



Attendees:

Doug Graff – President
Ken Hruby – Vice President
Jeffrey Neal– Secretary
David Hering – Treasurer
Jason Metzger - Director
Guy Puglisi – Trustee
Tracy Kimberlan

Bill Trunzo
Phil Lombardi
Laura Scott
Ryan McPherson
Andrew Goodman

Board Members Absent:

Brent Rosinski – Director
Cristina DiGioia - Director
David Wright – Historian

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

President's Report

- Attended the Giving Thanks event as Winnie Baygo
- President advised board that we have received resignations from two board members.
- President would like to appoint the following positions:
 - **Carolyn Jones to the position of Director. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
 - **Bill Trunzo to the position of Director. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
 - **Carolyn Jones to the position of Fundraising Chair. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Vice President's Report

- Membership – 106
- Discussion on cross-promotion of events and involvement and presence at other group events.
- Board recommends to the PR Director to review requests from other organizations to promote major events on our website and social media outlets.
- Requested nominations for November member of the month for activities performed in October.
 - Gary Seigel for his work selling Raffle Tickets at the October show.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from October meetings were presented. **Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report submitted.
- \$1,150 was made at October events
- Miss NORA travel fund is paid out and is balance zero.
- Operating in the negative but appropriate for this time of year.
- Shared the working budget for Rodeo until an revised budget comes from RPC.



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – November 18, 2014

- 501-C-3 Activities -- David has spoken to our CPA regarding the process. It will not take long to process, but the approval timeline could be up to a year or more. Cost would be a minimum of \$2,000.
- **J.Neal moved to approve \$2,000 from the reserve account for the purpose of filing a 501-C-3. Second-G.Puglisi. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- Secretary confirmed that he has the bank statements for the month of October and the balances are in sync with the Treasurer's report.

Trustee's Report

- Attended 2014 IGRA Convention in Denver, CO.
- Finals Contract for The SouthPointe was signed.
- Bud Light has paid up all their sponsorship money to IGRA.
- ARGRA has offered all IGRA associations two tickets to the Canada Rockies Rodeo to be used for fundraising (silent auction, raffle, major prize). Tickets will be provided when we provide ARGRA with how we intend to use them. President will pass these to
- Two no shows for Convention. Bylaws state the delegates must pay the registration fees back. Trustee was able to sell one of the registrations. Treasurer will submit invoices for the remaining to the two delegates.
- Elections were held at Convention. Bruce Gros will be the new IGRA President stepping down from the IGRA Secretary position. Pierre Cadieux was appointed to fill the IGRA Secretary position for the remainder of the term.
- It was a big year of recognition for NGRA at the IGRA level this year:
 - NGRA was awarded the Website Award for its outstanding website
 - Jeffrey Neal was given an Appreciation Certificate as BigHorn Rodeo
 - Katrina Davenport was given an Appreciation Certificate for her work on Community Outreach.
 - Brian Rogers was inducted into the IGRA Hall of Fame for all his work for NGRA, IGRA and Rodeo.
 - Guy Puglisi was elected Trustee Chair.
 - Laura Scott was appointed to the World Gay Rodeo Finals Committee as a Black Shirt.

Director-At-Large Reports

- Bill – no report
- Jason – no report

Royalty Team

- Thank you for coming to the Finals to see A'llota Trash win Miss IGRA 1st Runner Up 2015.

Royalty Competition

- Questions have been submitted for competition.

Fundraising

- No formal report
 - November 22nd – Flex – Fall Rodeo Round-Up
 - November 29th – Charlie's – Royalty Competition
 - December 13th – Charlie's – December Event
 - Watch the online Calendar for all the events upcoming.
 - **Next fundraising meeting will be announced on email blast.**



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – November 18, 2014

- G.Puglisi reported that MOC have voted on their 2015 beneficiaries. NGRA will be a beneficiary of two events next year.
- G.Puglisi met with the Garage to discuss 2015. NGRA needs to come up with a proposal to show how we can work better for the events next year.

BigHorn Rodeo

- Report submitted.
- Three people were present at the first meeting. Need more participation
- Nine submissions were received from the Poster Contest.
- Poster winner chosen and the final shown to the Board.
- Hotel contract is signed.
- Sponsorship contacts are being approached.
- Discussion on LET Tax and that it needs to be researched.
- Next RPC meeting is on December 8th, at The Center, and will be second Mondays

Public Relations

- No report

Historian

- No report

Newsletter

- Deadline for submissions for pictures, articles and information is 23rd for the next newsletter.
- There are still a lot of gaps and all contributions will be reviewed. News@NGRA.com
- Request for an article on the how-to's of Royalty Competition.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Quorum was met.

General Membership

- Requested nominations for November member of the month for activities performed in October.
 - Gary Siegel for his work selling Raffle Tickets at the October show.
 - David Wright for his participation in Trunk or Treat at Nevada Days
 - J.Neal moved to accept by acclamation.
- **Congratulations to Gary Siegel.**

Board adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Neal, NGRA Secretary