



# BRANDING IRON

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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## President's Report

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of the AGRA members and supporter who attended the Hot Rodeo in Palm Springs May 6-8 and volunteered in various areas throughout the weekend. Also, I want to say a special thank you to Dan Oldenburg and Jeffrey Smit who attended the Imperial Sovereign Empire of Arizona Coronation the same weekend and represented AGRA at that event. YOU ARE ALL GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

AGRA is sponsoring the Men's and Women's Barrel Racing Medals at the 2016 World Gay Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas in October. Also, we are sponsoring a buckle at the North Star Regional Rodeo in July.

I would like to remind everyone that in the May 22 membership meeting we accepted nominations for IGRA Convention Delegates. We will accept nominations again in the June 12 membership meeting, and then we will vote in the July membership meeting. So, if you are interested in attending as a delegate or alternate delegate, make sure someone nominates you, or you can even nominate yourself.

Although we are only about 3 months into our rodeo year, I want to thank the board members for their dedication and support of AGRA. You are each special and are performing your respective job duties in an excellent manner. Thank you.

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## Vice President's Report

**The Vice President's report is unavailable this month and will return next month.**

**Thank You!**

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

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## Secretary's Report

**Happy June everyone! I'm happy to report we've grown to 70 members and know we'll keep expanding. Our report with the Corporation Commission was timely filed at the end of May. I'd like to wish a happy birthday to following members born in June:**

**June 10th- Jeff**

**June 20th- Valentino**

**June 25th- Jay Lovejoy**

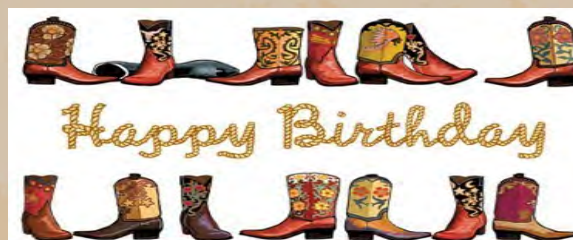
**June 25th- Ivens**

**June 28th- Ron Trusley**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Patrick Roe

A.G.R.A. Secretary



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## **Treasurer's Report**

**The Treasurer's report is unavailable for this month and will return next month.**

**Thank you,**

**Jai Crystal  
A.G.R.A Treasurer**



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## Public Relations Director Report

**Hello fellow board members and membership. As of today we have a total of 1926 " Like's " on Facebook which is a slight drop from May and 613 followers on Instagram! Good work just please share us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram at AGRA\_GAY\_RODEO. I really do not have much to report but we will be doing a photo shoot for our board members and royalty and it would be nice to have some nice pictures of our current and new members. This will more than likely be set on a Sunday before or after our membership meeting. I will keep you all posted on that date once it is set. Also remember if you have anything AGRA related please make sure I have that info or article before the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. You may email me at Richa5my@aol.com Thank you all for your continued dedication to AGRA and lets get some new members!!!**

**Regards,**

**Richard Myers  
Public Relations Director  
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## **Fundraising Director's Report**

**The Fundraising Director has nothing to report at this time.**

**Thank You,**

**Kevin McSweeney AKA Pussy LeHoot  
Fundraising Director  
Arizona Gay Rodeo Association**

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## Trustee's Report

Palm Springs Rodeo was well represented by AGRA royalty and contestants. I attended the IGRA BOD meeting, Executive Board Meeting and the Trustees meeting. These meetings started at 10am and went on until 5:30pm. There were many things discussed about procedures and new programs to help promote different areas of the rodeo like a program to promote rodeo schools by allowing local organizations to apply for money from IGRA to put on the school. Or a program to promote rough stock events by applying to IGRA for added purse/prize. Similar to what Charlie's already gives AGRA to promote rough stock events by giving us money for added purse/prize. I will be learning more about these programs and reporting out to the memberships in the near future. There were some very lengthy conversations about Trustees and Rule interpretations during the Trustees meetings. All in all, Palm Springs did a great job with their rodeo and there were no fines and or negative feedback at the post rodeo meeting on Sunday. The next Rodeo on the circuit is the OKC rodeo. I will not be attending this rodeo and there are no meetings at this rodeo. The next IGRA BOD meetings will be at the Denver Rodeo in July. I do plan on attending.

