



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – February 17, 2016

Attendees:

Ken Hruby – President
Chris Due – Vice President
Jeffrey Neal– Secretary
David Hering – Treasurer
Barry Jones - Director
Carolyn Jones – Director
David Wright – Historian
Marcus Grissom
Ken Wells

David Wells
Kathy Alday
Brenda Alday
Buzz Green
Johnny Bob Dalton
Bill Watkins
Traci Kimberlan
Roger Bergmann

Board Positions Absent:
Guy Puglisi – Trustee

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

President's Report

- Thank you to everyone that came tonight. Your support is very appreciated.
- Report submitted
- Marcus Grissom has applied to be the Fundraising Director. Spent a few minutes sharing his background.

- *Board retired into executive session to vote on the position.*

- **Marcus Grissom has been appointed as the Fundraising Director. Congratulations Marcus.**
- Received email from a contact for the Nevada LGBT Archives to discuss a partnership for a traveling exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of Reno Gay Rodeo. More information is needed.
- HomoRodeo has contacted us
- **D.Hering moved to have the Fundraising Director review and discuss the proposal with HomoRodeo and determine the appropriate date for an event. Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- President would like to have NGRA have a team walk in the AIDS Walk, April 17
- **J.Neal moved to grant President permission to create a team and assign a captain with flyer and artwork to be approved at the March meeting. Second-C.Due. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- 501-C-3. Process has to start over again. We have contacts for a firm that is working with several other Associations and hoping to get some headway on this topic soon.
- Received and email from a contact that used Horseman's Park email list looking for vendors at their event in May. President advised we could support them by advertising their event on our website.



Vice President's Report

- Membership – of 107 totally members from 2015, we show 72 renewed members.
- Member of the Month for three months are needed:
 - November 2015
 - Victor Raquel – for his support of the Fundraising activities all month
 - December 2015
 - Andrew Goodman – for his outstanding work getting ready for IGRA-University
 - David Wright – for his sustained contributions to events
 - January 2016
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- NGRA had six contestants at the AGRA Rodeo in Phoenix. The most we have ever had. Congratulations to all that competed under the NGRA flag.

Secretary's Report

- **Minutes from January meeting were presented for review. D.Hering moved to approve. Second-C.Due. Approved by unanimous verbal vote with two abstentions.**
- Discussed the size of reports being sent. The files are getting larger and not passing well electronically. Considering setting up a drop box for the Reports so that Board Members can retrieve them more directly.

Treasurer's Report

- Report submitted.
- The Aldays presented a \$441 check to NGRA that was proceeds The Big Game Sunday event they held at Charlie's.

Trustee's Report

- No report

Director-At-Large Reports

- Barry - Report submitted and reviewed
- Carolyn – Report submitted and reviewed

Fundraising

- Report submitted.
- Had a great time at Phoenix for the weekend.
- Cow Patty Competition is upcoming and the team has put together a list of rules for the continuation of the event.
- Next event is at Charlie's this coming Saturday, February 20th.
- Recommended that the email blasts be changed up when sent to the membership
- Three posters were presented for concept approval.
 - **Mad Hatters -- D.Hering moved to approved the concept with suggested changes. Second-J.Neal Discussion Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
 - **Broadway Melodies – M.Grissom moved to approved the concept with suggested changes. Second-C.Jones. Discussion Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
 - **Dance Party -- D.Hering moved to approved the concept with suggested changes. Second-J.Neal Discussion Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- Marcus and Carolyn will get together to transition the knowledge and planning items for following months.



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- Discussion on Tips for performers at the Bar Competition events coming up in March and April with approval of the benefiting charity.
- C.Jones moved that Contestant Tips from the Miss Cow Patty contest will be designated to a charity of the Fundraising Committee's choosing with ratification by the Board. Second-M.Grissom. Discussion. Approved by verbal vote.
- **Next fundraising meeting will be announced via email and the newsletter.**

Royalty Team

- No report.

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

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Quorum was met.

General Membership

- Member of the Month nominations for remaining months from 2015:
 - November 2015
 - Victor Raquel – for his support of the Fundraising activities all month
 - **J.Neal moved to accept by acclamation. Second-R.Bergmann. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote. Congratulations Vic!**
 - December 2015
 - Andrew Goodman – for his outstanding work getting ready for IGRA-University
 - David Wright – for his sustained contributions to events – declined.
 - **R.Bergmann moved to accept by acclamation. Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote. Congratulations Andrew!**
 - Reviewed Bylaws related to Member of the Year for 2015
 - Member of the Month nominations for remaining months from 2015:
 - David Wright – for his sustained contributions to events
 - **J.Neal D.Hering moved to accept by acclamation. Second-C.Jones. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote. Congratulations David!**
- Open discussion on the fees to be charged for Horseman's Park.

Board adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Neal, NGRA Secretary