



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – December 16, 2013

Attendees:

Doug Graff – President
David Blackwood – Vice President
Jeffrey Neal– Secretary
David Hering - Treasurer
Guy Puglisi – Trustee
Bill Trunzo – Director
Chris Reynolds – Director
Joel Castillo – Director
Barry Jones

Carolyn Jones
Jason Metzger
Ryan McPherson
Michael Yarborough
Ken Wells
Jimmy Gattis
Roger Bergmann

Board Members Absent:

Brent Rosinski – Director

President called the meeting to order 6:27 p.m.

President's Report

- Family Feud event – requested for volunteers to participate.
- Discussed recent meeting with SNAPI explaining what they are doing to get their 501-C-3 status restored.

Vice President's Report

- Report submitted.
- Current membership is at 108.
- Requested nominations for December of the month for activities performed in November:
 - Roger Bergmann for his representation of NORA at the IGRA Convention

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from November meeting were presented. **J.Castillo moved to approve the minutes with spellcheck. Second-C.Reynolds. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Treasurer's Report

- Report submitted.
- Reviewed fundraising numbers for the month.

Trustee's Report

- Reported out on IGRA convention attendance from last month
- IGRA University will be held next month in St. Louis. Members are encouraged to attend. Information should be posted on the website shortly.
- Concern at the IGRA level for membership declines. Associations dropped 12%, individual memberships dropped 15%.
- Associations not providing judges for competition categories will be fined.
- Only four Arena Directors are left in the program – so if you are interested in becoming a certified official, please contact the coordinator listed on the IGRA website.
- New guidelines for managing members not in good standing at the IGRA level
- New officers were elected for VP and Secretary: James Jenkins and Bruce Gros



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- No significant rule changes to Rodeo Rules that would affect our stock contract.
- Need to make sure we have the right language pieces in the stock contract
- Insurance requirements did change and an emergency plan is required to comply with insurance regulations

Director-At-Large Reports

- Bill – no report
- Chris - no report
- Joel – recommended getting names for University and reviewing the next month’s meeting date as it falls on the Monday of University weekend.
- Brent – submitted report of activities

Royalty Team

- Team would like to thank the Board for the opportunity and they are going to meet to discuss their plans for coming months and report back to the Board next month.

Fundraising

- Met on 11/26 to discuss activities.
- Upcoming Events
 - January 11th – Cowboys in Wonderland – at Charlie’s
 - January 25th – City Slickers and Country Kickers – at Garage 5-8pm (approved)
 - February 8th – Redneck Runway – at Charlie’s
 - March – Miss Cow Patty - at Charlie’s
 - April – Closet Ball King/Queen – at Charlie’s
 - **Next fundraising meeting will be Thursday, December 19, 6:30 pm at The Center**
- **C.Reynolds moved to approve the Charlie’s events listed. Second-D.Hering. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

BigHorn Rodeo

- Report submitted.
- Committee received presentations from three potential beneficiaries.
- RPC recommends to approve Sin Sity Sisters and Opportunity Village as beneficiaries. Second-J.Castillo. Discussion. Motion failed.
- J. Castillo moved that beneficiary selection include that the first \$1,000 go to The Center, and the remaining proceeds be split evenly between the Sin Sity Sisters and Opportunity Village. Second-D.Blackwood. Discussion. Motion withdrawn.
- D.Graff moved to approve the beneficiaries of the 2014 Rodeo be Opportunity Village and Sin Sity Sisters. C.Reynolds-Seconds. Discussion. Approved with one abstention.

Public Relations

- Brick Garden proposal was presented for approval
- **G.Puglisi moved to authorize the PR Director to proceed with the purchase of a \$500 Brick at Horseman’s Park. J.Castillo-Second. Discussion to have the NGRA Logo and establishment date of 1992 incorporated into the design. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**



Newsletter

- Deadline for submissions for pictures, articles and information is 23rd for the next newsletter.
- Thank you for submitting items for the monthly newsletter.

Quorum was established.

General Membership

- Requested nominations for December of the month for activities performed in November:
 - Roger Bergmann for his representation of NGRA at the IGRA Convention
 - David Blackwood for being Royalty Pagaent Coordinator - declined.
- Congratulations to **Roger Bergmann**

Unfinished Business

- Gay Games promotion items were passed to C.Reynolds to discuss with the January Shootout event for a display table and support.

New Business

- D.Graff and L.Scott have met with Southpoint to see if there is any opportunity for future endeavors.
- It was verified that the NGRA.com has been renewed.

Board adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Neal, NGRA Secretary