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May 1st, 2016

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President's Report

In our April 13, 2016 board meeting, we made the following appointments:

<u>Election Committee</u>	<u>Co-Membership Coordinators</u>	<u>2017 Rodeo Director</u>
Sharon Starks	Mark Christensen	Bob Pimentel
Cindy Fairbrother (R.J.)	Rudy Mariscal	
Doug Holmes		

As I said in our April 17 membership meeting and in accordance with AGRA Bylaws, nominations for IGRA Annual Convention Delegates will be received in the May and June membership meetings. Voting will take place in the July membership meeting. AGRA is entitled to six (6) delegates and five (5) alternate delegates. AGRA Bylaws dictate that the President and Trustee are automatically delegates. Since I am the IGRA Secretary and cannot, therefore, be an association delegate as president, I believe our vice president would move into that delegate position. So we will elect four (4) additional delegates and five (5) alternate delegates to represent AGRA at the 2017 convention in Austin, Texas November 18-20.

Soon I will announce the date and location for our "board retreat". All members will be invited to attend, and I will strongly recommend that our current royalty team, royalty contestants, and committee chairs attend.

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Although, the exact amount is not known, I was told that there will be a profit from the 2016 rodeo. So, in the April 17 membership meeting, we accepted nominations for charitable organizations to share in the profits. Organizations that were nominated include:

Joshua Tree Feeding Program
Imperial Sovereign Empire of Arizona
TIHAN
PFLAG
One N Ten
Logan's Playground
Aunt Rita's Foundation
Mulligan Manor
Community Church of Hope
Metropolitan Community Church

Nominations will be accepted again in the May 22 membership meeting. In coordination with the Rodeo Director, a determination will be made as to when voting will take place and when checks will be presented.

I want to wish our royalty team a successful and fun year as they work hard to meet their requirements. Also, I want to wish all 2017 royalty contestants a successful year.

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Vice President's Report

Hello to all our AGRA members! The royalty program is off to a good start, our current royalty is working on their prerequisites for AGRA and for their application for IGRA. We have 4 new contestants that have announced their run for 2017.

They are:

Christi Starr

RJ Boltz

Mahlon Lovell

Jeff Smit

I'm looking forward to working with this team, and I know of a couple others that are going to announce their candidacy in the near future.

We had a good show with Southwest Leather at the Bunkhouse on Saturday the 23rd. "Leather and Lace" was a success, raising more than \$750.00 to split between the two organizations.

There are several members and royalty team members traveling to both the Texas, Palm Springs and the Oklahoma City rodeos.

We're off to a busy rodeo season!

"Let's RODEO!!"

Thank You!

Michael Brent

A.G.R.A. Vice President.

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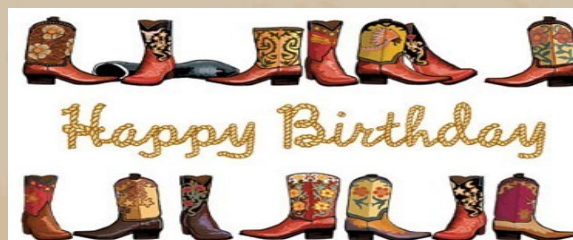
Secretary's Report

Happy May to all our AGRA members!

I'm happy to report we have a total of 68 members, a number which is growing steadily. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to the following AGRA members with birthdays in the month of May.

May 4th Luke Ateraz
May 4th Eric Johnson
May 5th Matt
May 7th Jezzi Mighway
May 7th Tim Dougherty
May 8th Gaby
May 9th Michael Weidmann
May 15th TP
May 16th Carlos Garcia
May 18th Todd Wyckoff
May 19th Cindy Fairbrother

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Roe
A.G.R.A. Secretary



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Treasurer's Report

March: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$19,389.75
Checking	\$19,389.75
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	(\$1,393.62)
Rodeo	(\$21,400.04)
Year to Date 2016 Rodeo Net Income	\$4,713.35
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
	Equipment \$2387
	Arena \$14927.70
	Stalls \$4000
	Rodeo Numbers \$85.34
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$275	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$640.62
	Annual Banquet \$1028

April: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$23,311.97
Checking	\$23,311.97
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$1,442.94
Rodeo	\$2,479.28
Year to Date 2016 Rodeo Net Income	\$7,192.63
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Vendor Space \$200	Sound and Lighting \$1033.72
ATM Income \$192	
Sponsorship \$400	
Bar Tips \$2721	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$926	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$131.27
St Patio Show \$760	St Patio Day Expenses \$82.58
Royalty \$120	Telephone \$149.21

