

Health & Safety Committee
Marriot Hotel
New Orleans, LA
Friday, October 31, 2008

Attendees:

Member & Association	Voting	Member & Association	Voting
Travis Nowers, CGRA	Yes	Gabe Sims, TGRA	Yes
Janie VanSanten, ARGRA	Yes	Linda M. Frazier, MGRA	Yes
Beth Brockelman, ASGRA	Yes	Ken Hogg, NMRA	Yes
Stephen Bloodworth, SMRA	Yes	Gary Eddy, SCCGRA	Yes
Doug Holmes, AGRA	Yes	Brian Vaccarezza, SCCGRA	No
Kurt Ried, HGRA	Yes		

The meeting was commenced at approximately 8:40 am. There were eleven people present with ten associations represented. There will not be any standing rule or rodeo rule changes submitted by this committee.

A document called **Rodeo Emergency Announcement Guidelines** was presented to the committee for review.

The document reads: *Contestant, Volunteer, or Guest Injury*

Unless the announcer is in receipt of a specific waiver allowing them to disclose the health information of the individual, the announcer should avoid doing so.

In lieu of referring to the specific injury, the announcer can:

- ?? Discuss IGRA's requirements related to injury (i.e.: medical personnel on site at all times).
- ?? Make references to the medical personnel (i.e.: the ambulance company).
- ?? Talk about IGRA's commitment to the health & safety of everyone involved in rodeo.
- ?? Discuss the event – generally- and how, in general, an injury might happen.

To fill time after the brief general discussion about injuries, the announcer can move on to announcements of sponsors, announcements of rodeo events, and other fillers.

When the rodeo resumes, the announcer can announce that the medical problem has been resolved and the rodeo is continuing.

The committee offered other ideas for time fillers; which include utilizing the royalty team, entertainers, and the such.

Discussion was held regarding the Rodeo Crisis Refund application and access, EMS procedures, and area security in the event of an accident.

Meeting concluded at 9:20 am.

Respectfully submitted by,
Linda M. Frazier