

\* NMGRA General Membership Meeting  
May 8th 2007  
Sidewinders Bar, ABQ NM

Kelly Peebles , President, called the meeting to order at 7:15pm and announced that we did not have quorum there fore none of the reports could be voted on.

Members present: Keith Holtzclaw, Jeff lowe, C. A. Boliver, Ken Hogg, Dan Johnson, Mike Lowe, Kelly Peebles, Bob Pimentel, Arnie Chavez.

Presidents Report: Kelly welcomed a guest to our meeting. Debbie Rettke use to be involed with NMGRA, she still enjoys rideing and know many members of our association. She was there to talk about Nancey and Linda who were killed January 1 by a driver with road rage, they will be honored during our rodeo by being the subject of our riderless horse cerimony.

Renita's buckle will be auctioned off on Saturday the 19th at Sidewinders around 10:30 (rodeo time).

June meeting will be at Sidewinders on the 12th at 7:00pm, its also Sidewinders anniversary. OKC registration is open until friday 11th of May, San Diego registration is open until the 18th of May.

Membership Report: Keith Holtzclaw announced three new members Brent Hrometz, Patrick Murphy, Ken Harris. There were five renewals Mark Marshal, Steve Benoit, Diane Vosseler (Craze), Lori Charette, Jeffrey McCasland. There are several members who have not renewed Matt Apadoca, Herbert Althiemer, Kelly Anderson, Jim Austin, Mark Burdine, Walking in circles, Dawn Eaker, Sara Esslinger, Bill Eyler, Danny Lee, Erin Forrest, Dan Gonzales, Andee Henderson, Will Lann, Lorreta Martinez, Paul Miller, Robert Mondragon, Matt Moody, Perfecto Padilla, Jorge Ramirez, Megan Brockman, Steven Campbell, Daniel Schlaugher, and Maria Vigil..... if you see any of these people please remind them that they need to renew their membership.

Secretary's Report: Kenneth Hogg handed out copies of last months meeting minutes, they were reviewed and no changes were noted. No action was taken on any reports because we did not have quorum there for we could not vote on anything.

Treasurer's Report: Keith Holtzclaw handed out copies of his report showing that as of May 8th 2007 we have \$9,171.03 in the bank .

Trustee's Report: Bob Pimentel had lots to report starting with Brian Helander and his partner Don have bought several acres 15 miles outside of Santa Fe and will be moving here in the next 7 or 8 months. They will be keeping their place in Scottsdale and traveling back and forth.

All IGRA meetings are WEBCAST if anyone wants to view them live.

Online registration is up and running, it is being tested at most rodeos and will be fully deployed for the Denver rodeo. NMGRA will need to acquire a PAYPAL account (no cost) so that we can utilize it for the Zia rodeo. Larry Travicek has the lead on this project and is willing to help us get onboard.

Rainbow Visions- (Jane Stienberg) is now an IGRA sponsor. They will be sponsoring 6 selected rodeo's , Dallas, Denver, Chicago, NM, Kansas City and Los Angeles. For the Zia Rodeo they will get a half page to full page ad in the program and a banner in the arena (Brian will bring) NMGRA will receive a check from IGRA for \$333.00. NMGRA needs to provide Brian (through me) with a local contact for Zia Rodeo.

Corporate Sponsors- Barry Luke and Lorry King have created an IGRA corporate sponsorship package to use when courting prospective sponsors. Let me know if you have any referrals.

IGRA attended the NYC trade show again this year. Several IGRA members went to help educate people about IGRA and its events.

A new rodeo application was approved. It now contains budget items right in the application.

I need to submit names to IGRA for IGRA awards.

Rodeo Checklist- A committee had been formed to update and simplify the rodeo checklist. The committee consist of Tam Keltner, Bob Pimentel, Darin Steward, Lester Liu. First meeting TBA.

Insurance (IGRA) Tommy Channel has found a company that might have a better coverage and cost less money. He will be getting more information and come back to the board in Denver with a report.

Contestant mailing deadline is May 1st.

IGRA WEB site now has a page for important dates. Jeff and Kelly should get familiar with them.

Finals Rodeo 2008 in Denver - October 11th thru 14th. I have information if anyone wants to see it. They also have a WEB site that you can link to from the IGRA site.

Finals Rodeo 2009 and on - There are still some in IGRA that would like to see NMGRA put in for Finals rodeo in the future. I have talked with several who feel that a group effort centered around NMGRA would be ideal. This would spread the burden of commitment and work to several GRA's while taking advantage of Albuquerque as a prime location.

From Brian Helander - Bob...how do you feel about a group of associations (IGRA, FGRA, CGRA and NMGRA) co-hosting finals 2009, in Albuquerque with NMGRA taking the lead and arranging the venue and hotels, CGRA taking the arena, officials, on dirt operations etc, IGRA doing the contacts, legal , royalty, FGRA doing the hospitality, security and party, perhaps include AGRA..... could it work?

IGRA has approved a new Finals Logo - See attached. it is #2 with date but no words.

Indianapolis Indiana (INGRA) is our newest member to IGRA and is looking to be setaed at convention. There as a meet and greet in May if anyone is interested. Still some interest from New South Wales, New England, and Alabama.

Trustees Meeting Report: Bob Pimentel had these notes from the Trustee meeting to add to his report.

AGRA fine was rescinded.

IGRA checklist Committee was announced.

Convention Delegates need to be appointed. I would like to start a list if those interested.

If we have more than 10 people interested I will request an election.

Commitment will be

the main criteria for this appointment and heavily emphasized. Delegate fees are \$75.00.

Convention is November 8th thru 11th in Kansas City.

IGRA Royalty contest judges draw is complete and NMGRA needs to provide a judge for the interview portion of the competition. Any suggestions need to be brought to my attention.

For those interested there is also Dance Competition

Vice President's Royalty Committee Report: Brendan Gonzales was not able to attend but

we were pleased to announce that Anastasia is our new Miss NMGRA.

Rodeo Committee Report: Jeff Lowe was pleased to announce that Sponsor handouts are

available for those who would like to have them to give to a sponsor they have in mind.

Trifolds for contestants are available, 800 were sent to IGRA to be sent out.

Rodeo

Buddies forms are available on line or from Jeff if you need some, if you have someone

who wants to donate money this is a good way to do so.

On the 17th of August there will be a Rodeo School for those interested. In the morning

will be horse event classes and in the afternoon there will be classes on roping, chute

dogging, goat dressing, or steer deco depending on the request of the people present.

There is a Playday on the 10th of June (that's Sunday after Pride) at Craze and Lorri's starting around 10.

There will be Rodeo Committee meetings on the 16th and 30th of May and the 6th and 20th of June and the 6th of July.

Old Business---- Get Pride float worked on----- ideas?  
Reimburse Keith for money spent on UCS

Wheel of Drag show on 12th of May at Foxes.

President Kelly Peebles called the meeting to an end at 8:15pm