



Attendees:

Shaun Sewell – President
Jeffrey Neal– Secretary
David Hering - Treasurer
Ken Wells – Member at Large
Chris Due – Member at Large
Brian Rogers – Member at Large
Guy Puglisi – Trustee

David Blackwood – Past President
Laura Scott – Rodeo Director
Randy Grant aka Mormonizer
Tony Clark
Jason C.

Board Members Absent:

Colin Moulton – Vice President

Meeting called to order at 6:41 p.m.

President's Report

- Report submitted.
- List of activities
- Appointments of positions
 - **President moved to appoint Jeffrey Neal as Secretary for the next Board Calendar year through April 30, 2012. B.Rogers-Second. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
 - Parliamentarian position is required by the Bylaws. President has some possible candidates which he will bring up at a future meeting.
 - One Member at Large position is open at this time.
 - The Royalty Competition coordinator needs to be appointed by the June meeting.
 - There are other positions in the Bylaws. President suggested that everyone take a minute to read through and invite other members to consider working for the association to help them be more active.
 - **B.Rogers moved to hold the Royalty Competition on Thanksgiving weekend with the date to be determined. Second – G.Puglisi. Discussion. Determined the Royalty Competition director could further explore the various activities on the calendar for that weekend. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
 - State Convention is to be held in the first 90-days of the new board calendar which took affect May 1. B.Rogers moved to hold the event on Saturday, June 25th. D.Hering-Second. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.
 - President is going to reach out to C.Moulton to see if location is available. B.Rogers advised that he would work to compile suggested changes for discussion.
 - **Newsletter Editor - D.Hering would like to nominate Ric Franklin-Sewell as Editor. Second-K.Wells. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- New Board had a mini-retreat recently to discuss the direction of the association and explore options to make the membership meetings more fun and engaging.
- Discussion on general involvement in the community and how we can do better as an organization.



Vice President's Report

- Report submitted.
- Current membership is at 93.
- Showed the look of the new membership card.
- Nominations requested for April member of the month:
 - Bill Watkins – Design changes for posters and graphics
 - Darren Wernette – Website changes for Rodeo
- Member of the Year was announced in the Newsletter – Joel Castillo

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from April meeting were presented. **B.Rogers moved to accept. Second-D.Hering. Discussion. Approved by verbal vote with one abstention.**
- Jeffrey and Shaun committed to continue posting the minutes following the meeting. Jeffrey also advised that this year we want to send the Board packets out 5-days prior to the meetings. We are also considering posting the reports as part of the minute packet so that members can see the general reports.

Treasurer's Report

- Report submitted.
- Review of the Finances
- Advised of the credit card machine expenses – noting that we do not have to pay every month in the off-season from rodeo. The rates are also lower now. Note - the merchant account used for the online-store is done separately.
- Discussion on how monies are raised and split between budgets for the association and rodeo.

Trustee's Report

- Report submitted in Newsletter.
- IGRA Board may hold one of the quarterly board meetings in Las Vegas in 2012.
- Guy was asked to get a list of all the rodeos so we can plan alternate trustee representation as often as possible.
- The IGRA Royalty Team will work with the local associations when planning fundraising events. They want to make sure the associations are aware of their plans and no unnecessary conflicts arise due to communication breakdowns.
- Associations need to present nominees for the annual IGRA awards by the next board meeting as required in Standing Rule 12.
- The IGRA Administrative Assistant needs updated membership lists sent to him periodically to minimize problems with membership verification during the rodeo registration process. It is especially important to send updated lists just before each rodeo when changes have occurred.
- The Archives Committee is soliciting donations of belt buckles, posters, etc. These items are part of IGRA's history and are used for public display like was done at the Regional Road Runner Rodeo in Phoenix this year.
- It was passed at IGRA Convention in Reno last year to allow association royalty runners up to compete in the IGRA Royalty Competition. To facilitate this at the NGRA level, we will need to propose changes to our own Standing Rules at NGRA Convention this year. If it successfully passes, then our runners up will be able to participate, too.
- The Social Media Committee reported they had 1506 members on Facebook with an additional 400 pending approval. The committee said they can work with the associations to help them promote local events other than rodeos.



