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HIGHLIGHTS OF FEB. 6TH MEETING

Approximately 30 people attended the meeting which ran rather quickly with the vast amount to be accomplished. It was announced that Bob Moore is the new V.P., since there were no other nominations he was appointed to the position. Jim Sherwood being the only remaining nomination for Corresponding Secretary at the time of the meeting and since he met all the qualifications he also was appointed to the position.

Ashley announced the formation of a new executive board position "Logistics & Planning". This position will be responsible for maintaining a calendar of events and all events must go through this office for approval. This office will be responsible for scheduling events so that they do not conflict or as what has happened this month, we get to may things occurring and burn everyone out. The Logistics and Planning director will be responsible for providing the executive board, studies and evaluations on proposals which have been brought before the board. This office will coordinate activities within TSGRA and with other organizations throughout the community. This position will also be responsible for representation of TSGRA at other organizations such as the Coalition. Ashley announced that Walter Webster was appointed by the executive board to fill this new position.

It was brought up and voted upon that TSGRA be a member of the Greater Cincinnati Gay/Lesbian Coalition. This will involve a 35.00 membership to the coalition and an appointed representative. It was voted and passed that we join the coalition and that Walter Webster represent us at the coalition meetings.

The following proposals were brought to the membership for a vote. These proposals are in reference to the Peoples Rodeo in April. This list represents only those proposals that passed;

1. Entry fee amount & allocations - \$5.00 per person/event with 1.00 going to the prize fund, .50 going to IGRA, 2.00 to a charity, and 1.50 to TSGRA.
2. General admission charge - \$2.00 per person, 1.00 to charity, 1.00 to TSGRA.
3. Complimentary admission will be given to

only contestants, IGRA, Officials, Grand Marshals, and workers.

4. Video/cameras will not be allowed by anyone in attendance only TSGRA authorized photographers and gay media. TSGRA will approve all photos and attempt to obtain approval of those in photographs.
5. "Straight Media" will not be allowed on premises.
6. Peoples Rodeo will be held "Rain or Shine"!
7. Cincinnati Stompers will be invited to perform at the Peoples Rodeo, team admission will be complimentary.
8. TSGRA will invite other organizations to make Grand Entry at Rodeo, complimentary admission will be given to no more than 8 people in the entry.
9. Admission to events will be open to all members and non-members of TSGRA.
10. TSGRA will design and distribute posters to all IGRA Host Bars and Tri-state Bars & Businesses.

It was also voted to install a TSGRA telephone at the office at Brik's in order that we can have our own answering machine to give information to callers. It was voted and approved that all committee reports and satellite reports be written and reproduced in order that people may read them during the meeting and a vote taken to approve unless they need to be edited.

It was announced that since we seem to run out of time for the meetings before people have to leave for the bar nite at Spurs that the meetings will be moved up to 7:00 PM with the Exec. Board meeting at 6:00.

TREASURY

As of the Last General Membership Meeting there was 490.00 in the treasury. On February 15th Craig Parker resigned as Treasurer. His books were audited by John, Bob, and Ashley on February 17th. Nominations for treasurer will be taken at the next general membership meeting.

Our Fund raiser at Brik's Feb. 11th raised \$291.41 for AVOC and our fund raiser on Feb 16th at Brik's raised around \$330.00 for TSGRA.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Howdy, TSGRA is growing very rapidly and subsequently so is the volume of work and the needs of the organization. We currently have a membership in excess of 140, with members in Indianapolis, Lafayette, Cleveland, Columbus, and Lexington. Rusler's Saloon, a Toledo Bar has expressed interest Rodeo and may want to form a satellite in Toledo. We are presently holding weekly work sessions at members homes to put together policies and procedures with the hope of better organization and control of daily operations. Anyone is welcome to participate in these meetings. Each Saturday at noon there are open meetings at the TSGRA office at Brik's and the first Tuesday of each month is still the open general membership meeting. We have a "Peoples Rodeo" scheduled for April 21st, 1990. Charlie's in Denver will be here as well as delegates from each of our satellites and Rodeo members as from as far away as California have expressed interest in coming. A by-laws convention must be held no later than the first week in June. Policies and procedures must be drafted, approved and put into operation. Satellites must be formed and nurtured. Plans for the Gymkhana and Rodeo must begin soon. Each committee in the organization needs volunteers to help with some of the work load. There is much to do.

