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August 2015

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President's Report

Greetings AGRA Members! I hope everyone is staying cool in these hot summer months.

At our August Board meeting on the 9th we will be voting on the charities that we will be donating funds to for 2015. Please be sure you join us so that your vote counts.

Plans are well underway for the 2016 Az Gay Rodeo and the Rodeo Committee will be meeting at 6:00pm prior to every Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors meeting schedule has changed so please be sure to update your calendars.

Be sure to join us Saturday Sept 5th at 9:30pm for our Annual Labor Day Beach Party and Show at Charlie's. Also August 29th at 9pm at Rainbow Cactus for an AGRA Royalty Show and Fundraiser.

Have a great August and remember cooler months are just around the corner!

Todd M Wyckoff
AGRA President

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Vice President's Report

Well, July was a busy month for the royalty team. We had several successful shows and we traveled to Denver. While there, we helped raise over \$7,500.00 for one of our CGRA brothers that had been in a horse-related accident the weekend before. It's great to see the royalty band together and raise money for those in need. August will be busy, first with getting the paperwork in for going to compete in the World Gay Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas, NV. This year should be an exciting show as we will be in the beautiful South Point Arena, Hotel, Casino, and Spa. Looking forward to the Zia Rodeo in Santa Fe, NM in the middle of the month. That's all for know, everyone have a wonderful month.

Michael Brent
A.G.R.A. Vice President.

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Trustee's Report

I would like to provide a little information from the past five rodeos on the IGRA circuit, starting with the last rodeo and working backwards.

North Star Regional Rodeo – Minneapolis, MN

No AGRA contestants. Total of 45 contestants

Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo – Denver, CO

Shelly Woodson 1st place on Saturday – Calf Roping on Foot

Raymond Norris 2nd place on Sunday – Pole Bending

Total of 92 contestants

Canadian Rockies International Rodeo

Greg Begay 4th place on Sunday – Calf Roping on Foot

1st place on Saturday – Breakaway Roping

6th place on Saturday – Barrel Racing

4th place on Saturday – Pole Bending

1st place on Sunday – Pole Bending

Pole Bending Buckle

1st place on Saturday – Flag Race

1st place on Sunday – Flag Race

Flag Race Buckle

6th place on Saturday – Steer Decorating

1st place on Saturday – Goat Dressing

1st place on Sunday – Goat Dressing

Goat Dressing Buckle

ALL-AROUND COWBOY

Raymond Norris 5th place on Saturday – Pole Bending

5th place on Sunday – Pole Bending

7th place on Saturday – Goat Dressing

8th place on Sunday – Goat Dressing

Total of 109 contestants at the Canadian Rockies International Rodeo.

Great Plains Rodeo

No AGRA contestants. Total of 91 contestants

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BigHorn Rodeo

Jaimes Loughrey

1st place on Saturday – Chute Dogging

5th place on Sunday – Chute Dogging

Chute Dogging Buckle

2nd place on Saturday – Calf Roping on Foot

4th place on Sunday – Calf Roping on Foot

4th place on Saturday – Breakaway Roping

1st place on Sunday – Steer Decorating

2nd place on Sunday – Wild Drag Race

6th place on Saturday – Goat Dressing

5th place on Sunday – Goat Dressing

Matthew Ollendick

6th place on Saturday – Goat Dressing

5th place on Sunday – Goat Dressing

Greg Begay

1st place on Saturday – Calf Roping on Foot

3rd place on Sunday – Calf Roping on Foot

Calf Roping on Foot Buckle

1st place on Saturday – Breakaway Roping

3rd place on Sunday – Breakaway Roping

Breakaway Roping Buckle

1st place on Saturday – Team Roping

1st place on Sunday – Team Roping (Heeler)

2nd place on Sunday – Team Roping (Header)

Team Roping Buckle

6th place on Saturday – Wild Drag Race

1st place on Sunday – Wild Drag Race

Lorenzo Dell 'Aquila

2nd place on Saturday – Barrel Racing

1st place on Sunday – Barrel Racing

Barrel Racing Buckle

4th place on Saturday – Flag Race

Keenan Allen

6th place on Saturday – Flag Race

4th place on Sunday – Flag Race

5th place on Saturday – Steer Decorating

7th place on Sunday – Steer Decorating

1st place on Saturday – Wild Drag Race

8th place on Sunday – Goat Dressing

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Trustee's Report Continued

If you are planning to go to the IGRA Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in October, please make your hotel reservations now. I have been told that the room block was exceeded and more rooms were added. I expect all rooms will sell out very quickly. IGRA Royalty competition will take place on Friday and Friday night with registration on Thursday. Crowning of 2016 royalty will take place on Saturday night.

