



## Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – April 19, 2023

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### Attendees:

Kathy Alday – President  
Bryan Shields – Secretary  
David Hering – Treasurer  
Guy Puglisi – Trustee  
Jeffrey Neal – Director  
Patrick Terry – Director  
Brenda Alday – Rodeo Director

Christopher Aguilar – Mr. NGRA 2023  
Drew Owens aka Natalie Blaze – Miss NGRA 2023  
Marshall Hughes

### Board Members Absent:

Stewart Black – Vice President

Open Position – Director at Large  
Open Position – Fundraising Director

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

### President's Report

- Report Submitted

### Vice President's Report

- Membership: 67 Members: 8 Honorary, 2 Contestant Members. 57 Voting Members.
- Report Submitted
- New member applications received for: Jason Banales, Mark Tomaszewski, Drew Chadwick & John Marcum. **K.Alday moved to approve list of four new members noted above. Second-G.Puglisi. Discussion. Approved by unanimous vote. Welcome new members!!**

### Secretary's Report

- Minutes from March's meeting presented for review. **K.Alday moved to approve with the addition of Trustees report from March. P.Terry – Second. Discussion. D.Hering abstained. Motion passed via majority verbal vote.**

### Treasurer's Report

- Report Submitted
- **G.Puglisi moved to approve as submitted with date change. P.Terry – Second. Discussion. Approved via unanimous verbal vote.**

### Trustee's Report

- Report Submitted
- IGRA Meeting Recap
  - o Past meeting minutes are being deferred until the next meeting for approval.
  - o Committee reports will be posted on the website instead of being emailed. Concerns were made about these documents needing to be in a secure area rather than a public one.
  - o The WGRF Committee is asking if associations can conduct a fundraiser raising at least \$1K.
  - o Tommy Channel reminded the associations that they have the option to purchase club insurance to cover their individual events throughout the year at the local level. The cost is \$250.
  - o Mark Christianson reminded trustees that injury reports are important for his committee to identify safety issues that need to be addressed across the board.
  - o Nominations for Grand Marshal for WGRF are due to the committee no later than July 1, 2023. Selections will be voted on at the next board meeting in Oklahoma City. Most of the past recipients are listed at: [http://gayrodeohistory.org/History\\_Officers.htm](http://gayrodeohistory.org/History_Officers.htm)



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- Mark Arnold gave a presentation on the IGRA Alumni initiative. Donors are committing to give \$1K annually for three years leading up to the 50-year celebration of gay rodeo in 2025. He is asking associations to allow free admission to all regional rodeos to donors presenting their alumni membership cards. This would be revenue neutral for NGRA if we continue offering free admission. The logo/medallion for the 50 years of gay rodeo was also approved.
- David Smith, Mr. NMGRA 2023, is selling panels to create a memorial quilt. Panels will cost \$150 and are expected to generate \$10-15K over the next two years. Ninety percent of the proceeds will go the IGRA general fund and 10% will go to NMGRA.
- The AGRA rodeo was approved.
- The date for WGRF 2025 was approved for October 9-13.
- A merchandise site is in development at IGRASore.com. MIGRA is sponsoring the hosting fees for the website. There will be a minimal amount of inventory maintained; most items will be made to order. Tommy Channel will be in charge the content and Scott Korff will be in charge of maintaining the website.
- A public-facing website for IGRA is in development at gay-rodeo.net and another for IGRA convention registration at igrakonvention.com
- A discussion took place on junior events with participants under age 18 and how IGRA should handle posts on any official IGRA social media sites. It was decided this would be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- World Pride will be held in Washington, DC in 2025. It is expected to have up to three million people in attendance. IGRA will begin the planning process to have a presence of some sort in this event.

### Director-At-Large Reports

- Jeffrey Neal – Director
  - Report Submitted
- Patrick Terry – Director
  - No Report Submitted
  - IGRA Convention Host Hotel will be Circus Circus in Reno
  - Would NGRA consider sponsoring a break, partial break, Hall of Fame or partial Hall of Fame in the amount of \$500? **K.Alday moved to sponsor \$500 towards IGRA 2023 convention. J.Neal – Second. Discussion. Motion failed by majority verbal vote.** Board advised to put together a more comprehensive proposal for review.

### Rodeo Planning Committee - RPC

- Report Submitted
- Next RPC Meeting: 05/12/23 at 7pm. This will be an **in-person meeting**. Please email [RodeoDirector@ngra.com](mailto:RodeoDirector@ngra.com) if you intend to attend so you can get the address.
- Please send any suggestions for Grand Marshal to [RodeoDirector@ngra.com](mailto:RodeoDirector@ngra.com) at your earliest opportunity.
- Please let us know if you have any leads on Corporate Sponsors and Buckle Sponsors. All help is greatly appreciated!

### Marketing

- Report Submitted
- **G.Puglisi moved for NGRA to provide 6 raffle baskets or prizes and a coverall prize for TransPRIDE Bingo. P.Terry - Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

### Sponsorship

- Report Submitted

### Fundraising

- Report Submitted



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Royalty Team

- Reports Submitted

Unfinished Business

- February Meeting Minutes presented for approval. **K.Alday moved to approve as written. P.Terry – Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

New Business

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**Quorum was met.**

General Membership

- N/A

Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryan Shields, NGRA Secretary 2018-2023