Time and time again I've been told that many of you are sitting back to see if this organization is going to get off the ground. I believe that we are way past the point of "getting off the ground". In fact we have grown to the point where the thirty or so active members are being bogged down with the massive amounts of work which the organization has to accomplish. If each of you could attend the monthly general membership meetings and volunteer just one hour of your time a month, it would amount to 100 hours of time, which would greatly help your board members.

If you can help with creating a flyer, address envelopes, bartend a fund raiser, D.J., perform or assist in a show, type letters, write policies or bylaws, investigate locations for events, assist in the set-up of an office, donate office furnishings or supplies, advertise or sell advertising, or anything else necessary to the operation of the organization, you would be doing a great service

to TSGRA and the community as a whole. Please feel free to come forward and donate your time and efforts. With the volunteer effort we have had so far we have managed to raise and donate \$300.00 to AVOC, \$250.00 for the Damien House in Indianapolis, and collect \$330.00 for TSGRA at our most recent fund raiser.

TSGRA is scheduled to do a benefit during the Gay Pride Week, and are presently trying to put together a delegate group to the Gay Games in Vancouver. We are developing fun trips like horseback riding, camping, hiking, skiing, canoe trips, and parties. If anyone is interested in organizing any of these events please contact me or any of the executive board.

If you've been waiting on us, we're here to stay. Now we are waiting on you!! Show your support and let's rodeo.

Your Vice President
Bob Moore 431-1965

The new TSGRA office phone number is (606)-291-4478. This number will be equipped with an answering machine to give out information to those members who call when no-one is in the office.

PEOPLES RODEO

The tentative schedule of events for the peoples rodeo are as follows:

Friday April 20th.

The Welcoming committee will welcome guests at the host hotel (Holiday Inn Covington) from noon to 9:00 PM. Welcoming committee will hand out a schedule of events going on throughout the city during the weekend at the various bars along with maps.

Friday evening Stompers will host a Kick-off party with CW dancing.

Saturday April 21st.

Contestant sign-up will begin at the hotel at 9:00 and at the Rodeo at 10:00 AM.

Grand Entry will start at 12:30 and go till 1:30
1:30 to 6:00 PM Rodeo Events will begin

9:00 Pm Awards Ceremony at Spurs

After Hours breakfast at Spurs

Sunday - Rodeo Steak-out (Cookout)



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are so many things that have crossed my mind in the last two weeks that I wanted to talk about with all of you. I also realize that the space in this newsletter is very limited. So, with this in mind, I will try to get right to the point and discuss OUR issues with you. The most pressing subject that needs to be dealt with is cooperation. Cooperation is not just sitting back and watching everyone else do the work and then complaining to anyone that will listen about how it was done. The right to complain should come with the knowledge that you have contributed or at least attended the meetings and have made your voice heard on the matter. Cooperation is not talking about a member behind their back, defaming TSGRA, IGRA or complaining about how we are organized. Cooperation is getting involved, putting forth your effort, voicing your opinions, as well as listening to others, helping plan and implement events, and promoting the image of TSGRA. I have never been able to justify in my mind how a person can sit back and say they are a member of an organization and then in the same breath talk about all the problems in that very same organization. How self defeating can a person be? Yes, we have had some problems, all organizations do as they are starting, but what is important is that we work together and solve the problems and move on. It does not accomplish anything to sit back with a beer and gripe about the group and try to place the blame. Usually the blame gets placed without having all the facts.

You can't take credit for the accomplishments, if you are not truly involved and stick in there to help with the problems. In TSGRA there is no "they" it is YOU. If your name appears on the membership list, it is you and YOUR ORGANIZATION. If you don't like something that is happening quit moaning and start chipping and doing something about it.

I have been accused by a few, of not effectively leading TSGRA and dealing with the problems that come up between members. I feel in light of the accusations, that if you want me to stand up and lead this organization - then I request that everyone make the same pledge that I have; a.) to promote rodeo in a positive manner, b.) to work as a group sharing equally in the credits and

faults, c.) to assist in Rodeo events and help raise money for charities in our area, and most important to have fun and bring our community together for a great cause.