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – May 16, 2011

- The locations of the first three IGRA board meetings in 2012 were selected: St. Louis in January; Las Vegas in May; and Chicago in August.
- The trustees approved two variances for the Best Buck in the Bay: A date change to September 9-11 and an arena size of 200Lx85W. A variance was also approved to hold registration from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at WGR Finals this year. Replacements/fill-ins will be selected from eligible contestants within 15 minutes of registration closing.
- NGRA did not have any contestants compete in the Cowtown or Sunshine Stampede rodeos; therefore, I do not have any contestant results to share this month. I anticipate we will have results to share from some of the upcoming rodeos. The next three rodeos are: Hot Rodeo in Palm Springs (April 29-May 1); Rodeo in the Rock in Little Rock (April 29-May 1); and BigHorn Rodeo here in Las Vegas (May 20-22).

Member-At-Large Reports

Brian – is excited to be a part of this but wants to make sure everyone knows that he is limited by his work schedule and requirements.

Chris – no report

Ken – no report

Fundraising Report

- No report submitted.
- New chair has not been appointed yet so the Royalty have been asked to cover until a new chair is named.
- May
 - Rodeo Kick-Off Show – May 7th at Badlands 9pm-Midnight
 - Sabel’s Suicide Drag – May 14th, Charlie’s
 - BigHorn Rodeo Weekend - May 20-22, 2011
- June
 - Men of Charlie’s night for NGRA – June 4th at Charlie’s (Everyone please attend)
 - Proposed night for Mr. and Miss NGRA 2011 to have a fundraiser toward their IGRA competition requirements.
- July
 - July 2nd - Check Presentation from Men of Charlie’s to NGRA from their fundraiser.
 - July 9th – NGRA monthly event at Charlie’s.
- Next meeting is TBD.

Royalty

- No Report submitted.
- Discussion on re-dressing the Sunshine Committee chair to coordinate notes and flowers and information on members that are sick or going through difficult times.

BigHorn Rodeo Director

- Report submitted.
- Concern with a report of the EHV virus outbreak on the west coast and has some concerns with our horse contestants. Laura has been meeting with Horseman’s Park. Clean up is going to be done and we believe that the incubation period will be over by the time that we start our set up.
- Chris and Richard are already in contact with various contestants to assuage fears.



- Concerns discussed on knowing when Horseman's would get word from the county on go or no go.
- Discussion on what information we need to provide and what liability and actions need to be prepared for. – Water, tie areas, stalls, feed, etc.
- Verified contents of storage. Looking for wireless mic from sound system.
- Plans outlined for site logistics.
- G.Puglisi moved for the Board to endorse Frank Marino's Divas (Cher, Dolly Parton, Tina Turner) and Brian Rogers as Grand Marshals. D.Hering-Second. Approved by verbal vote with one abstention.
- Cash Control measures were presented. **B.Rogers moved to approve as presented. K.Wells-Second. Discussion. Friday tickets sales need to start at 6 p.m. Approved with unanimous verbal vote.**

Newsletter

- Submissions for pictures, articles and information is the 23rd of each month.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Board adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeffrey Neal
NGRA Secretary



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B.Rogers moved to dispense with the reading of the reports. Second-D.Hering. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.

President's Report

- The Board appointed Jeffrey Neal as Secretary for the next Board Calendar year through April 30, 2012.
- There are other positions open for members to be a part of the working association. Parliamentarian, one Member at Large position, Royalty Competition coordinator to name a few that need to be filled as soon as possible. There are also other working positions in the Bylaws. Please notify a Board member if you are interested. .
- The Board is planning to hold the Royalty Competition on Thanksgiving weekend again this year. More information to come.
- The Board is planning to hold State Convention on Saturday, June 25th. More information will be communicated to the membership in the next few weeks.
- New Board had a mini-retreat recently to discuss the direction of the association and explore options to make the membership meetings more fun and engaging.
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Vice President's Report

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 - Darren Wernette – Website changes for Rodeo
 - Congratulations to Darren Wernette
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Secretary's Report

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BigHorn Rodeo Director

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New Business

- When a President completes his full term of office, it is written into the Bylaws that we can offer him a Lifetime Membership.
- **B.Rogers moved to give D.Blackwood a Lifetime Membership for his service to the organization. Second-J.Castillo. Approved by verbal vote with one abstention.**

Board adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jeffrey Neal
NGRA Secretary