



## Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – March 20, 2017

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### Attendees:

Ken Hruby – President	Brian Porras
Chris Due – Vice President	Chad Hinermann
Jeffrey Neal– Secretary	Brian Shields
Lorry King – Trustee	Barry Jones
Andrew Goodman – Director	Carolyn Jones
Bill Trunzo – Director	Stewart Black
Kathy Alday – Director	Chris Sanders
Phil Lombardi	Jason Dyer
Brenda Alday	

### Board Members Absent:

David Hering – Treasurer  
Richard Frank – Fundraising Director

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President called the meeting to order 6:30 p.m. Quorum of Board was met.

### President's Report

- We have uncovered an issue with the voting done at State Convention where our Bylaws require two-thirds vote to change a Bylaw. It was determined that most of what was reviewed and voted on was done by a simple majority. Only one proposal did not meet full acceptance. Changes for this will be outlined in the minutes and documentation of the State Convention.
- SNAPI monies have not been paid although now very overdue.
- **K.Alday moved to forgive the \$400 owed from SNAPI and cease collection requests and efforts. Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- April Showers and One Hit Wonders flyer concept was passed around. Set to be discussed in the Fundraising portion of the agenda.
- Men of Charlie's contest in March was a great event. Thanks to all that attended.
- Secretary was reminded of the timing to complete the Bylaw changes for update.

### Vice President's Report

- Membership – 72
- Requested nominations for Member of the Month for February:
  - Chris Hepler – for his constant support of fundraising efforts.
- Membership of the Year for 2016 vote will be sent out before the next meeting.

### Secretary's Report

- **Minutes from February meeting were presented for review. J.Neal moved to approve. Second-K.Alday. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote with one abstention.**
- State Convention was held on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Corrections are being made and the update documents will be posted on the website within 60 days.

### Treasurer's Report

- No report submitted.
- President did advise that NGRA is now receiving support from Amazon's – Smile Amazon program where customers of Amazon can select gift proceed percentage. Sign up today.



### Trustee's Report

- Report submitted.
- Las Vegas attempted to prepare a bid for future World Gay Rodeo Finals but no good dates could be procured from SouthPoint and Horseman's is not a covered arena.
- Several key members of the IGRA Family have passed in the last month. Bob Pimentel's family has asked for donations to go to IGRA and the IGRA Board has renamed the Crisis Fund in his name. Also Jorge Ramirez, a long time Judge, Arena Director and friend of NGRA has also passed away.
- There is a young Australian, Joshua Goyne, that is hoping to compete on the IGRA Rodeo circuit. A Go-Fund-Me account effort has been started to help him travel to get here to the United States to participate. BigHorn Rodeo has also invited him to come to our Rodeo in September for the 500<sup>th</sup> IGRA Rodeo.
- The Rodeo Rules books distributed were printed in a smaller typeface than intended. The Printer is working on re-printing.
- IGRA has achieved a 501C-3 status.
- There has been a call for nominations for Finals Grand Marshal's and you can see Lorry to get any help on submitting recommendations.

### Director-At-Large Reports

- Andrew – no report
- Bill – Report submitted
- Kathy – no report

### Fundraising

- **April Showers and One Hit Wonders flyer concepts were presented for approval by the committee. Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- Events for March through June have been calendared with Flex
- Dates for Closet Ball and Miss CowPatty have been rescheduled with Charlie's
  - Closet Ball – May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - CowPatty – August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Working on Rodeo Raffle application and will get with Treasurer to coordinate application fee.
- Raffle dates are tentatively scheduled for June 10 thru July 15 with the drawing to be on July 15.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> date will conflict with Palm Springs Rodeo. Committee has asked for direction on the event. President will discuss with Fundraising.
- L.King advised that this coming week on March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Nevada Big Give event. NVBigGive.com. And all 501C-3s in the Vegas Valley will be taking online donations.
- **Next Fundraising meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Orleans Food Court and will be announced by email and newsletter.**

### Rodeo Planning Committee - RPC

- BigHorn Rodeo 2017 will be held at Horseman's Park on September 22-24, 2017
- Sponsorship and Vendor packets were presented for review.
- **B.Trunzo moved to allow the Board to review the packets for one week and do an electronic vote for approval. Second-L.King. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote with two abstentions.**
- Draft of budget was discussed.
- **C.Due submitted the draft budget for approval. Second-K.Alday. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**



- Horseman's Park contract is being reviewed.
- Beneficiaries recommended by the RPC were:
  - Windy's Ranch and Rescue
  - Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth
- **RPC moved to accept these two organizations. Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- RPC recommended two founding members to be our Grand Marshals for BigHorn 2017
  - Bob Edwards
  - Randy Larson.
- **RPC moved to accept these two candidates. Second-L.King. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

#### Royalty Team

- Reports submitted.
- Review of the events they have participated in during the past month.
- Questioned how to manage raised funds outside of official NGRA events.
- **K.Alday moved to have the remaining funds from the Royalty Fund disbursed by the Treasurer to the appropriate candidates. Second-B.Trunzo. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- MuMu Party flyer proved for approval.
- **K.Alday moved to approve. Second-L.King. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

#### Historian

- Report submitted
- Display posters created for the display case at Charlie's and for Fundraising to use as welcome signs wherever we go to host an event.

#### Newsletter

- Deadline for submissions for pictures, articles and information is 23rd for the next newsletter.
- Looking for further ways to improve or enhance the information. Any ideas for stories can be sent to [News@NGRA.com](mailto:News@NGRA.com)

#### Unfinished Business

- None

#### New Business

- B.Alday advised that she has a possible email/website sponsor that would provide a discount for services rendered and to be offered an in-kind sponsorship level appropriate. Directed to send the information to the President to complete.

#### **Quorum was met.**

#### General Membership

- Requested nominations for Member of the Month for January:
  - Chris Hepler – for his constant support of fundraising efforts.
- **J.Neal moved to accept by acclamation. Second-L.King. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**



- **Congratulations Chris.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey Neal, NGRA Secretary