

THE BRANDING IRON

SECRETARY REPORT



**ARIZONA GAY
RODEO ASSOCIATION**

Dear AGRA Members:

I'm happy to report 69 dedicated members of our organization, including six champion members. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following members born in the month of June:

Trixie Deluxe	June 6th
Ivens	June 25th
Jay Lovejoy	June 25th
Ron Trusley	June 28th
Brent Hrometz	June 29th

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Next Newsletter Deadline:
June 25th 2014

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I've been working on a couple of things between the last membership meeting in May and the time of this report. First, I renewed our annual filing with the Arizona Corporation Commission. Second, I began on work on transferring my previous project of digitizing AGRA documents into a cloud-based platform, to ensure many vital documents are stored beyond the reach of any individual computer failure or destruction of hard copies, but also to allow easier access to board members in need of immediate information.

I have also been finalizing a list of organizations to invite to the community garage sale being put together by AGRA and Charlie's Phoenix, and planned for Saturday, October 4th. To explain a little about this event, for those who haven't heard of it yet, it is intended as a large group garage sale. The purpose of the event is to build relationships with other LGBT and LGBT-friendly organizations and businesses in our community,



while also raising money for charity. We are trying to reach out to as many groups as possible, offering a space, for free, to come set up and sell whatever items their members want to donate. All we're asking is that the money raised will go to a non-profit, social organization, or charity.

I'm very excited about the project, because in addition to raising money for a diverse group of charities and social organizations, we're building community solidarity. I hope it will be turn into a regular event and take on a life of its own in the spirit of mutual-support, charity, and fun. This is shaping up to be a big project, and I would appreciate the help, advice, or thoughts, of anyone who is willing.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe





TRUSTEE

I was unable to attend the IGRA Board and Trustees' Meetings in Oklahoma City on May 23, 2014. But, I want to update you on some actions taken in the meeting.


Only one nomination has been received for the 2014 IGRA Finals Grand Marshal, and none have been received for the Honorary Grand Marshal or the Community Hero. The deadline to submit nominations has been extended until July 11, 2014. AGRA or any individual member may submit nominations. There is a nomination form to complete, and the form must also be signed by the Trustee. Grand marshals will be recognized at the finals rodeo in October 2014 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Reservations can now be made at the host hotel for the 2014 IGRA Finals Rodeo that will be October 16-19 in Fort Worth, Texas. The host hotel is the Hilton Arlington with a room rate of \$109.00 per night. To make reservations, call (817) 640-3322 and ask for group code IGA. Or you can go to the IGRA website (www.igra.com), click on the reservation link, and make a reservation on line. The room rate is good until September 29, or until rooms sell out, whichever comes first.

I want to remind everyone that the 2014 IGRA Annual Convention will be November 13-16 in Denver. The host hotel is the Doubletree Stapleton North, but no other information is available at this time.

Other actions from the May 23 IGRA Board Meeting include:

- A yearlong 204 Anheuser-Busch (Bud Light) sponsorship was approved.
- A Jack Daniels sponsorship was approved for the 2014 IGRA Finals Rodeo.
- The bid from the San Antonio Chapter of TGRA to host the 2015 IGRA University was approved. University dates are January 16-28, 2015 at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel with a room rate of \$99.00 plus tax per night.
- The bid from NGRA to host the 2015 IGRA Finals Rodeo in October at South Point Arena in Las Vegas was approved. The host hotel is the South Point Hotel and Spa with a room rate of \$65.00 + tax Wed, Thu, Sun & Mon for single/double occupancy and \$105.00 + tax for Fri & Sat for single/double occupancy.

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• Officials for the 2014 IGRA Rodeo at Gay Games in August were announced. They are: Arena Director-Heather Murray; Asst. Arena Director-James Jenkins; Chute Coordinator-Jay Beck; Asst. Chute Coordinator-Diane Ross; Secretary-Larry Lindstrom; Scorekeeper-Bruce Roby; Asst. Scorekeeper-Guy Puglisi; Judges-Michael Lentz, Jack Morgan, Clint Coil & Dee Zuspahn; Auditor-David Hill; Arena Crew Coordinator-Kami Boles; Asst. Arena Crew Coordinator-Brian Mitchell; Announcers-Kody Kay & Doug Graff; and Rodeo Clowns/Bullfighters-Jerry Cunningham & J. C. McDonald.

In the Trustees' May 23 meeting, Frank Delgado, GSGRA Member, was certified as a Rodeo Scorekeeper.

I recently received an email from the Guy Puglisi, NGRA Trustee, regarding a special fundraiser. He wrote that Miss IGRA 2013 Sabel D/Zyre aka Joel Castillo has been very ill since March and is currently in ICU. An online fundraising site has been established to help him offset the expenses he has incurred since he has been unable to work for nearly two months.

The site is: <http://www.youcaring.com/other/sable-s-disaster-relief-fund/182263>.

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TREASURER REPORT

April : Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$26,796.09
Checking	\$26,796.09
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$309.23)
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2014 Rodeo Net Income	\$19,042.40
<u>Rodeo</u>	
Income:	Expenses:
<u>Non-Rodeo</u>	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Due \$125	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$134.42
Fundraisers \$150	General Expenses \$300
	Telephone \$149.81
May : Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$26,720.68
Checking	\$26,720.68
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$524.59
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2014 Rodeo Net Income	\$19,042.40
<u>Rodeo</u>	
Income:	Expenses:
<u>Non-Rodeo</u>	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Due \$25	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$132.79
Fundraisers \$709	Telephone \$76.62



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