



COMMITTEE REPORT
IGRA CONVENTION, TORONTO
November 13, 2009

The World Gay Rodeo Finals committee met on Friday, October 31, 2008. Seventeen people attended representing 11 associations. Minutes and a list of attendees is attached to this report.

Roger Courtemanche gave the 2009 WGRF Wrap-up Report

- Successes include:
- The event made a modest profit even in a very difficult economy
- Attendance by Event - 840 Sat Rodeo / 355 Hoedown / 450 Sunday Rodeo.
- 121 contestants and 797 performances
- Horse Stalls Used - 85 horse / 15 tack
- Number of Vendors - 19
- More associations pitched in this year including AGRA, CGRA, GSGRA, MGRA, NMGRA and, SCCGRA.

Areas of concern were discussed:

- Some sponsors did not receive proper acknowledgement. The committee determined to appoint one individual to manage sponsorship compliance going forward. The committee voted to give Charlie's sponsorship of the roping box at no charge and Cowboy Frank dot com the Rodeo Director buckle sponsorship at no charge to make amends.
- We need printers, Wi Fi, office supplies and tools in show office
- Need to improve contestant and chute/arena crew refreshment
- The committee would like to develop a buckle or award for cow and non-cow volunteer of the year (develop selection process)
- Directional signage and venue maps needs improvement
- We ran out of all types of Badges

Brian Rogers led a discussion of the 2010 WGRF

- The basic rodeo production org chart was approved and some jobs were assigned. The committee authorized the rodeo directors to make adjustments as needed.
- BR to reach out to association to take on specific tasks

- The Officials' rotation was reviewed and it was decided there would be Certified Assistants, chosen by the Primary and then vetted by the certified committee chair.
- The overall budget was reviewed
- Discussed and approved basic schedule of events
- Rockstar signed on as a \$10k sponsor and we have asked Bud Light for \$15k.
- It was decided to offer various packages for events. Ed Barry was selected to develop the packages for approval by the committee. The base prices were set for Buckles [\$250], Chutes [\$500] and Roping Box [\$750]
- NGRA was approved to conduct various fundraising activities during WGRF in support of Local Charities

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WGRF MEETING MINUTES

Meeting started at 8:40am

Roger opened the meeting then turned it over to Brian Rogers, 2010 Rodeo Director. Discussion was held regarding Finals 2009 and what was learned both bad and good. The committee feels it is learning to work across the distances and communication is good.

We are waiting for Bod P and David H to finish reconciling the numbers from 2009 to get a final figure. It looks like the event just about broke even.

Brian R recognized and thanked the associations that contributed to Finals.

The organizational chart and job task list was presented to the committee. Rockstar and Bud Light are on-board as sponsors.

Discussion was held on leaderships and the decision making process. The consensus of the group was that the Rodeo Director and the finals committee are empowered to make decision on all matters related to Finals.

Jorge R addressed concerns from the Certified Officials. It was agreed that we would keep the rotation that is in effect, allow the primary officials to suggest their assistants from the Certified Officials pool and run those by the certified officials committee chairs.

Discussion was held on Buckles and Chute sponsorships. Rick motioned that the buckle minimum sponsorship be set at \$250, chutes at \$500 and the roping box at \$750. Ed B was appointed to come up with a comprehensive sponsorship package including the ability to sponsor entire events.

To correct the failure to recognize and meet our responsibilities to two sponsors Brian H motioned that Charlie's and Cowboy Frank dot com receive a free sponsorship for 2010 (Roping Box and Rodeo Director Buckle prospectively). That motion passed.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:27am.