



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – December 17, 2025

Attendees:

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

Michael Pitta/Becky Bocky/Miss NGRA 2025

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
- Thank you to everyone and congratulations to the incoming elected board.
- NGRA is seeking a new Fundraising Director and a Sponsorship Chair. Please contact the newly elected President or any Board Member if you are interested in either of these roles.

Vice President's Report

- Report Submitted
- Membership: **Membership: 91 (Individual 68, Lifetime 18, Honorary 5)**
- Reminder: Membership renewals are due by December 31, 2025.
- **Guy Puglisi moved to waive the NGRA membership renewal reinstatement fee through January 31, 2026. Second – D.Graff. Discussion. Approved unanimously.**

Secretary's Report

- **Guy Puglisi moved to approve the November 2025 meeting minutes with Trustee Report addition spelling adjustments. Second – D. Graff. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Treasurer's Report

- Report
- 2026 Board of Directors Election Results:
 - President – Jeffrey Neal
 - Secretary – Bryan Shields
 - Director at Large – Doug Graff
 - Congratulations to all incoming board members!
- 2026 Budget presented for review and approval. Revisions to balance the proposed budget:
 - Add \$1,250 to Royalty Pageant
 - Reduce Fundraising Supplies to \$600
 - Reduce Fundraising Graphic Design/Posters to \$600
 - Add \$950 to Trustee Travel and Meetings
 - **Bryan Shields moved to approve with revisions above. Second – Jeffrey Neal. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Trustee's Report

- No Report Submitted

Director-At-Large Reports

- Douglas Graff – Director



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- No Report Submitted
- Jason Banales – Director
 - No Report Submitted
 - Jeffrey Neal congratulated Jason for his service and support this year. Thank you for representing us so well, Jason!

Royalty Team

- No Report Submitted
- Becky Bocky thanked the group for all their support this year. Plans to run again for 2027 and will still be involved in the interim. Thank you, Becky, for all that you've contributed and a great year!

Rodeo Planning Committee – RPC / Sponsorship

- Report Submitted
- Black Rodeo will take place the first weekend in October 2026 (*October 9-10, 2026*). Anyone interested in volunteering to assist with the bar, please contact Rosemary or Doug.
- Next RPC meeting will take place Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 6p. Meeting will be a hybrid - in person and with a zoom link.

Fundraising

- Report Submitted
- Fundraising events will take place on the second Saturday of each month in 2026.
- Upcoming fundraising event themes/names:
 - February – Wild Hearts & Western Stars
 - March – Shamrocks & Spurs
 - April – Idol Competition Kickoff
 - May – Rodeo Weekend (No Bar Show)
 - June – TBD
 - July – TBD
 - August – Cow Patty
- Anyone interested in filling the role of Fundraising Director, please contact Jeffrey Neal or any board member.
- Next Fundraising meeting to take place in person on Tuesday evening, January 6th (First Tuesday of the month) at 6:30p at Roadrunner, located on the corner of Washington and Buffalo.

Marketing

- No Report Submitted

Unfinished Business

- N/A

New Business

- Guy Puglisi moved to approve Stewart Black's lifetime membership for time served as President. Second – D. Graff. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.

Quorum was met.

General Membership – Unfinished Business

- N/A

General Membership - New Business

- **Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos moved to recognize Brett Sullard as outstanding member for the month of October 2025 for his instrumental assistance with Black Rodeo bar success. Second –**



D. Graff. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote. Congratulations and Thank you, Brett!

- **Ratification Vote – Change to Standing Rule One:**
 - *C. NGRA will pay the application fee for titleholders who choose to represent NGRA at the IGRA Royalty Competition.*
 - *D. NGRA Royalty eligible to compete in IGRA Royalty competition may each hold up to two (2) individual fundraising events to fulfill the IGRA Royalty contestant requirements.*
 - *E. Funds raised from royalty-produced required fundraisers for IGRA Royalty competition will be funneled through NGRA, provided that the event is revenue neutral to NGRA.*
 - *F. All fundraising efforts by current royalty team members, other than fundraising to accomplish IGRA Royalty Competition requirements or through attendance at another organization’s fundraising event, will be held for the benefit of NGRA and through the direction of the Fundraising Committee.*
 - *G. Shall not benefit financially (Personally) from any fundraiser promoted with NGRA or IGRA or with their title.*
- **David Hering moved to ratify. Second - Rosemary Tomasulo-Campos. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Quorum was met.

Board and General Membership meetings adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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