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Public Relations Director Report

Hello fellow board members and membership. As of today we have a total of 1934 " Like's " on Facebook and 580 followers on Instagram! Good work just please share us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram at AGRA_GAY_RODEO. I have recently been reached out to by Linda Lewis the talent agent for Steve Grand as they are really interested in being involved with AGRA and also to be part of the rodeo. As our relationship grows we may have something set for this coming year. We also have been reached out to by Mr. AGRA 2nd Runner Up 2016 Jeffrey Smit to have an ad placed in the coronation XI program for the Imperial Court of Arizona which will be held May 6th - 8th. The board has agreed to place an ad in their program which is attached to this months BI. Please remember that if you have anything AGRA related or any article you feel should be in the Branding Iron make sure it gets to me by the 25th of each month to have it in the following months BI.

Regards,

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Fundraising Director's Report

The Fundraising Director has nothing to report at this time. But please come out May 7th for the AGRA Chili Verde Day at 9:30 PM at Charlie's!

Thank You,

**Kevin McSweeney AKA Pussy LeHoot
Fundraising Director
Arizona Gay Rodeo Association**

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Trustee's Report

At this date and time there is not any new news to report from IGRA. We will be going to the Palm Springs Hot Rodeo in a couple weeks so I should have news and gossip for the next BI.

Thank you to Ron Trusley for getting us new Trustees up and going on the IGRA communications train to help keep us all up to date.

Regards,

Bob Pimentel

A.G.R.A Trustee

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Rodeo Director's Report

I want to thank everyone that spent many hours of their personal time and energy to work on the 2016 AGRA Rodeo. We are near the point of finalizing the rodeo. By the time you are reading this I hope to have it complete. Going forward I want to thank the AGRA BOD for their confidence in me and asking me to return to be the 2017 AGRA Rodeo Director. This is an ever changing endeavor because we have to tweak many things every year to continue to put on an event that follows all the rules, creates a positive atmosphere to all aspects of the event and still make money.

I will be asking many of you to return to help again and I will be looking for new blood that want to start working toward future events. Look for future meetings in May to get started.

Feel free to contact me if you are interested in being a part of this amazing Event.

Regards,

Bob Pimentel
A.G.R.A Rodeo Director

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{ CALENDAR } OF EVENTS

May 2016

May 6th - 8th Hot Springs Rodeo (Palm Springs, CA)

May 7th at 9:30 PM AGRA Chili Verde Day (Charlie's)

May 18th at 7:00 PM AGRA Board Meeting (Charlie's)

May 22nd at 3:00 PM AGRA Membership Meeting (Charlie's)

May 27th - 29th Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK

June 2016

June 8th at 7:00 PM AGRA Board Meeting (Charlie's)

June 12th at 3:00 PM AGRA Membership Meeting (Charlie's)



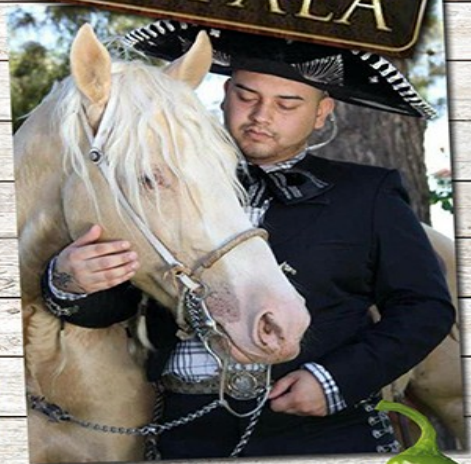
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SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

CHILI VERDE DAY!



MARIACHI CHAPALA 9-10PM



A BENEFIT FOR



PUSSY LEHOOT'S PATIO SHOW

SAVANNAH STEVENS
DAYNAH RIVERA
JESUS OSUNA
@ 9:30PM



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"CharliesPHX"
to 91944
TO JOIN OUR
VIP LIST

