



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – December 15, 2014

Attendees:

Doug Graff – President
Ken Hruby – Vice President
Jeffrey Neal – Secretary
Guy Puglisi – Trustee
Carolyn Jones – Director
Bill Trunzo - Director
David Wright – Historian

Laura Scott – Rodeo Director
David Blackwood – Parliamentarian
Michael Dawg Yarborough
Barry Jones
James Valentine - guest

Board Members Absent:

David Hering – Treasurer
Cristina DiGioia - Director
Jason Metzger - Director

President called the meeting to order 6:30 p.m.

President's Report

- Attended a fundraiser and NFR this month
- Met with the owners of Quadz to get to know each other.

Vice President's Report

- Membership – 106
- Discussion of Board positions and attendance requirements.
- Requested nominations for December member of the month for activities performed in November.
 - David Blackwood for his work on the Royalty Competition

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from November meetings were presented. **Approved by verbal vote with one abstention.**

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report submitted.

Trustee's Report

- University is coming up – don't forget to register
- IGRA is coming to visit in January during their visit to review SouthPoint.

Director-At-Large Reports

- Bill – no report
- Carolyn –
 - report was submitted but not included in the packet.



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- Carolyn has spoken to people from Storage West near Horseman's and gotten some information. Several other options were discussed during report and the VP is going to pull information together and bring back for discussion
- Banner hanging in Charlie's is beginning to show some wear. Carolyn will look into what to do for repairs
- Discussion of display at Charlie's and who needs to get the items to keep it up. James Valentine at Charlie's is the liaison for the display.
- Would like to know if there is a way to expand the distribution for the NGRA newsletter. Discussion of ways to expand this. Will reach out to PR Director to see what level of external lists he uses and how we can add to it.

Royalty Team

- Attended Coronation representing NGRA.

Royalty Competition

- Secretary has been given the final packet from Competition which finalizes this years event.

Fundraising

- December Fundraiser was last Friday
- Working on ways to increase fundraising at events and cover costs for future events over the \$100 per event stipend. Raffle envelopes, snack bags, and working on other ideas for this.
- Carolyn has met with Charlie's and set up the 2015 schedule of event. Further discussion had on how the year should be set up. Carolyn to set up what the monthly calendar for events would be to cross reference to a master calendar for scheduling.
- Discussion of The Garage relationship and how we can make the quarterly meetings better. A proposal needs to be drafted so that we can solidify the calendar..
- Email ran email from Flex to set up next year's calendar.
- **D.Graff moved to approve the events for Charlie's for January and February. J.Neal-Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- Recommended to reach out to the MOC to improve the beneficiary nights for NGRA to make them brighter.
- Has been approached to consider a joint event with the Court.
- Fundraising team was given a junior bullriding buckle to use at any event.
- Looking for ways to do some fundraising that are not just a monthly night event.
- Is putting together a calendar to ask the Directors to sign up for key positions at each fundraiser.
- **Next fundraising meeting is on Thursday, December 18. At the home of Carolyn & Barry Jones. 6:30 pm for dinner, 7:30 pm for the meeting.**
- **The January Fundraising meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7th.**

BigHorn Rodeo

- Report submitted.
- Limited attendance at the meeting.
- Discussion of the pool party and what we need to do to make it great.
- Working on sponsors to get commitments
- A quilt has been made that is being raffled off with the proceeds going to BigHorn Rodeo
- Looking for ways to incorporate L.E.A.N. as an activity for Rodeo weekend.
- Considering a Barrel Race for the Friday Night..



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- Changes have been made to some of the contracting for Horseman's but issues seem to have been resolved.
- First buckle has been sold. Buckles will be sold for \$250 for Event buckles and \$300 for All Arounds.
- We will be working with Palm Springs Rodeo for a joint effort for our program and some prize money.
- Considering a Yard Sale at the DeBaygo Residence for March 28th
- **Next meeting is January 12th**

Public Relations

- Report read.
- Looking to have the artwork and the details of events planned in advance so that he can manage his workload.

Historian

- Inventory has been done of the storage unit
- Working on the NGRA Records – progressing but slowly

Newsletter

- Deadline for submissions for pictures, articles and information is 23rd for the next newsletter.
- Submissions have been much better and it helps when they are received early and have been laid out. Thanks to those who have provided articles and pictures in complete formats.
- Any ideas for stories can be sent to News@NGRA.com

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- **G.Puglisi moved to change the January Board meeting from Monday January, 19 to Wednesday January 21st. B.Trunzo-Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- **B.Trunzo moved to change the February Board meeting from Monday, February 16th to Wednesday, February 18th. G.Puglisi-Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- **L.Scott recommended to present G.Puglisi with a Lifetime Membership for his service to the organization. J.Neal moved to support this recommendation. B.Trunzo-Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- **M.Yarborough requested to have Taylor Trash considered for appointment to stand in for Miss NGRA 2015. Moved by G.Puglisi. Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Motion failed.**
- **B. Trunzo moved to have the Vice President explore options for increasing appointments for the Royalty Team and bring recommendations to the Board at the January meeting. Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Quorum was met.



General Membership

- Requested nominations for December member of the month for activities performed in November.
 - David Blackwood for his work on the Royalty Competition.
 - J.Neal moved to accept by acclamation.
- **Congratulations to David Blackwood.**
- **Board moved to award Guy Puglisi a lifetime membership for his many years of service. Approve by unanimous verbal vote.**
- Recommendation from D.Wright to increase visibility in the community by updating our association shirt. Will explore options and bring back to the Board.
- James Valentine shared some concerns about how events will be set up and the areas that are responsibility of NGRA versus expecting the bar to set things up.

Board adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Neal, NGRA Secretary