minutes 9/20/10

Attendees:

David Blackwood, President	Bill Watkins
Joel Castillo, Vice President	JD Jensen
Jeffrey Neal, Secretary	Chris Reynolds
David Herring, Treasurer	James Crawford
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Meeting called to order by President Blackwood at 9:05 p.m.

C.Mouton moved that the full reading of the reports be dispensed for this meeting considering all just reviewed the same reports in the BOD meeting. Second-D.Hering. Approved with unanimous verbal vote.

President's Report

- Board has appointed Joel Castillo to chair the Fundraising Committee
- Guy Puglisi has won the election for Trustee 2011-2013.

Vice President's Report

- Nominations for Member of the Month for August 2010.
 - o Doug Graff for the Lariat Show
 - o Robert Presby aka Felina Katz – for his time
 - o Darren Wernette for his work on the Bingo Party raising money for the community.
- Darren Wernette was voted Member of the Month for August 2010 by secret ballot.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from August were presented for approval. **B.Rogers moved. Second-J.Castillo. Moved with unanimous verbal vote.**
- Bylaws - Most of the changes have been made. The final will be posted by Friday with an email blast to advise the membership.

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- Review of the current financial status

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Rodeo Director

- RPC has voted to make Sin City Sisters and their Sisters AIDS Drug Assistance Program (SADAP) as the beneficiary for the Rodeo. This was approved by the Board and coming before Membership in New Business.

Newsletter

Deadline is 23rd for any submissions.

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion from Board Minutes - B.Rogers moved to create a Standing Rule to authorize the Board to entertain and approve hardship exceptions in regards to the meeting attendance requirements for the 2011 Royalty Competition only. Second-D.Graff. Approved with unanimous verbal vote to present this to the October General Membership meeting.

B.Rogers moved that we include in the minutes the changes to the Standing Rules presented from the Board Meeting. These changes will be coming out to the membership for vote next meeting. The Secretary will produce a written blast to the membership to be complete by the 23rd.

S.Sewell moved to consider moving the General Membership off the Monday night of the Board meeting. Second-B.Trunzo. Discussion. Motion withdrawn before vote. Board hopes to have a clearer plan before we consider this type of action.

Honorary membership for Steven Eric's was requested by the Board. Approved with two abstentions.

Ratification needed for the Rodeo Beneficiary as presented by the Board from the Sep minutes. BRogers-moved. Second-J.Castillo. Approved with unanimous verbal vote.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeffrey Neal
NGRA - Secretary