We are here to help not harm. We do not want to force anyone to help out and we certainly do not want anyone to be embarrassed by our actions. Work with us and things will get done - when things go wrong (and it happens) lets discuss the problem and come up with a solution to prevent it from happening again. Lets always try to keep in mind what was accomplished and the effort that was made.. NONE OF US ARE PERFECT. Rodeo is here to stay and will always be here - as one for the entire community. Lets pull together and make things happen the way they should - AS A GROUP!

April 20, 21, & 22, 1990 - Three very important dates. OUR FIRST RODEO!! A lot of hard work has gone into the planning of the PEOPLES RODEO and we still have a lot to do. We need help. We need more seriously interested people to come out and make this event a major success. Members of IGRA associations and IGRA itself are coming out to support our rodeo. Let's make it an event they won't forget. It will go down in the history books as the first IGRA Recognized association to host a Gay Peoples Rodeo east of the Mississippi. There are many fine members who have contributed a great deal already show your support, show you care - we'll take whatever time you can give us, in any area you want to work in. For the actual rodeo event we will need over 25 volunteers to help out in the arena. We need people to; distribute literature and posters around the Tri-state area, help with special mailings, computer input, secretarial, accounting, registration, and the list goes on. If you'd like to be involved call us.

Next, there seems to be a lot of conversation floating around about why we audited our books. Well, first of all according to our Bylaws the books will be audit four times a year. Second, anytime a secretary resigns there will be an audit. It is not to accuse anyone of taking money but to insure that any discrepancies or entries are accounted for and do not come back on the outgoing officer. That's it.. Craig resigned as treasurer and in order to completely relieve him

of any responsibility for the books they were audited - for Craig's benefit as well as yours. As expected the audit came up clear.

There have been a lot of administrative expenses involved with TSGRA in getting it off the ground and organized. They are start-up expenses that were needed immediately to accommodate a rapidly growing international tri-state organization. Now we're established, and can wait on some things. There were many obstacles to overcome in getting out membership applications, newsletters, announcements, and etc.. We overcame these problems through the purchase of essential items that TSGRA needed to accommodate its rapid growth. I am not sure if everyone is aware of the fact that we have members that live in Tennessee, New York, and other cities as well as here in the Tri-state area. We had to be able to deal with a membership list that stretches from the Mississippi to the Atlantic.

I hope this will clear up any questions or doubts that you may have. There are still many things that we need badly.. If you can donate any of these items take note and let us know. That way we can use our funds that we have for raising money for our community. Here's some of the things that we need; filing cabinets, desks, tables, paper, letterhead, envelopes, carbon paper, xerox machine toner, answering machine, telephones, chairs, posterboard, walkie-talkie headsets for use by official during the rodeo, banners, flags, laser printer, additional software, 3.5 2s/2d Apple computer disks, labels, manilla folders, storage cabinets, xerox paper, pens, markers, barrels, poles, powdered chalk, P.A.system, extension cords, tape measures, speakers, poster mailing tubes, mailing labels, rubber stamps, computer paper, the list goes on and on.. There is however, one thing that is not on the list that we need urgently - YOU and YOUR HELP.

I hope to see all seriously interested members either on Saturdays at Brik's (Committee Meetings), at Weekly work sessions, (call me at 606-291-2719 or Bob at 606-431-1965), and most important at our General Membership meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. Membership meetings are at 1114-16 Race Street (formerly Bud's Auto Parts) at 7pm. If you would like to help out at other times on projects please call and leave a message for me and I'll see to it that you are referred to the correct committee, or I can schedule you into the office.

GET INVOLVED !!!

Let's Rodeo

Truly YOUR President - Ashley Heavrynn

AROUND IGRA

Watch this column for announcements about upcoming events by other gay rodeo associations around the country.

Golden State Gay Rodeo Association

On March 31, 1990 the Los Angeles Chapter of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association will host California's sixth annual gay rodeo in Long Beach. TSGRA members are eligible to compete in this rodeo however, since California is a Division I state and we are a Division II association you CANNOT earn points toward the National Final Rodeo. For more information contact your corresponding secretary, Jim Sherwood (606) 491-5099 or write

GSGRA

Los Angeles Chapter

P.O. Box 90873

Long Beach, CA 90809

Fifth Annual Great Plains Regional Rodeo

The Oklahoma Gay Rodeo Association will host the Fifth Annual GPRR in Oklahoma City over Memorial Day weekend this year (May 25, 25, and 27). This IS a Division II rodeo and you CAN compete for points toward the National Finals Rodeo. Since the GPRR is a centrally located rodeo the turnout tends to be very good and this would be an excellent opportunity for our members to get an idea of how much fun rodeo can be. For more information contact Jim Sherwood or write

OGRA

P.O. Box 12485

OKC, OK 73157

Gay rodeo's are the culmination of a great deal of work by the hosting organization. And besides, THEY'RE A *%#S@#ING GOOD TIME! Any member who can attend is encouraged to do so. Deals are available on air fare and the host hotel usually has rates as low as \$52.00 per night. Watch this column in the future for details on how to go about competing in an IGRA sanctioned rodeo and brief descriptions of rodeo events.

