



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – May 21, 2025

Attendees:

Stewart Black – President
Jeffrey Neal – Vice President
Bryan Shields – Secretary
David Hering – Treasurer
Guy Puglisi – Trustee
Doug Graff – Rodeo Director
Jason Banales – Director
Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos – Director

Michael Pitta/Becky Bocky/Miss NGRA 2024
Leela Alland
Andrew Goodman

Board Members Absent:

N/A

Available Positions:

Fundraising Director
Sponsorship Chair

President called the meeting to order 7:02 p.m. Quorum of Board was met. Meeting was held via Zoom.

President's Report

- Report Submitted
- NGRA is seeing a new Fundraising Director. Please contact Stewart Black if you are interested in this role.
- I would like to acknowledge all the effort, donations and work that Lella Alland has been putting into this organization. The number of prizes, the creativity at the events and her social media posts have brought in new energy and excitement to the organization and to Rodeo. Thank you!
- Thank you to Becky Bocky and Tequila Mockingbird for representing NGRA at Henderson Pride Festival. Representing on a busy weekend before rodeo and when we had our own fundraiser scheduled is truly appreciated.
- Welcome to all new members! Growth of the organization is always welcome and exciting. We have plenty of board positions coming available soon, so there will be lots of opportunity to be truly involved.
- Let's get ready to Rodeo!

Vice President's Report

- Report Submitted
- Membership: 77 (Individual 45 + Lifetime 18)
- Remember to update your calendar for the Third Saturday of the month at The Phoenix Bar and Lounge from 6pm-8pm. Fundraising and Royalty Teams appreciate your presence and support as we move toward this year's BigHorn Rodeo and beyond.
- BigHorn Rodeo is this weekend. Please come and be a part of our night rodeo. Schedule is at NGRA.com and BighornRodeo.com
- The Imperial Court has invited us to partner for a "Day of Family and Fun" on Sunday, June 1st at Sunset Park, Site A, from 11 am to 4 pm. Outside Games and Challenges will be hosted by NGRA and the Court providing grill food. We hope to see everyone there.
- **J.Neal moved to approve the membership applications for Chris Boadt, Tyler Covington, TJ Leogardo, James Mann, and Brett Sullard. Second - B.Shields. Discussion. Approved via unanimous verbal vote.**
- Save the Date - Rodeo Volunteer Appreciation Party will take place at Doug Graff's home on Saturday, June 28, 2025, in the early afternoon.

Secretary's Report

- **David Hering moved to approve the April 2025 meeting minutes. Second – G.Puglisi. Discussion. Approved by unanimous vote.**



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Treasurer's Report

- Report

Trustee's Report

- Report Submitted
- IGRA Updates:
 - o The IGRA royalty has already raised approximately \$8K thus far where \$12K was raised in 2024 for the entire year.
 - o IGRA award nominations, including IGRA Appreciation Award nominations, are due by the BOD meeting in El Reno in August. Wayne Jakino Western Lifestyle Award will be decided by the EBOD at their third quarter meeting also in El Reno.
 - o Membership renewals are due October 16th. Rodeo sanctioning applications are due no later than the board meeting at IGRA Convention.
 - o Members are encouraged to book their rooms for WGRF as early as possible. The deadline is 9/17, but rooms are selling out quickly and options may become limited.
 - o There is an ad-hoc committee working on strategic plans and a capital campaign to raise funds to accomplish some IGRA initiatives.
 - o Sam Polk was approved as a student judge.
 - o The reride form was eliminated and the duties of the Rodeo Review and Safety Trustees were combined until duties for the Safety Trustee are established.

Director-At-Large Reports

- Jason Banales – Director
 - No Report Submitted
- Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos – Director
 - No Report Submitted

Fundraising

- Report Submitted
- Next Fundraising meeting to take place in person on Tuesday evening, June 3rd (First Tuesday of the month) at 6:30p at Roadrunner, located on the corner of Washington and Buffalo.
- Team has adjusted the schedule to accommodate Rodeo Travel. The June Event will now be a joint event with the Pride organization -- Proud Homecoming. The Phoenix has extended our time so we will be going from 6-9 or later.
- The annual Cowpatty Competition is moved to July when the team will be back to hold a stellar show
- **J.Neal moved to approve the Queer Varsity Homecoming Dance poster as presented. Second - B.Shields. Discussion. Approved via unanimous verbal vote.**

Royalty Team

- Report Submitted
- Becky Bocky's IGRA Fundraiser will take place at Dust Las Vegas on July 12th from 7pm-10pm. The poster is currently being created and will be submitted for approval soon.

Rodeo Planning Committee – RPC / Sponsorship

- No Report Submitted

Marketing

- No Report Submitted

Unfinished Business

- N/A



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New Business

- N/A

Quorum was met.

General Membership – Unfinished Business

- N/A

General Membership - New Business

- Doug Graff moved to nominate Stefanie Malone as an Outstanding Member of the Month for May 2025. Second – Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos. Discussion. Congratulations and Thank you, Stefanie!

Quorum was met.

Board and General Membership meetings adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Bryan Shields, NGRA Secretary 2018-2025