



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – January 17, 2024

Attendees:

Stewart Black – President
Bryan Shields – Secretary
David Hering – Treasurer
Jeffrey Neal – Director
Christopher Aguilar – Director
Douglas Graff – Director & Rodeo Director
Ken Wells – Fundraising Director

Marshall Hughes
Becky Bocky/Michael Pitta
David Wells

Board Members Absent:

Guy Puglisi – Trustee

Open Position – Vice President

President called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m. Quorum of Board was met. Meeting was held via Zoom.

President's Report

- Report
- Kind reminder to all to conduct committee business, outside of necessary motions that require BOD approval, in committee meetings instead of during the BOD meeting.
- **Jeffrey Neal appointed as Vice President. Approved unanimously by the Board.**
- **Patrick Terry appointed as Director at Large. Approved unanimously by the Board.**
- **Stewart Black moved to approve State Convention on February 25th at 10am. D.Hering – Second. Discussion. Approved unanimously.**
- **Jeffrey Neal appointed as Convention Chair**
- **Roger Bergman appointed as Parliamentarian**

Vice President's Report

- Membership: 82 Members: 8 Honorary, 3 Contestant Members. 71 Voting Members.
- Report Submitted
- **Patrick Terry moved to approve new ladders for all those who are in a new board position. C.Aguilar – Second. Discussion. Approved unanimously. Email Vice President your ladder changes so the order may be submitted.**

Secretary's Report

- **D.Hering moved to approve November and December meeting minutes with minor December minute edits. P.Terry – Second. Discussion. Approved unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report

- Report Submitted
- **B.Shields moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. P.Terry – Second. Discussion. Approved via unanimous verbal vote.**

Trustee's Report

- Report
- There are 10 royalty team members representing six organizations, Aurora Gayheart already met her minimum fundraising requirements.
- The information from IGRA University will be made available online for those who were unable to attend.
- The update rodeo rules, bylaws, and standing rules for 2024 are available online. The handbook has been sent to the printer with an estimated delivery January 23rd. Gene Fraikes performed a look back and made corrections to any errors and omissions identified as far back as the 2019 IGRA Convention.



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If there are any other issues identified or any questions, contact Gene directly. The updated rodeo officials list was also distributed to the trustees and has been shared with our rodeo director.

- For 2024, the Trustee Chair is Sammy Simpkin, 1st Vice is Guy Puglisi, and 2nd Vice is Robert Thurtell.
- IGRA is soliciting bids from associations for 2026 IGRA Convention to be voted on by the delegates at the 2024 Convention.
- GPRA's rodeo date change was approved for 8/9-8/11/2024.
- NGRA's rodeo date change was approved for 5/24-5/26/2024.
- The liability policy will be approximately \$530 v. \$555 with Western Specialty Insurance. IGRA D&O policy will also be with WSI for \$1,411.
- IGRA supported rodeo schools were approved for DSRA in conjunction with its rodeo and for ASGRA for August 17, 2024.
- A rodeo setup document will need to be provided at least 10 days before registration opens (60 days before). This must be sent to the vendor, president, and IGRA secretary.

Director-At-Large Reports

- Jeffrey Neal – Director
 - No Report
 - University was a great success! Thank you to all those who participated. Pending approval, looking forward to hosting in Las Vegas again next year.
- Douglas Graff – Director
 - No Report
- Christopher Aguilar – Director
 - Report
 - Storage keys have been passed on to Stewart Black

Fundraising

- Report & Meeting Minutes
- **K.Wells moved to approve poster designs and asset use for Trivia Night and Royal Flush. D.Hering – Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Royalty Team

- Report Submitted

Rodeo Planning Committee - RPC

- No Report
- J.Neal moved to approve moving BigHorn Rodeo to May 24-26, 2024. C.Aguilar – Second. Discussion. Motion passed via majority verbal vote: 4 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstention
- BigHorn Rodeo 2024 proposed budget presented for review. Tabling until Rodeo Director is present to discuss.

Sponsorship

- Report Submitted
- If anyone would be interested in taking over as Sponsorship Director, please let Stewart Black know.

Marketing

- Report Submitted
- Photos from Kristopher Minnich are available in the Board of Directors Shared folder under Membership. Please ensure that you give him credit his Instagram is @KAMinnich.
- As of January 8, 2024, in the last 28 days: 1164 people reached through posts, 236 post engagements and 4 new page likes. The most reached post was on January 4th about IGRA University. The most interaction were also on the same post.



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- If you use social media, please continue to share the events through the NGRA Facebook page to your own pages and invite your own groups so we can have an exciting and successful turnout at all of our events.
- If anyone would be interested in taking over as Marketing Director, please let Stewart Black know.

Unfinished Business

- N/A

New Business

- **S.Black moved to approve membership applications for Jessica Banales and Tyler Wilson. D.Hering – Second. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote. Welcome to NGRA Jessica and Tyler!**

Quorum was met.

General Membership

- **M.Hughes moved to appoint Troy Peter/Felinda Bush as Mx. NGRA. C.Aguilar – Second. Discussion. Motion withdrawn.**

Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Shields, NGRA Secretary 2018-2026