Your Corresponding Secretary

Jim Sherwood



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 6 - 7:30 General Membership Meeting at 1116 Race Street & Bar Nite @ Spurs
Feb. 10 - Stomper's Nite at Spur's to benefit TSGRA
Feb. 11 - Drag Show @ Brik's to benefit AVOC hosted by TSGRA
Feb. 13 - Spur's Unlucky at Love Nite
Feb. 16 - Show at Brik's to benefit TSGRA
Feb. 25 - TSGRA's 1990 Rodeo Kickoff Show at the "Dock". This fund raiser will include performances by Jeanie Logan & Dave Tyler and others to be MC'ed by Danny Newman & Hurricane Summers
Feb. 27 - TSGRA Talent Nite at Spurs

MARCH

- Mar. 6 - General Membership Meeting at 1116 Race Street & Bar Nite at Spurs
Mar. 9 - "I remember Patsy" Show at W.G.Magics
Mar. 24 - TSGRA bar Nite in Lexington

APRIL

- Apr. 3 - General Membership Meeting at 1116 Race Street & Bar Nite @ Spurs
Apr. 21 - The First TSGRA Peoples Rodeo will be held, details to be announced.

In addition to these events the following Country Western Nites are being held weekly in Cincinnati.

Sunday 5 to 10 @ the Dock

Tuesday 9 to 2 @ Spurs

Thursday 9 to 2 @ W.G.Magics

Anyone wishing to add something to the events calendar please contact Bob at 431-1965 or Walt at 251-8246.

Note: The General Membership meetings on Tuesdays are now held at 7:00 PM with the Exec. Board meeting at 6:00 in order to have more time before the bar nite at Spurs. For the next three months the Exec. Board will meet at the offices above Brik's at 12:00 to 3:00 PM and the Board of Directors (committees) will meet after 3:00.

GCGLC COALITION MEETING OF FEB.10TH

RC, John and myself attended the coalition quarterly meeting, which are held outside their normal meetings for specific topics that are of concern of to member organizations. This meeting was to discuss the overall purpose and goals of the coalition and to start to develop what will become the new purpose statement for the coalition. The second 1/2 of the meeting was to discuss how the monthly meetings could be made more effective and less time consuming. During the meeting we divided into small groups to work out suggestions and then to present these suggestions to the entire body.

Several good topics were brought up for the goals portion of the meeting. A few of them are as follows;

1. For the coalition to be a community forum for information, to be a nerve center for coordinating events, to present a calendar to the community.
2. For the coalition to act as a mediator to resolve conflicts between member organizations. To attempt to provide a unified front to the straight community.
3. To develop a information booklet which would provide organizations a means to advertize their purposes and events. To allow articles from organizations which they could use to get the "word out about themselves".
4. To be responsible for Gay Pride Week as a celebration of the gay communities accomplishments over the year and as a means to inform and educate the straight community.
5. An open forum to discuss issues and differing viewpoints without anger. A means to inform others so that they maybe able to make their own discission.

The Executive Board will review all of the suggestions and develop a purpose statement to be presented at the regular March meeting and voted upon at the April meeting.

In the 2nd half several helpful suggestions were made that would hopefully shorten the coalition meetings. The president agreed to attempt to implement them in the coming year. Such as written reports from committee chairs and limiting discussion with set time allowances.

Your Rep. Walt W.

RODEO EVENTS

In this column we will attempt to give you an idea of what goes on at a gay rodeo (in the arena, anyway) and describe how to enter a gay rodeo as a competitor. In future newsletters we will highlight a particular event and describe the rules for that event. This month we will provide you with an overview of general rules and competition categories.