Voting for 2015 IGRA Annual Convention Delegates took place in the July 19 membership meeting. Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the convention are:

<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Alternate Delegates</u>
Ron Trusley, Trustee	Michael Brent
Todd Wyckoff, President	Arnie Chavez
John King	Patrick Roe
Bob Pimentel	Carlos Rodriguez
Jai Crystal	
Dan Iversen	

For those attending the IGRA Annual Convention, I encourage you to make your hotel reservations now.

Also, in the July 19 membership meeting nominations were received for IGRA awards. Nominations received are:

<u>International Award</u>	<u>Trustees' Award</u>
Rob Matyska	Renita Encinias
Steve Sublett aka Aspen Vail	David Lawson
	Robin Cagle
	Jaimes Loughrey
	Greg Begay

The IGRA Board of Directors will vote for the recipients of the International Award, and the IGRA Board of Trustees will vote for the recipients of the Trustees' Award.

Appreciation Award

Rainbow Cactus Saloon
Club Audio and Lighting Effects
Men of Charlie's – Phoenix
The Corona Family

IGRA will pay for two Appreciation Awards, but AGRA members voted to give this award to the four nominees so AGRA will pay for the two additional awards.

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The Zia Regional Rodeo will be August 14-16 in Santa Fe, and the Best Buck in the Bay Rodeo will be September 11-15 in Duncan Mills, California. Best Buck in the Bay is the last rodeo on the 2015 circuit before the World Gay Rodeo Finals.

Then the last IGRA event for 2015 will be the Annual Convention November 12-15 at the Sirata Beach Resort in St Petersburg, Florida.

Ron Trusley
AGRA Trustee
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Treasurer's Report

June: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$24,835.50
Checking	\$24,835.50
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$4,306.58
Rodeo	\$50.00
Year to Date 2015 Rodeo Net Income	\$8,833.27
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Sponsorship \$50	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$1100	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$131.98
Fundraisers \$374	Website \$69.99
Pride Beer Booth \$3107	Telephone \$72.45
July: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$25,029.01
Checking	\$25,029.01
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$193.51
Rodeo	\$0.00
Year to Date 2015 Rodeo Net Income	\$8,833.27
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$25	Bank & Credit Card Exp \$127.95
Fundraisers \$370	Telephone \$73.54

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Secretary's Report

Happy August to all of our AGRA members. We've continued to grow, and we're currently at 159 members, with five champion members.

I'd like to wish a happy birthday to our members born in the month of August, including:

August	1 st	Andrew
August	7th	Chris
August	9th	Jim Brown
August	11th	Jesse
August	12th	Miguel Robles
August	18th	Walt Hutter
August	19th	Alfonso Marques
August	25th	Clem Clark
August	28th	Ashleigh
August	29th	Janet
August	30th	Lucas

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Fundraiser Director's Report

Howdy all

Upcoming events for AGRA

August 29th at Rainbow Cactus show time 9pm.

The annual AGRA Beach Party will be held on Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

Come and have fun and support AGRA.

Mipsy Mikels Miss AGRA 2015
Fundraiser Director

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Public Relations Director Report

Hello all,

I look forward in the next couple of weeks getting started in obtaining sponsors for our 31st annual Arizona Gay Rodeo. If any of you members know of any business, organization, or individual that would like to become a sponsor please let me know.

Thank You,

Carlos L. Rodriguez

A.G.R.A. Public Relations Director

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2015 AGRA ROYALTY

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Miss AGRA 2015
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