



Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – August 21, 2024

Attendees:

Stewart Black – President
Jeffrey Neal – Vice President
Bryan Shields – Secretary
David Hering – Treasurer
Guy Puglisi – Trustee
Doug Graff – Rodeo Director
Chris Aguilar – Director

Becky Bocky/Michael Pitta
Marshall Hughes
Heather Mumford
Ken Wells
David Wells

Board Members Absent:

Patrick Terry – Director

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
- Shout out to Tequila Mockingbird for an amazing fundraiser!
- Tequila Mockingbird and Becky Bocky to co-chair the Marketing position. Thank you both!
- Ken Wells has stepped down from Fundraising Director. Thank you for your efforts and support, Ken! We will be soliciting letters of interest for an appointment. Please contact Stewart if interested.

Vice President's Report

- Report Submitted
- Membership: 91 (Individual 65 + Honorary 8 + Lifetime 18)
- We have five confirmed competitors for the upcoming Royalty Competition for 2025 Team.
 - Miss - Michael Pitta, aka Becky Bocky; Daniel McGuire aka Chloe T Jackson
 - Mr. - Tony Mendoza
 - Ms. - Heather Mumford, aka Blue Mermaid
 - Mx. - Troy Peters, aka Felinda Bush

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from July were submitted for approval. **Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Approved via unanimous vote.**

Treasurer's Report

- Report Submitted

Trustee's Report

- Report Submitted
- Judges for IGRA Royalty Competition: Candy Pratt agreed to be an alternate for horsemanship since there are no viable NGRA members who meet the requirements. We were drawn as a primary judge for Western Wear/Public Presentation, which will be held Thursday, October 24th at 8:00 PM. If we do not have anyone else who qualifies and will be attending WGRF, Guy may assign himself to this slot. Please contact Guy if interested.
- Rodeo rule proposals should be sent to the chair no later than 9/15/2024.
- **Guy moved to approve the IGRA Convention 2024 delegates for NGRA listed below. Second-J.Neal. Discussion. Approved unanimously.**
 - o **Guy Puglisi, Jeffrey Neal, Patrick Terry, Chris Aguilar, Laura Scott, Duane Rennels**



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- **Guy Puglisi moved that should up to three additional individuals come forward prior to the September 19, 2024, deadline, their fees will be paid by NGRA. Second-D.Hering. Discussion. Approved unanimously.** Please contact Guy if you are interested!
- BigHorn Rodeo 2025 application completed.
- IGRA Royalty Competition applications are being finalized.

Director-At-Large Reports

- Patrick Terry – Director
 - No Report Submitted
- Chris Aguilar – Director
 - Report Submitted

Fundraising

- Report Submitted
- Next Fundraising meeting to take place on Tuesday, August 6
- We will be raffling an Airline Mile Gift Card worth \$500
 - \$10 per ticket - drawing at Royalty Competition event in November
 - Requires to be in NV when purchased
 - Need not be present to Win
- **J.Neal moved to approve design concept for Cowboy Halloween Party. Second-D.Hering. Discussion. Approved by majority verbal vote.**
- **J.Neal moved to approve design concept for Simply Divine fundraiser poster. Second-G.Puglisi. Discussion. Unanimously approved.**

Royalty Team

- Reports Submitted
- Street Teens check was delivered directly. They mentioned needing shoes. Please bring donations to any upcoming events. Thank you!
- Becky Bocky requested one or two raffle baskets and vodka from inventory for fundraising efforts and to bring back “Becky Vodky”.

Rodeo Planning Committee - RPC

- Report Submitted
- Save the date: BigHorn Rodeo 2025 – May 22-25, 2025
- BigHorn Rodeo 2025 Poster Art Contest Rules

Sponsorship

- This has been rolled into Rodeo Director updates moving forward until the position has been filled. If interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Stewart Black.

Marketing

- Report Submitted
- In the past 30 days:
 - Post reach: 7,541 people
 - Post Engagements: 1,649
 - New Page Likes: 19
 - Most Reached: Country Night at Las Vegas Ball Park reached over 5,000 people and Hot August Nights reached almost 700.
- Thank you to Tequila Mockingbird and Becky Bocky for taking on Marketing as co-chairs.

Unfinished Business



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- N/A

New Business

- N/A

Quorum was met.

General Membership

- **Standing Rule Ratification: Standing Rule One: Royalty, Section 5, Item G:**
 - **From: “Titleholders will be given buckles at the completion of the royalty competition, subject to approval by the NGRA Board of Directors.**
 - **To: “Titleholders will be eligible to receive buckles upon successful completion of the royalty competition. Buckles will be provided as close to the beginning of the titleholders’ reign to the extent possible.”**
 - **Unanimously approved by verbal vote.**
- **Marshall Hugues nominated David Wells as outstanding member for July for his hard work and dedication to the association. Becky Bocky-Second. Discussion. Approved unanimously. Congratulations and Thank You David Wells!!**

Quorum was met.

General Membership - New Business

- N/A

Board and General Membership meetings were adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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