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From the Desk of the President

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Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Now that fall is finally upon us we can start gearing up for our 2011 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo. Our rodeo team is working extremely hard trying to finalize venue contracts, sponsorship contracts and host hotel accommodations.

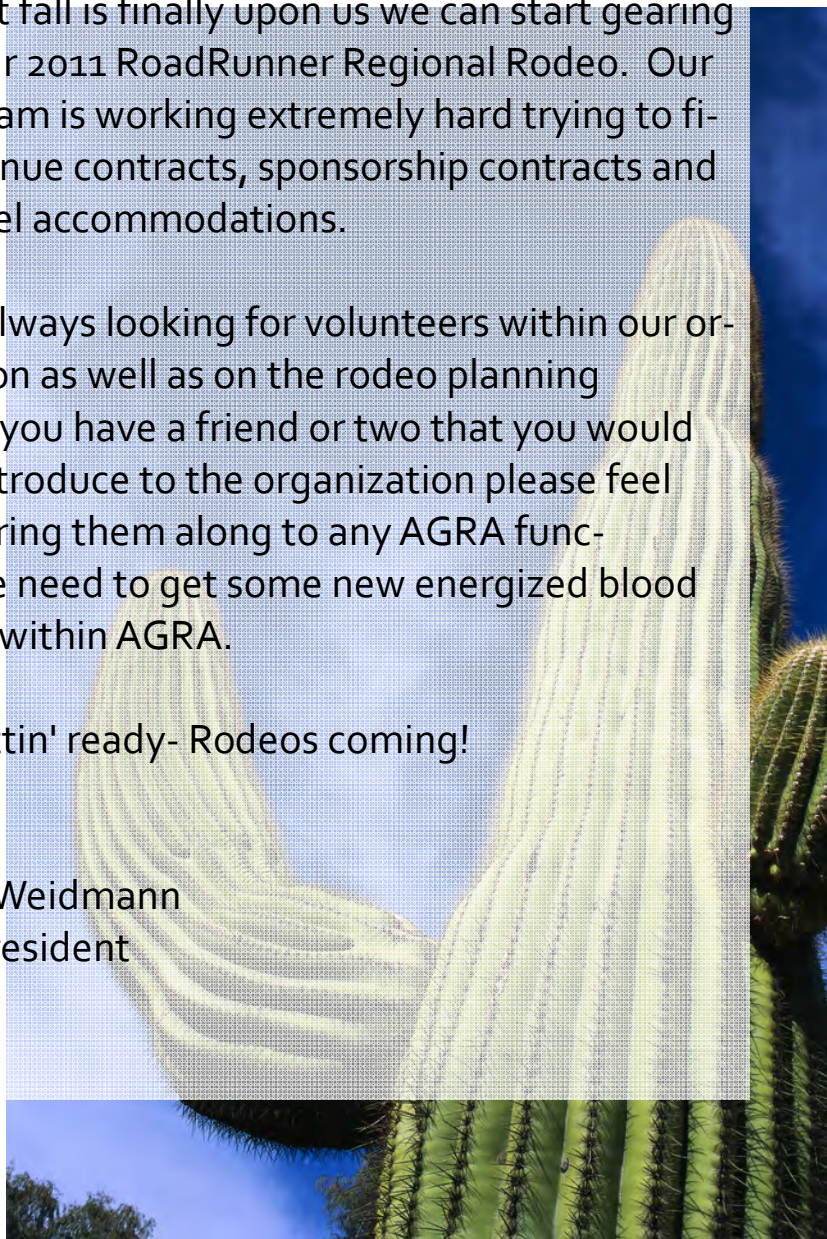
We are always looking for volunteers within our organization as well as on the rodeo planning team. If you have a friend or two that you would like to introduce to the organization please feel free to bring them along to any AGRA function. We need to get some new energized blood working within AGRA.

Start gettin' ready- Rodeos coming!

Michael Weidmann
AGRA President

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Newsletter Deadline:
October 25th '10

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Howdy Folks!

Seems like this year is really flying by. And now the holidays are just around the corner. And so are the Rodeo Finals and our 2011 Rodeo! And for these folks that share October as a birthday month, the year has flown by and they're heading into another one. We all wish you a Happy Birthday and for many more to come!

10/01	Carlos Mendivil
10/04	Michael Butts
10/09	Robert Brown
10/10	George Immerso
10/11	Homero Medrano
10/26	David Holmes
10/26	Doug Holmes
10/28	Richard Merritt
10/31	Ruben Contreras

Our membership now stands at 78 members, 7 of which are Champion Members.

