

Report of the Animal Issues Committee To the 22nd Annual IGRA Convention

Saturday, October 21, 2006

The Animal Issues Committee met on Friday, October 20, 2006, from 3:15 until 4:30. A total of 10 people attended, of which all were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. For Animal Issues, there was some very animated and heartfelt discussion, and I would like to thank the committee members for their input and concern.

The committee had three concerns that are not put forth as proposals.

The use of effective and proper motivation when loading animals was discussed at length. The recommendation was to better communicate the IGRA rules between the chute coordinator and the stock contractor. The issue was discussed with the Chute Coordinator Chair and will be a topic at each seminar in 2007.

The use of banners, which are also utilized for animal safety, has been declining. The recommendation is to request additional banners for your rodeo and use them effectively for breaking sight lines. More information can be found in the Rodeo Resources Guide.

There is a concern that rodeos are not being fined for undersized or underweight stock. No action was recommended, as this aspect of the issue was determined not to be in the area of this committee's responsibility.

The committee considered one proposal that was received prior to the meeting, and two proposals that were presented at the meeting. The proposals that were approved by the committee are attached to this report. The committee recommends approval of these proposals.

Rik Kelly
Chair, IGRA Animal Issues Committee

Page 14, Rule V, Section 8.E

A minimum of four (4) common goats are to be of healthy stock...

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...The Goats shall all be the same size, style, and brand. **Goats shall be exchanged after every five (5) heats.**