



Attendees:

Ken Hruby – Vice President
Jeffrey Neal– Secretary Ryan McPherson
Cristina DiGioia - Director
Laura Scott – Director
Jason Metzger - Director
Brent Rosinski – Director

Michael Yarborough
David Wright
Roger Bergmann
Terry Freeman
Bill Trunzo

Board Members Absent:

Doug Graff – President
David Hering – Treasurer
Guy Puglisi – Trustee

President called the meeting to order 6:31 p.m.

President's Report

- No report

Vice President's Report

- Membership – 105
- Requested nominations for July member of the month for activities performed in June. (carried over from last month)
 - Brian Rogers – for stepping up and representing NGRA for Gay Games
- Requested nominations for August member of the month for activities performed in July
 - Carolyn Jones – for volunteer party hosted in July
 - David Blackwood – for coordinating the Charlie's show while the team was away in Denver.
- Representing NGRA in Public – feel that Board members and position holders should be aware of how they look when communicating in public.
- Use of the NGRA Logos - the logo may be used but only for events that are benefitting NGRA and with Board approval.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from June meeting were presented. **J.Neal moved to approve the minutes with one suggested change. Second-L.Scott. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote..**

Treasurer's Report

- All business and questions will carry over to next month.

Trustee's Report

- No report.



Director-At-Large Reports

- Brent
 - Met with Pride and was advised that NGRA can volunteer time under the Sisters or another organization and hours could be disbursed to BigHorn Rodeo at the direction of one of those organizations.
 - Pride has offered to sponsor two annual buckles in the name of Joel Castillo and Sable D'Zyre. Discussion ways this could work. Suggested that they be responded to with the list of existing buckles and what we can do to guarantee their sponsorship.
 - Working on scheduling a screening of "Queens & Cowboys" and the logistics. Discussion of ways to make this work in Las Vegas.
 - \$250 for a free admission event
 - \$500 for a charged admission
 - **L.Scott moved to gather all plans and move forward with the idea. Second-J.Metzger. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- Cristina – no report

Royalty Team

- Presented events for approval to the board
 - **September 13th – Charlie's – Rodeo Pride**
 - **October 11th – Charlie's – Coming Out With the Boys**
 - **November 8th – Charlie's – Giving Thanks**
 - **November 22nd – Flex – Fall Rodeo Round-Up**
 - November 29th – Charlie's – Royalty Competition
- **J.Neal moved to accept the presented events. Second-J.Metzger. Discussion Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Fundraising

- No formal report
- Fundraising dollars are down for the year.
- Upcoming Events
 - August 2nd – Men of Charlie's Contest benefits NGRA. Please come and participate.
 - August 9th – Charlie's Event
 - August 30th – Hot Rodeo Nights at Flex
 - Watch the online Calendar for all the events upcoming.
 - **Next fundraising meeting will be announced on email blast.**

BigHorn Rodeo

- **Rodeo Director moved to have a \$2,200 proceed check cut to Opportunity Village and that all remaining proceeds be designated for Sin City Sisters when the remaining checks come in. Second-L.Scott. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- President is still waiting for budget and letter of opportunity.

Public Relations

- Gay Games was an incredible experience.
- Celebration of Life event was a huge success celebrating Joel & Curtiss and all they provided to our community.



Historian

- Nothing new to report this month but is scheduling time to review what's in the storage and what we have for archives.

Newsletter

- Deadline for submissions for pictures, articles and information is 23rd for the next newsletter.
- There are still a lot of gaps and all contributions will be reviewed. News@NGRA.com
- Discussion on ways that we can enhance the feel and content of the newsletter and how it can be presented.
- Review how the website can enhance the experience.

Unfinished Business

- Pride Float - have not been able to procure a flatbed vehicle. Royalty is going to plan to have a pickup truck and we are checking to make sure the application has been filed to be in the parade. Arrangements need to be made for decoration and presentation.

New Business

- None

Quorum was met.

General Membership

- Requested nominations for July member of the month for activities performed in June. (carried over from last month)
 - Brian Rogers – for stepping up and representing NGRA for Gay Games
 - **J.Neal moved to accept by acclamation. Second-L.Scott. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote. Congratulations Brian.**
- Requested nominations for August member of the month for activities performed in July
 - Carolyn Jones – for volunteer party hosted in July
 - David Blackwood – for coordinating the Charlie's show while the team was away in Denver
 - **Congratulations David Blackwood.**

Board adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Neal, NGRA Secretary