



## Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting – November 24, 2024

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### Attendees:

Stewart Black – President	Jason Banales/Tequila Mockingbird
Jeffrey Neal – Vice President	Becky Bocky/Michael Pitta
Bryan Shields – Secretary	Marshall Hughes
David Hering – Treasurer	Heather Mumford
Guy Puglisi – Trustee	Troy Peter/Felinda Bush
Doug Graff – Rodeo Director	Brenda Alday
Chris Aguilar – Director	Kathy Alday
Patrick Terry – Director	Danny McGuire

### Board Members Absent:

N/A

### Available Positions:

Fundraising Director  
Sponsorship Chair

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President called the meeting to order 7:01 p.m. Quorum of Board was met. Meeting was held via Zoom.

### President's Report

- Report Submitted
- Reminder: If you have the capacity to sell the SW Airlines tickets, please do so! Please help sell the Dam Water Bar Crawl tickets as well. Let's fill those buses!
- Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire Coronation 27 takes place on Saturday, December 7 – NGRA has been approached to purchase a table and ad space as we have in the past. Ad deadline has passed. We were offered a discounted rate to purchase a table for \$1,100 (\$1,600 standard), inclusive of 10 seats and dinner.
  - **Jeffrey Neal Moved to approve the table purchase. D.Hering-Second. Discussion. Motion failed unanimously.**
  - **Doug Graff moved to approve purchasing tickets for Royalty members if they choose to go. Christopher Aguilar-Second. Discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.**

### Vice President's Report

- Report Submitted
- Membership: 91 (Individual 65 + Honorary 8 + Lifetime 18)
- Addressed SW Gift Card Raffle and Dam Water Bar Crawl tickets. Please assist with pushing these sales!
- Cowboy Bingo on Saturday, November 23 has been cancelled due to accessibility with F1 occurring.

### Secretary's Report

- David Hering moved to approve the Minutes from October. **Second – J.Neal. Discussion. Approved via unanimous vote.**

### Treasurer's Report

- Report Submitted
- 2025 Proposed Budget submitted for review ahead of December vote.

### Trustee's Report

- Report Submitted
- **IGRA Board Meeting Recap:**
  - o **IGRA 4th Quarter BOD Meeting November 14, 2024**
    - Associations are encouraged to complete the Emergency Action Plan provided by Mark Christiansen.
    - WGRF will be held in El Reno, OK from 2026-2030 on the third weekend of October.



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- Christopher Aguilar was certified as a Scorekeeper by the Board of Trustees.
- **IGRA Convention Saturday**
  - The royalty program generated \$36K, with a net of over \$23K. \$4,500 will be donated to charities from the IGRA 2025 royalty contestant fundraisers. There are 12 members on the incoming 2025 royalty team.
  - Michael Vrooman is available to answer any royalty or fundraising questions for the association Vice Presidents.
  - Andrew Goodman gave an overview on the upcoming IGRA University. More information on classes and registration is located at:  
<http://igra.com/university/index.htm>
- World Gay Pride 2025:
  - IGRA has secured a room block of 30 rooms at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capital Hill at 400 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington DC 20001 at a price of \$299 a night. The room block is 4 nights, Thursday June 5, 2025, to Monday June 9, 2025. The hotel link for reservations is [World Gay Pride - Room block \(hyatt.com\)](#)
  - The committee is requesting the assistance of each Member Association of IGRA of a \$500 donation for funding World Gay Pride 2025 parade, festival and activities.
  - The Committee will be holding a tee shirt & poster / post card design contest to establish the IGRA 2025 World Pride tee and poster. The contest submission deadline will be December 31, 2025, with the selected design completed and announced the first week of February 2025. Design submissions can be emailed to Jmorgan5280@gmail.com.
  - Another merchandise opportunity identified was the creation of luggage tags for purchase at the World Pride festival.
- **IGRA Convention Sunday**
  - Brian Helander and David Hill were reelected for President and Treasurer, respectively.
  - Candy Pratt was elected for Trustee Chair. Guy Puglisi and Christopher Tobin were elected for 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair, respectively.
  - Hall of Fame inductees were: Sandy Bidwell, Kevin Mc Sweeny (Pussy LeHoot), Laura Scott, Lisa Smith, and Robert Thurtell
- The 2025 In-Person IGRA board meetings will be held as follows:
  - Q1: Phoenix, AZ - February 14
  - Q2: Kansas City, MO - May 9
  - Q3: El Reno, OK - August 8
  - Q4: Denver, CO - November 13

### Director-At-Large Reports

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

### Fundraising

- Report Submitted
- Next Fundraising meeting to take place by zoom on Tuesday, December 3 (First Tuesday of the month)
- Event format and location change discussion. More information to come after the next meeting.

### Royalty Team



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- No Report Submitted

### Rodeo Planning Committee - RPC

- No Report Submitted
- Thank you to everyone who assisted at Black Rodeo. 25% of net bar proceeds were donated to them.
- Gay Softball World Series - Thanks to all who helped with this one. Very long days but in the end, it netted us \$3,500.00.
- 2025 Proposed BigHorn Rodeo Budget presented for review.
  - **Guy Puglisi moved to approve with the added line for sales tax of \$1,298.13. C.Aguilar-Second. Discussion. Unanimously approved.**

### Royalty Competition Coordinator

- Report Submitted
- Event flow discussion.
- Dam Water Bar Crawl – please help sell the tickets!

### 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

- No Report Submitted

### Unfinished Business

- Royal Flush event poster presented for concept approval. Doug Graff moved to approve. D.Hering-Second. Discussion. Unanimously approved.

### New Business

- N/A

**Quorum was met.**

### General Membership

- Doug Graff would like to nominate Jason Banales for Director at Large for 2025. Jason accepted.

**Quorum was met.**

### General Membership - New Business

- N/A

General Membership meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Executive Session was called to order at 8:28 p.m.

### Contestant Requirement Fulfillment Discussion

- Only one contestant has met the requirements.
- Discussion.
- Clarification - *Contestants must have attended a minimum of: two (2) Board of Directors/General Membership meetings, two (2) Fundraising Committee meetings, two (2) NGRA fundraisers and must be part of and attend a minimum of two (2) Rodeo Planning Committee meetings immediately prior to the current year in which they wish to compete.)*
- **Doug Graff moved to waive the Meeting Requirements for the 2025 Royalty Competition. Second. Discussion. D.Hering opposed. Passed by majority vote.**



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- Judge Assignments review/discussion.

Executive Session and Board Meetings were adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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