



P.O. Box 56503 Little Rock, AR 72215

Diamond State Rodeo Association

June, 1997

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- General Membership Meeting - June 20
- Levi-Leather Night - June 21
- Membership Drive - June 27
- Bear Night / Hirusute Pursuit - June 28
- Clubhouse Closed - July 4
- Women's night - July 5
- Spades Night / Lariat Deadline - July 11
- Levi-Leather Night - July 12
- General Membership Meeting - July 18
- Casino Night - July 19



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is time once again to renew your membership. Our current membership is at 165. It is very important that we all make an effort to renew and encourage all our friends to renew. The next year will bring even more events and good deeds for our community - with your help and participation.

Also coming up are the elections for the Board of Directors. Everyone should take time to think about who they want taking care of DSRA's business and representing them in an official capacity. Just remember, if you choose to run for the board, and I hope alot of new and old members take that task on, it can be a very time consuming commitment. When someone is elected to a position, they are making a year long commitment to the good of the organization. We need movers and shakers!!!

I hope everyone will make an attempt to come out to the club house every weekend. Summer is a dry season for the crops and clubhouse. There are plenty of events planned. If you don't see one that suites you, call your events chairperson and suggest something. I plan on hosting trival pursuit game contests this next year - anyone interested????

## IGRA Convention Delegates Needed

Salt Lake City is about to be invaded by gay cowboys and cowgirls for the annual IGRA Convention to be held this year, July 24-26. The convention is an excellent time to learn about the workings of the IGRA and make friends from around the country that may be able to help us in our efforts. Although it does involve a lot of meetings, it also involves a lot of fun and includes the International Country Western Dance Competition in the evening. Anyone interested in being a delegate please contact our IGRA Trustee, Steve Mitchell, for more information at 758-3133 or [smitch@aristotle.net](mailto:smitch@aristotle.net).

The DSRA is entitled to 6 voting delegates and up to 5 alternates. At this point it looks like we will have only 4 traveling to Salt Lake. It would be great if we could at

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least have a full voting delegation...not to mention more fun. The slate of delegates will need to be approved at our need general membership meeting so please be there if you are interested.

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## RODEO DIRECTOR

During June's general membership meeting on Friday, June 20th, we will be deciding how to distribute the monies that was raised during Rodeo In The Rock 97. If you would like to voice your opinion, that will be the time to speak out.

I am still taking a breather before we fire up for the '98 rodeo season. But hotel contracts need to be signed, art work needs to be decided on, and it's never too soon to start raising money for the cause.

I hope everyone will participate in the 25/25/50 pot that will be on going throughout the year. Of course, with Richard's permission, we will be holding Olde World Pizza nights .(By the way, next time you are at Olde World,

The next Lariat deadline is July 11th. If you are interested in submitting an article for publication, please contact Mike at 666-3706.

### 25/25/50 POT SPLIT FUND-RAISER

\*At each Major DSRA Function chances will be given for each one dollar donation.

\* At the end of that evening one name will be drawn for 25% of the money raised that night.

\*On April 25th '98, (The Saturday Night Rodeo Dance) the other 25% that has grown all year will be given away. Predicted amount about \$2,400!

\*Everyone who has participated all year will still be eligible to win.

\*The remaining 50% will go to finance the Rodeo. Predicted amount about \$4,800!



*DSRA not responsible for any taxes incurred by the winner*

tell them how much you appreciate their support for DSRA and the Rodeo). We will be having auctions, parties, more dinners with friends, shows and more events to raise the money necessary to host one of the best rodeos on the IGRA circuit.

There is a slight possibility we could be persuaded to take on the responsibility of directing the finals rodeo -

we will talk at the meeting this weekend - if you have an opinion and want to hear what it will take to put on Finals, be there!

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*Just For Fun:* If your dog falls in love with a guest's leg, have the decency to leave them alone for a few minutes.



## D.S.R.A. General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 16, 1997

The meeting began at 9:15 PM. There were not enough members for a quorum, so the meeting proceeded without any business being conducted.

**President's Report**- No report.

**Vice President's Report**- No report.

**Secretary's Report**- No report.

**Treasurer's Report**- John L reported that there is \$850 in the General Account and \$9700 in the Rodeo Account. There is still monies that are due in. Harbor distributing- \$500. Silver Dollar- \$650 for buckle sponsorship. The rent will be due for next month also.

**Clubhouse Manager's Report**- Rick M. not present. No report.

**Publicity Chair Report**- Mike B. reported that the next Lariat deadline is June 13th. There are changes in the calender. There is a softball tournament on the same night as the Leather/Levi night at the clubhouse. L/L is to be held on the 12th of June. Women's Night is to be June the 5th.

**Event's Chair**- Dennis N. that there was a problem with the Hilton on the final bill. After talking with the Hilton officials about this problem, it was determined that the D.S.R.A. owed much less money than had previously been determined by the Hilton. The final bill would be due soon.

**Membership Chair**- Sandy K. reported that there are currently 162 members of the D.S.R.A. Copies of membership applications would be placed in the next Lariat. Forms needed to be fully completed. It should be noted that the membership dues are prorated for new members only. All current members need to pay in full.

**Trustee's Report**- Steve M. reported that the IGRA held a meeting just prior to our rodeo. During that meeting, it was decided that the top two horses in timed events would be tested for drugs. Drug testing could also be asked by the IGRA officials if need be. The certification of John Romeres was contested, but he successfully defended himself in that matter. David Hill is the new treasurer. Steve also showed where the IGRA website had about 30,000 hits per month. The hits were from around the US and 9% was from foriegn countries. Registration forms were now available for the IGRA Convention to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Rodeo Director's Report**- Julie W. reported that she and Dennis would soon start hotel shopping for next year's rodeo. The monies raised by this years rodeo needed to be divided among the charities. How much and to whom the monies would go to would be determined at the next meeting. She also stated that she would accept a nomination for next year's Rodeo Director if no one else wanted it, but that she probably would not seek another term as D.S.R.A. president.

**Old/New Business**- John L. stated that the D.S.R.A. could get a 501 C-3 tax exempt status if we held the next rodeo with the Ryan White Center as a sponsor of the rodeo. This would come under an umbrella for tax exempt status, therefore, we could get even more corporate sponsorship to have the rodeo. The decision on this would be tabled for now until there has been further discussion on the matter.

Meeting ended at 9:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacky Green

Secretary

D.S.R.A.



We are trying to use e-mail as much as possible to help remind members about upcoming events. If you haven't received a message from Steve Mitchell by the time you receive this Lariat, we don't have your address (or cannot read your membership form!). If you have an e-mail address please contact Steve at [smitch@aristotle.net](mailto:smitch@aristotle.net) so he can add you to the list for future announcements.

DIAMOND STATE RODEO ASSOCIATION 1996-1997 BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
President	Julie Williams	562-2010
Vice President	Linda Miller	614-3887
Secretary	Jacky Green	663-7353
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Rodeo Director	Julie Williams	562-2010

## Bear Night



## Kirusute Pursuit June 28

## Cheryl's Quotes

Let me be aware of the treasure you are!  
There is much satisfaction in work well done.

Praise is sweet; but there can be no happiness equal to the joy of finding a heart that understands.

An apology is a good way to have the last word!

Is your household receiving two Lariats?

Let us know!!!

"Save the DSRA a few bucks."

DSRA please combine the following names on your mailing list:

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

The next general membership meeting is June 20th at 9 PM, at the new DSRA Clubhouse. Your attendance is needed and greatly appreciated. Please attend.

