



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – October 18, 2023

Attendees:

Stewart Black – Vice President
Bryan Shields - Secretary
David Hering – Treasurer
Guy Puglisi – Trustee
Jeffrey Neal – Director
Patrick Terry – Director

Christopher Aguilar – Mr. NGRA 2023
Becky Bocky/Michael Pitta
Tequila Mockingbird/Jason Banales
David Wells
Ken Wells
Shaun Franklin Sewell
Stephanie Danderson
Marshall Hughes

Board Members Absent:

Kathy Alday – President
Brenda Alday – Rodeo Director

Open Position – Director at Large
Open Position – Fundraising Director

President called the meeting to order 7:04 p.m. Quorum of Board was met. Meeting was held via Zoom.

President's Report

- Report
- David Hering was appointed Election Chair

Vice President's Report

- Membership: 82 Members: 59 Annual, 8 Honorary, 17 Lifetime, 3 Contestant Members. 76 Voting Members.
- Report Submitted

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from September's meeting presented for review and approval. **P.Terry moved. J.Neal – Second. Discussion. Motion passed via unanimous verbal vote.**

Treasurer's Report

- Report Submitted
- **J.Neal moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. P.Terry – Second. Discussion. Approved via unanimous verbal vote.**

Trustee's Report

- Report
- Brian Helander, IGRA President, thanked everyone for a good rodeo season. He attended a sports event in Buffalo, NY and interacted with four other groups who did not know gay rodeo existed.
- Jack Morgan is chairing the World Gay Pride initiative. The event will be in DC from May 23-June 8, 2025. The parade is June 7 and the festival is June 8 on the National Mall. The hotel is the Hyatt Regency and IGRA has blocked 30 rooms at \$299/night. In conjunction with this event, some of the most prized artifacts from gay rodeo history will be inducted into the national archives at The Smithsonian.
- The IGRA online store is up and running and was used for convention delegate fees.
- Chuck Browning, Marketing Chair, has met with several groups interested in bidding on events to be brought to their cities (e.g. WGRF, Convention, University, etc.).
- The MGRA and CRGRA rodeos were approved for 2024.
- The WGRF committee reminded associations about the request for silent auction baskets.
- The rodeo management software was rolled out for BigHorn Rodeo and there was only one issue with emails going to specified parties after each registration was completed, which has since been resolved. Processing fees still need to be determined.



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- IGRA University will be held in conjunction with the Sin City Classic in Las Vegas January 11-14, 2024. There is a shared room block for both events on the SCC website. The 1st Quarter IGRA BOD meeting will be held in Las Vegas on January 12, 2024.
- The proposals for rodeo rules, bylaws, and standing rules were sent to the NGRA convention delegates/alternates. Committee meeting assignments will be assigned soon.

Director-At-Large Reports

- Jeffrey Neal – Director
 - No Report
- Patrick Terry – Director
 - No Report
 - **P.Terry moved to approve an additional \$250 donation to split the Sponsorship of The Hall of Fame Reception with CGRA. S.Black Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Fundraising

- Report
- **S.Black moved to approve allocating \$500 for supplemental items for Stocking for Street Teens. P.Terry – Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Royalty Team

- Report Submitted
- Mr. NGRA 2023 C.Aguilar: suggested the board consider increasing the marketing budget by \$1,000 for future event advertising, especially for use during Pride at the parade and at the park.

Rodeo Planning Committee - RPC

- No Report

Sponsorship

- Report Submitted

Marketing

- Report Submitted
- In the past 28 days: Posts reached 2,491. 624 Post engagements, 43 new page likes. The highest engagements were from photos posted from the PRIDE parade on our Instagram and on Facebook the highest engagement was on our Hee-Ha-Ha ad post.

Unfinished Business

- N/A

New Business

- **P.Terry moved to approve NGRA donating a raffle basket to Becky Bocky and Tequila Mockingbird's Candidacy Show. J.Neal – Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- C.Aguilar addressed the meeting attendees and reminded all to be sure they are representing NGRA in a positive light while out an about in the community, especially at fundraisers.
- J.Neal advised on the addition of an Ornament Drive as part of the Stockings for Street Teens initiative. Cash/gift card donations in \$10 increments are being collected to include in ornaments that will be donated along with the stuffed stockings.

Executive Session

- Called to order at 7:32 p.m.
- Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



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Quorum was met.

[General Membership](#)

- N/A

Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Shields, NGRA Secretary 2018-2023