Again, I would also encourage members to attend the General Membership Meetings. Even in the slowest of times for AGRA, your presence is always important. We want to keep the interest in our organization as high as possible. And again, as Rodeo approaches, do what you can to encourage new members. Talk up our organization and what great things we do for the Community through our charities.

Saddle Up folks...the ride is just beginning!!

Bob Shukis
2010 Secretary





Hello AGRA Membership, here is the financial report:

August:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	
\$17382.79		
Checking		\$4920.94
CD		\$12461.85
Non Rodeo	Aug Net Income	<\$641.95>
Rodeo	Aug Net Income	\$0
Year to Date 2011 Rodeo Net Income		\$0

Rodeo

Income:

Expenses:

Non-Rodeo

Income:
Membership Dues \$36

Expenses:
Credit Card Expense \$77.95
Annual Dues \$600

The books have not closed for Sept yet.

September:

Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$16845.70
Checking		\$4383.85
CD		\$12461.85
Non Rodeo	Sept Net Income	<\$537.09>
Rodeo	Sept Net Income	\$2038.71
Year to Date 2011 Rodeo Net Income		\$2038.71

Rodeo

2011 Rodeo started in August 2010 reports show 0 income and expenses. You will see 2011 income and expenses start in September 2010.

Income:
Transferred from 2010 Rodeo \$3299.07
Gay Pride Both \$298.50

Expenses:
Both Expenses \$324.50
Rodeo Shirts \$234.36
IGRA Fees \$600
Donations \$400

Non-Rodeo

Income:
Membership Dues \$70
Patio Show \$177.50

Expenses:
Bank Fees \$80.95
Royalty Contestant Fee \$200
Membership Annual Report \$45
Office \$371.20

Jai
AGRA Treasurer



Howdy A.G.R.A. members and fans -

Thank you for your support throughout the long, hot summer. Most of us took some time away from Arizona, but that left many of us to attend rodeo fundraisers, membership, and rodeo committee meetings. The flexibility and generosity of our members is key to working together and growing gay rodeo in Arizona. It is an honor to serve this association.

At our September membership meeting, representatives from our 2010 charities attended. It was a pleasure to talk with our friends from across the Arizona LGBT community - from Phoenix to Tucson. It was also a pleasure to award them over \$7,000 - in support of the work they do for our community. To find out more about our rodeo charities, please check out the agra-phx.com website and click on the Charities button.

After the membership meeting, I had the opportunity to visit Joshua Tree during its weekly Tuesday hot meal. When I represented Chase Bank two years ago, I also visited during that meal. It was heartening to see some familiar faces - and to be immediately welcomed by strangers. The main difference I noticed between the two visits is the turnout: Nowadays, there are 50% more people needing a hot lunch and picking up donated food and cleaning/hygiene supplies.

I suggest we remember that rodeo fundraisers do not serve to support the February rodeo. Rather, the fundraisers, events, and the rodeo itself serve to support local charities (local people) in critical need. (End of my preacher's moment.)

Speaking of support... rodeo tickets are on sale through our website. Let your friends know how they can compete - and how they can volunteer at the 2011 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. After all, you are one of A.G.R.A.'s most effective advertisements... And what's our website again? agra-phx.com. Do you use facebook? Search for Arizona Gay Rodeo and become a fan!

Now it's time to relax and have a cool one, so let's sit a spell ---

Greg Gillum
Public Relations



Trustees' Report

I don't have much to write about this month, but we are certainly gearing up for the 2010 World Gay Rodeo Finals (IGRA Finals Rodeo) which will be October 22-24, 2010 in Laughlin, Nevada.

The host hotel, Avi Resort & Casino, is essentially sold out of rooms for the weekend. However, if you plan to go to the rodeo, I urge you to check the IGRA website, then call the hotel and try to get a room. If you are unable to reserve a room, let me know. Also, I encourage everyone to arrive on Thursday, if possible, to participate in activities beginning that afternoon. There is a full schedule of activities for the weekend. Be sure to purchase all appropriate tickets in advance by accessing the IGRA website.

The 2010 IGRA Annual Convention will be here very soon. Specifics for the various activities can be found on the IGRA website, and you can also purchase tickets for these events through the website. Make your hotel reservations and travel plans now and get ready for a busy, but fun weekend in Reno, Nevada.

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Meeting Schedules

AGRA Board Meeting Schedule 2010-2011

(Charlie's Office)

May 12
June 2
July 14
Aug 4
September 15
October 13
November 3
December 8
January 5
February 2

AGRA Membership Meeting Schedule 2010-2011

(Charlie's Dance Floor)

May 16
June 6
July 18
Aug 8
September 19
October 17
November 7
December 12
January 9
February 6

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