In order to compete in an IGRA sanctioned rodeo you must be a member of an IGRA recognized rodeo association and in good standing with that association (i.e. your dues are paid up). Announcements are sent to member organizations several months before a scheduled rodeo along with entry forms. First time competitors may register at the designated area when they arrive in the host city (usually a room at the host hotel the evening of the welcome party). If you have EVER competed in an IGRA rodeo before you MUST register by mail at least 14 days before the scheduled date of the rodeo or you will be assessed a \$50.00 fine (this rule doesn't apply to camp events -- we'll discuss those later).

Entry fees are determined by IGRA and for this year are \$17.00 per event per day. Fifteen dollars goes to the prize fund and \$2.00 is held in escrow by IGRA as a prize fund for the National Finals Rodeo. Competition takes place on two consecutive days according to the program established by the host association. You must register for at least one event per day.

There are four categories of competition at IGRA sanctioned rodeo's:

Rough Stock Events

As the name implies, these are events involving rough stock, bull riding, steer riding, bareback bronc riding, and chute dogging.

Roping Events

All roping events involve a calf and a rope. There are variations on this them -- calf roping on foot, breakaway roping, and team roping.

Equestrian Events

Equestrian events test the skill of a rider and his/her mount. They include barrel

racing, the Texas flag race and pole bending.

Camp Events

Camp events are unique to gay rodeo's. They were conceived to get more people involved in rodeo and are generally a lot of fun. You need not have experience to enter a camp event. They include the "wild drag race," steer decorating, and goat dressing.

In our next newsletter we will describe exactly what happens during the camp events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Our members have been busy the past couple weeks spreading the Rodeo everywhere lately. Thanks to a lot of people who got us to this point. We have had bodacious fun with our events lately. If you missed our trip to Indy or the bar nights at Brik's you have missed a hell'uva good time. Thanks go to many people, both Rodeo members, committee chairman, bartenders, patrons, and general members of our community.

The next few months are also going to be busy. Anyone with talents, energy, and an interest to help is asked to please help out. We need bartenders for the March 9th evening at W.G.Magics. If you can help with any of these fund raising events please contact Dave Campbell at (606)-635-9046. If you can help with the Peoples Rodeo please contact RC or Walt at 251-8246.

On the lighter side, for anyone who is wondering.... it was not Rick's sister or John's mother at W.G.Magics for the "Sock Hop".... it was members of the same family though.

The Public Relations Committee is lookin' for a few good cowpokes to help to out with art work and general designs for the Peoples Rodeo and other special events. If y'all are interested please contact Tony Byrd at (606)-291-8669.

Thanks for your support,
Tony Byrd P.R.chairman



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TRI STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

TRI-STATE GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION, INC.
326 East Eighth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

APPLICATION FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (HOME) _____

PHONE (OTHER) _____

Area of Interest _____

Do you own a Horse? _____

Do you Ride? (Steer, Bronc, Horse, Bull) _____

May we use your name/photo in our newsletter? _____

Comments _____

Have you ever been a member of any Gay Rodeo Association? _____

If yes, which one? _____ Dates? _____

Reason for leaving? _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

_____ Send my Rodeo newsletters and mail to my home address
(Plain envelope-return address only-no Gay Name)

_____ Hold all my mail for pick up at Rodeo Meetings or at
SPURS.

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (ONLY ONE !!!)

_____ Use my real name on all Rodeo Correspondance

_____ Use my First Name and last initial only

_____ Use my initials only

_____ Use my alias (Specify _____)

Date _____ By signing below I agree to uphold
the TSGRA Bylaws and to promote Gay Rodeo. I realize that this
is a gay organization and that unless you specifically indicate
otherwise your first name will be used in our newsletters. I
realize that the membership dues are \$25.00 a year, and I agree
to same.

SIGNATURE _____

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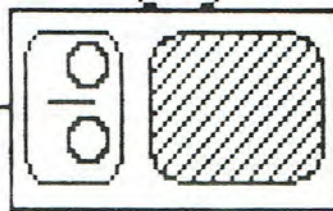
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**1st Annual
Regional People's
Rodeo**



Tune in to our Wave

APRIL 20, 21 & 22

Friday April 20

Kickoff Party

Saturday April 21

People's Rodeo

Sunday April 22

GPRR Kickoff Party

Cincinnati, Ohio

Tri-State Gay Rodeo Assoc

326 East Eighth Street

115 West Pike Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Covington, Kentucky 41011

Details (513) 621-7390