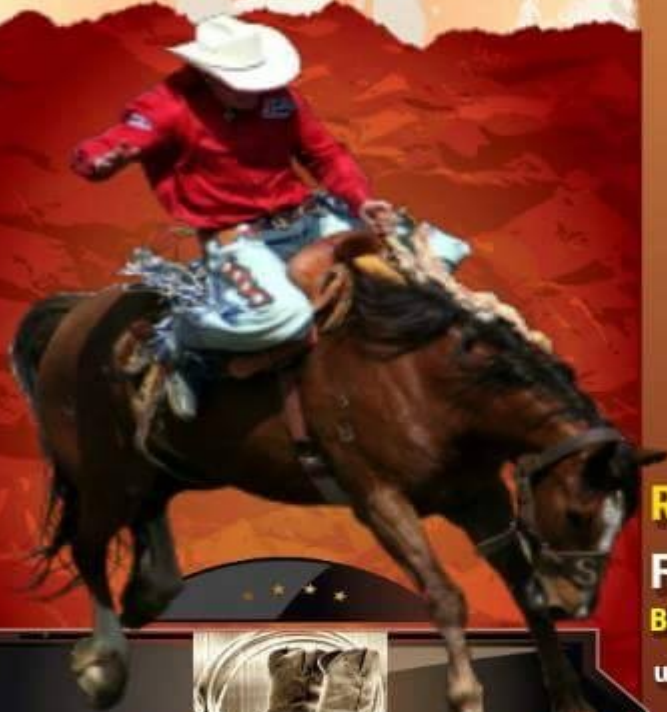
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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION



RODEO

Rodeo Begins

Feb 17th-19th, 2017

Become A Member At

www.agra-phx.com/members.shtml

www.agra-phx.com

CORONA
RANCH

Banquets and Special Events

7611 S 29th Ave, Laveen Village, AZ 85339



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NOTICE

OFFICIAL AGRA SHIRTS

If you would like to purchase an official AGRA shirt, contact Bob Hitchcock. His email address is garthaz@cox.net, and his phone number is (602) 292-0266.

Bob will handle all requests and orders for shirts.

Both women's and men's shirts are available, but the women's shirt does not have a pocket.

Thank You!

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Annual Schedule of Event's

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE				
AGRA BOARD MEETING	AGRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES	IGRA BOARD MEETING
March 09, 2016	March 20, 2016	AGRA St Patio Day	March 19, 2016 March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday	
April 13, 2016	April 17, 2016	Phoenix Pride Parade & Festival A Texas Tradition Rodeo (Dallas, TX)	April 2-3, 2016 April 29-May 1, 2016	
May 18, 2016	May 22, 2016	AGRA Chili Verde Day Hot Rodeo 2016 (Palm Springs, CA) Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK)	May 7, 2016 May 6-8, 2016 May 27-29, 2016	May 6, 2016
June 08, 2016	June 12, 2016			
July 13, 2016	July 17, 2016	AGRA Grand Ol' Opry Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (Calgary) * Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) * North Star Regional Rodeo (Minneapolis, MN)	July 2, 2016 July 1-3, 2016 July 8-10, 2016 July 29-31, 2016	July 8, 2016
August 17, 2016	August 21, 2016	Zia Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe, NM) *	August 12-14, 2016	
September 14, 2016	September 18, 2016	Show Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO) AGRA Beach Party Best Buck in the Bay-Rodeo on the River (Guerneville, CA) Sierra Stampede (Sacramento, CA)	September 2-4, 2016 September 3, 2016 September 9-11, 2016 September 16-18, 2016	
October 05, 2016	October 09, 2016	Tucson Pride (Tucson, AZ) Rainbows Festival (Phoenix, AZ) 30th Annual World Gay Rodeo Finals (Las Vegas, NV) 31st Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Las Vegas, NV)	October 15, 2016 October 15-16, 2016 October 20-23, 2016 October 20-23, 2016	
November 09, 2016	November 13, 2016	AGRA Thanksgiving Bake Sale 32nd Annual IGRA Convention (Austin, TX)	November 20, 2016 November 17-20, 2016	November 17, 2016
December 14, 2016	December 18, 2016	AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's/Bake Sale	December 18, 2016	
January 11, 2017	January 22, 2017	IGRA University (Las Vegas, NV)	January 13-15, 2017	
February 08, 2017	February 12, 2017	Super Bowl LI (51) (Houston, TX) Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo 32nd Anniversary Arizona Gay Rodeo Rodeo Volunteer Party AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet	February 5, 2017 February 15, 2017 February 17-19, 2017 February 24, 2017 (Friday) February 25, 2017 (Saturday)	
March 08, 2017	March 12, 2017			
Board Meetings - 7:00 pm - Charlie's Offices			* Indicates IGRA Rodeo Division 2	
Membership meetings - 3:00 pm - Charlie's Dance Floor				

**Next Board Meeting: May 18th, 2016 at 7:00 pm at
Charlie's Office's**

**Next Membership Meeting: May 22nd, 2016 at 3:00 pm at
Charlie's Dance Floor**

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2016 AGRA ROYALTY

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Mr. AGRA 2nd Runner Up 2016

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2016 AGRA & IGRA ROYALTY



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