

THE BRANDING IRON

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls,

I hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated during the “dawg days of summer”. I am so pleased to see that the AGRA membership is excited and all ready planning the 2013 Arizona Gay Rodeo. There were almost 40 members at last months membership meeting. That is so EXCITING to see the energy and new members getting involved.

Congratulations to all Delegates and Alternates that were nominated at last months membership meeting. We will all represent AGRA at convention extremely well. Stay tuned for information about rodeo and upcoming events, as September will be the start of a very busy time leading up to the 2013 Arizona Gay Rodeo.

Michael Weidmann
AGRA

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Next Newsletter Deadline:
August 25th 2012

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THANKS PATRICK!

Secretary's Report:

As of this report, AGRA has 112 members, with seven Champion Members.

I would like to wish happy birthday to the following AGRA members for the month of August:

Keenan Allen	August 12th
Bong-Bong	August 15th
Walt Hutter	August 18th
Kiki	August 20th

Sincerely,

Patrick Roe
AGRA Secretary





TRUSTEE

Trustee's Report

In the July 22, 2012 Membership Meeting, the following members were elected as delegates and alternate delegates for the 2012 IGRA Annual Convention:

Delegates

John King

Jai Crystal

Michael Chavez

Joshua Sipe (aka Claudia B)

Dan Iversen

Alternate Delegates

Kevin McSweeny (aka Pussy LeHoot)

Patrick Roe


Carl Thompson

Doug Holmes

Per AGRA Bylaws, Ron Trusley-Trustee and Michael Weidmann-President will also be delegates. Dates for convention are November 8-11 with committee meetings on Friday-November 9, and convention business sessions on Saturday and Sunday-November 10 & 11. All delegates and alternate delegates should plan to participate Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Convention will be at the Tuscany Suites and Casino in Las Vegas. Room rates are \$55.00 plus tax Monday through Thursday and Sunday, and \$99.00 plus tax Friday and Saturday. Registration will be available in early fall.

The 2012 World Gay Rodeo Finals (IGRA Finals Rodeo) and IGRA royalty competition will be October 18-21 in Fort Worth, Texas. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Arlington in Arlington, Texas with a room rate of \$94.00 per night.

IGRA University will be January 11-13, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Downtown in St Louis, Missouri. Room rates are \$85.00 per night. Registration fees will be on a graduating scale depending on the date of registration. From June 1 through August 31, registration is \$80.00; from September 1 through November 30, registration is \$100.00; and from December 1 through December 31, registration is \$125.00. Registration ends at midnight on December 31, 2012. Also, I would like to remind everyone that the IGRA Dance Competition will be held in conjunction with university.



More details for the three events listed above can be found on the IGRA website at www.igra.com.

In the August 12 membership meeting, we will accept nominations for the IGRA Appreciation Award, and voting will also take place in the meeting. This award is for non-members of IGRA who have made significant contributions to the association and is a means of providing a formal “thank you”. IGRA will cover the cost of no more than two (2) awards per Member Association.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

June: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$2,211.33
Checking	\$2,211.33
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$2,670.77
Rodeo	(\$3,537.00)
Year to Date 2012 Rodeo Net Income	(\$5,549.40)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Dollar Boot Sales \$238	Stock Contractor \$500
	Medical Transportation \$2000
	Arena \$1275
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$175	Bank & Credit Card Exp 131.20
Pride Beer Booth \$2513	Membership Expense \$2.85
Padio Show \$654.50	Office \$237.68
	Tax Preperation \$100
	Grand Ol' Opry \$200
July: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$3,021.34
Checking	\$3,021.34
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$810.01
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2012 Rodeo Net Income	(\$5,549.40)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$70	Bank & Credit Card Exp 131.95
Anvil Jello Shots \$152	Office \$186.04
Grand Ol' Opry \$866	
AGRA Fundraiser \$40	

MEETING SCHEDULE

2012 MEETING SCHEDULE			
BOARD MTG	MBRSHIP MTG	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES
03/07/12	03/11/12	Texas Tradition Rodeo (Fort Worth, TX)	March 2-4, 2012
		AGRA St Patio O Day	March 17, 2012
04/04/12	04/01/12	Saguaro Cup	April 13-15, 2012
		Sunshine Stampede (Ft Lauderdale, FL)	April 20-22, 2012
		Phoenix Pride 2012	April 21-22, 2012
05/09/12	05/13/12	Hot Rodeo 2012 (Palm Springs, CA)	May 4-6, 2012
		AGRA Chili Verde Day	May 5, 2012
		Big Horn Rodeo (Las Vegas, NV)	May 11-13, 2012
		Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK)	May 25-27, 2012
06/06/12	06/10/12	Sierra Stampede (Sacramento, CA)	June 8-10, 2012 (cancelled)
		Pride in the Pines (Flagstaff, AZ)	June 16, 2012
		Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (Calgary) *	June 29-July 1, 2012
		AGRA Grand Ol' Opry	July 7, 2012 (date change)
07/18/12	07/22/12	Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) *	July 13-15, 2012
		Rodeo Fest 2012 (Detroit, MI)	July 27-29, 2012
08/08/12	08/12/12	Zia Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe, NM) *	August 3-5, 2012
		Windy City Rodeo (Chicago, IL)	August 24-26, 2012 (cancelled)
		Show-Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO)	August 31-September 2, 2012
09/05/12	09/09/12	AGRA Beach Party	September 1, 2012
		Best Buck in the Bay (San Francisco, CA)	September 14-16, 2012
		Sedona/Verde Valley Pride (Cottonwood)	September 29, 2012 (changes)
10/10/12	10/14/12	Rainbows Festival (Phoenix)	October 6-7, 2012
		Tucson Pride	October 13, 2012 (date change)
		26th Annual IGRA Finals Rodeo (Fort Worth)	October 19-21, 2012
		27th Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Ft Worth)	October 19-21, 2012
11/14/12	11/18/12	28th Annual IGRA Convention (Las Vegas)	November 8-11, 2012
12/05/12	12/09/12	AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's	December 9, 2012
01/02/13	01/06/13	IGRA University (St Louis)	January 11-13, 2013
		Super Bowl Sunday (New Orleans, LA)	February 3, 2013
02/06/13	02/10/13	Pre-Rodeo Bar Crawl with Hensley/Bud Light	February 8, 2013
		Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo	February 13, 2013
		28th Anniversary Road Runner Regional Rodeo *	February 15-17, 2013

* Indicates IGRA Rodeo Division 2

Board Meetings - 7 pm - Charlie's Offices

Membership Meetings - 4 pm - Charlie's bar - except December meeting will be at 7:00 pm



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