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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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November 2014 Edition

**Next Newsletter Deadline:
Nov 25th 2014**

Send submissions to:
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Hello,

I hope everyone had a spooktacular Halloween!! We are entering our festive season and our busiest as well. Our AGRA delegation team is headed to Denver, Colorado to the annual IGRA convention. AGRA will be representing our 200+ membership which is very exciting to see how our membership has grown. It's great to see new faces and new excitement in our organization.

I hope you are ready for our annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale, our famous baker Mr. Walt Hutter is going to be featuring his tasty items on November 23, 2014 starting at 3pm. So get those sweet tooth's ready, They are great for family and friends or for yourself!!

Our delegates will be giving our follow up reports at the November 23, 2014 membership meeting at 3pm. Hope to see you all there!!

Respectfully,

Michael Weidmann



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear AGRA Members:

As of the writing of this report AGRA currently has 196 members, including seven champion members. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following members:

November 11th	David
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November 20th	Scott Blades
November 23rd	Daniel
November 27th	Jeff

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Roe
Secretary



TREASURER REPORT

September : Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$4,379.07
Checking	\$4,379.07
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$1,282.16)
Rodeo	(\$4,950.00)
Year to Date 2015 Rodeo Net Income	(\$5,650.00)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Vendor Spaces \$1400	Arena Rental \$5000
	Buckles Deposit \$1000
	Advertising \$350
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$131.03
	Membership \$473.69
	Membership Dues \$600
	Telephone \$77.44
October : Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$8,197.27
Checking	\$8,197.27
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$3,118.20
Rodeo	\$700.00
Year to Date 2015 Rodeo Net Income	(\$4,950.00)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Vendor Spaces \$700	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Donation \$1	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$127.95
Membership Dues \$2830	IGRA Convention \$1675
Merchandise \$150	Telephone \$76.31
Fundraisers \$1290.46	
Royalty \$726	

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Trustee's Report

I attended the 2014 World Gay Rodeo Finals in Fort Worth, Texas the weekend of October 17-19. There were only 10 contestants – 40 cowgirls and 60 cowboys, and two of them were AGRA members. Both Keenan Allen and Greg Begay competed in several events at the rodeo. Keenan and Greg placed in the top 8 in events as follows:

Keenan Allen

Event	Saturday	Sunday	Weekend
Barrel Racing		6 th place	8 th place
Steer Decorating	3 rd place	8 th place	4 th place
Wild Drag Race	5 th place		8 th place

Greg Begay

Event	Saturday	Sunday	Weekend
Breakaway Roping	4 th place	1 st place	
Barrel Racing		8 th place	
Pole Bending	7 th place	8 th place	6 th place
Flag Race		5 th place	
Team Roping	2 nd place	2 nd place	
Steer Decorating		7 th place	
Wild Drag Race	2 nd place	1 st place	1 st place - Buckle
Goat Dressing	4 th place		

Greg was also the All-Around Cowboy for the 2014 World Gay Rodeo Finals. And, he is the 2014 Circuit Champion for Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, and Wild Drag Race.

Congratulations to both Keenan and Greg!

I was also privileged to work as Rodeo Secretary at the 2014 Finals Rodeo.

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Unfortunately Dan Oldenburg did not place in the IGRA Royalty Competition, he certainly did an excellent job representing AGRA as Mr AGRA 2014. I think he was a fierce contestant and made AGRA very proud!

AGRA will have a full slate of 6 delegates and 5 alternate delegates at the 2014 IGRA Annual Convention in Denver November 14-17. In our November 23 membership meeting, I will provide a full report on convention activities and major bylaws/standing rules/rodeo rules changes.

Ron Trusley
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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Hello Everyone -

The Holiday season is approaching and I want to wish each and everyone of you a Happy Thanksgiving! I want to give an extra thank you to the members that helped out with The First Annual Big Gay Yard Sale Patrick, Bob Hitchcock, Jai Crystal, Marcos Sandoval aka Trixxie, Michael B, Walt and Ron who showed up bright and early Saturday morning to set up!

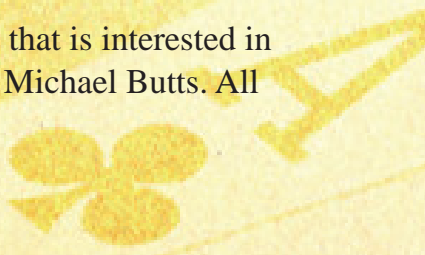
This month the Board along with many delegates will be heading to Denver for the annual IGRA Convention. Nov 14th - 16th. I will be doing daily updates on our Facebook page of daily happenings! Be sure to LIKE us on facebook if you have not already. Here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/LikeAGRA?ref=hl>.

Work on the 30th Annual Rodeo Program has begun! If you know anyone that is interested in placing an advertisement in the program please contact Bob Hitchcock or Michael Butts. All ads must be purchased by Dec 29th, 2014.

Hope to see you all out our monthly membership meeting in November!

Sincerely,

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