



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – July 18, 2016

Attendees:

Ken Hruby – President	Chad Hinerman
Chris Due – Vice President	Brenda Alday
Jeffrey Neal– Secretary	Phil Lombardi
David Hering – Treasurer	RJ Frank
Guy Puglisi – Trustee	Ken Wells
Kathy Alday – Director	David Wright
Marcus Grissom – Fundraising Director	
Brian Porras	

Board Positions Absent:

Barry Jones – Director
Carolyn Jones – Director

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

President's Report

- Future fundraising events at Charlie's. Starting in October 2016 Saturdays will no longer be open to fundraising events at the bar. Exceptions will be Royalty Competition, Closet Ball and Miss Cow Patty. They are willing to have NGRA host the weekly Thursday nights as country nights.
- **C.Due moved to accept the offer to host the Charlie's Thursday night western night. Second-K.Alday. Discussion. Approved with three for and three against with the President voting for the motion.**
- Discussion of Charlie's offer to have groups host Saturday and Sunday on a rotating events at Charlie's between 4-8pm.
- Upcoming Trustee Election in the month of August.
- **President would like to appoint Ken Wells as Trustee Election Chair. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- Still hoping to have a future fundraising event for the community.
- President is still working to get the remaining funds from SNAPI.
- 501c3 Paperwork has been submitted to the IRS and we will have to wait until they respond to get further status.
- Rodeo 2017 topics (Rodeo Director, Date, Venue) all needed.
- Marketing Position still remains open. No interest has come from the college market.
- The Retreat will be held on August 27 at The Center
- Looking for a location for the interview portion of the Royalty Competition.

Vice President's Report

- Membership – of 90.
- Has been working with PRC to try and get a venue and date for 2017 Rodeo.
- Working with the LGTBQ event website. We seem to be the only organization besides The Center that have any events listed.
- Requested nominations for Member of the Month for June:
 - None provided at this time



Secretary's Report

- **Minutes from June meeting were presented for review. D.Hering moved to approve. Second-G.Puglisi. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Treasurer's Report

- Report submitted and reviewed.

Trustee's Report

- Reviewed items from the IGRA Board Meeting
 - LSGRA decided not to renew its membership with IGRA so it can focus on building its association locally without the financial obligations IGRA membership requires.
 - While associations begin looking at changes to make at IGRA Convention this year, Bruce would also like us to look at ways to improve our association, our rodeos, and participation.
 - All members of the IGRA Royalty team have met their minimum fundraising requirements.

WGRF Committee

- Room nights are about 120 less than this time last year, which is a concern. People are encouraged to book early as they can always be canceled later if necessary.
- Sponsorship is currently \$37,000, which is close to last year's total.
- Robert Thurtell expressed concern that there was minimal trustee presence at WGRF last year. Also, he emphasized that this is ALL of our finals and we should become stakeholders at the individual and association levels.
- The committee recommended Horseman's Park for WGRF 2017 but board rejected their recommendation. The committee brought back a second site of Albuquerque, which was approved by the BOD.

Misc.

- September 19th is the 60 day deadline for convention proposals.
- The Smithsonian has expressed interest in placing the most significant items from the IGRA archives and the history of gay rodeo.
- John Hill would like associations to share event information, etc. to cgrajohn@gmail.com and he will share the information on the IGRA social media platforms.
- The 2017 IGRA BOD meetings will be held in Jan, Apr, Aug, and at IGRA Convention in Las Vegas, Little Rock, Santa Fe, and wherever convention is held, respectively.
- Associations are strongly encouraged to present proposals at the 2016 IGRA Convention for the location in 2018. DSRA is prepared to present a bid, which appears very financially viable.
- The 2018 IGRA University will be held in OKC at the Habana Complex.
- NMGRA is experimenting with a new format to include partial performances on Friday and Saturday nights in addition to Saturday and Sunday during the day. For more information, visit their website.

Director-At-Large Reports

- Barry - Report submitted
- Carolyn – Report submitted
- Kathy – Report submitted

Fundraising

- Report submitted.
- Reviewed opportunities for new venues and ideas
- **G.Puglisi moved to direct the Fundraising committee to evaluate the feasibility of getting involved in the Saturday and Sunday events at Charlie's and provide a report to the BOD at the August Meeting. Second-C.Due. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**



- **Next Fundraising meeting will be held Saturday, July 23rd at the Spotlight at 11am.**

Pre-Rodeo Committee (PRC)

- No report.

Royalty Team

- Reports submitted.
- **K.Alday moved to approve the Whatever Happens event and flyer concept. Second-M.Grissom. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Historian

- Report submitted

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

Royalty Competition

- Report submitted
- **C. Due moved to accept the NGRA Royalty Competition poster concept. Second-M.Grissom. Discussion. Motion failed.**
- First contestant for Mr. has been received.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- **G.Puglisi moved to accept the concept of a Thursday night event at Charlie's. Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**
- August 13th – indoor rodeo.
- **JNeal moved to accept the concept of the Indoor Rodeo poster. Second-M.Grissom. Discussion. Approved by unanimous verbal vote.**

Quorum was met.

General Membership

- Nominations for June Member of the Month:
 - None received. There will be no member of the month for June 2016

Board adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Neal, NGRA Secretary