Regards,

Bob Pimentel  
A.G.R.A Trustee



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## **Rodeo Director's Report**

**Planning for the 2017 AGRA Rodeo has begun. After giving my report to the Gen Membership on the 22nd I had asked for anyone that was interested in being a part of putting on the rodeo to meet on the patio after the meeting. I was very pleased to see so many people show up. I got a list of 10 or 12 people that I will be contacting going forward. Each one will be contacted and asked to help. I also have a request from a member that wants to learn to be a Rodeo Director so I will be working with him. Some of the things that are already in the works or completed are:**

**Contract negotiations with the Coronas**

**Contract negotiations with Hensley (Bud Light)**

**Contract negotiations with Stock Contractor**

**Graphic designs for posters and marketing**

**Appointment of certified officials**

**Process changes and appointment of buckle sales chair**

**Process changes for marketing**

**Looking at entertainment options**

**Completing Rodeo application to turn into IGRA at July trustee meeting**

**Regards,**

**Bob Pimentel**

**A.G.R.A Rodeo Director**

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## { CALENDAR } OF EVENTS

### June 2016

June 8th at 7:00 PM AGRA Board Meeting ( Charlie's )

June 12th at 3:00 PM AGRA Membership Meeting ( Charlie's )

### July 2016

July 2nd at 9:30 PM AGRA Grand Ol' Opry ( Charlie's )

July 13th at 7:00 PM AGRA Board Meeting ( Charlie's )

July 17th at 3:00 PM AGRA Membership Meeting ( Charlie's )





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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION



# RODDEO

Rodeo Begins

Feb 17th-19th, 2017

Become A Member At

[www.agra-phx.com/members.shtml](http://www.agra-phx.com/members.shtml)

[www.agra-phx.com](http://www.agra-phx.com)

## CORONA RANCH

Banquets and Special Events

7611 S 29th Ave, Laveen Village, AZ 85339



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# NOTICE

## OFFICIAL AGRA SHIRTS

If you would like to purchase an official AGRA shirt, contact Bob Hitchcock. His email address is [garthaz@cox.net](mailto:garthaz@cox.net), and his phone number is (602) 292-0266.

Bob will handle all requests and orders for shirts.

Both women's and men's shirts are available, but the women's shirt does not have a pocket.

Thank You!



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## Annual Schedule of Event's

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE				
AGRA BOARD MEETING	AGRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING	RODEO/EVENT NAME	RODEO/EVENT DATES	IGRA BOARD MEETING
March 09, 2016	March 20, 2016	AGRA St Patio Day	March 19, 2016 March 27, 2016 - Easter Sunday	
April 13, 2016	April 17, 2016	Phoenix Pride Parade & Festival A Texas Tradition Rodeo (Dallas, TX)	April 2-3, 2016 April 29-May 1, 2016	
May 18, 2016	May 22, 2016	AGRA Chili Verde Day Hot Rodeo 2016 (Palm Springs, CA) Great Plains Rodeo (Oklahoma City, OK)	May 7, 2016 May 6-8, 2016 May 27-29, 2016	May 6, 2016
June 08, 2016	June 12, 2016			
July 13, 2016	July 17, 2016	AGRA Grand Ol' Opry Canadian Rockies International Rodeo (Calgary) * Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo (Denver, CO) * North Star Regional Rodeo (Minneapolis, MN)	July 2, 2016 July 1-3, 2016 July 8-10, 2016 July 29-31, 2016	July 8, 2016
August 17, 2016	August 21, 2016	Zia Regional Rodeo (Santa Fe, NM) *	August 12-14, 2016	
September 14, 2016	September 18, 2016	Show Me State Rodeo (Kansas City, MO) AGRA Beach Party Best Buck in the Bay-Rodeo on the River (Guerneville, CA) Sierra Stampede (Sacramento, CA)	September 2-4, 2016 September 3, 2016 September 9-11, 2016 September 16-18, 2016	
October 05, 2016	October 09, 2016	Tucson Pride (Tucson, AZ) Rainbows Festival (Phoenix, AZ) 30th Annual World Gay Rodeo Finals (Las Vegas, NV) 31st Annual IGRA Royalty Competition (Las Vegas, NV)	October 15, 2016 October 15-16, 2016 October 20-23, 2016 October 20-23, 2016	
November 09, 2016	November 13, 2016	AGRA Thanksgiving Bake Sale 32nd Annual IGRA Convention (Austin, TX)	November 20, 2016 November 17-20, 2016	November 17, 2016
December 14, 2016	December 18, 2016	AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's/Bake Sale	December 18, 2016	
January 11, 2017	January 22, 2017	IGRA University (Las Vegas, NV)	January 13-15, 2017	
February 08, 2017	February 12, 2017	Super Bowl LI (51) (Houston, TX) Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo 32nd Anniversary Arizona Gay Rodeo Rodeo Volunteer Party AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet	February 5, 2017 February 15, 2017 February 17-19, 2017 February 24, 2017 (Friday) February 25, 2017 (Saturday)	
March 08, 2017	March 12, 2017			
Board Meetings - 7:00 pm - Charlie's Offices			* Indicates IGRA Rodeo Division 2	
Membership meetings - 3:00 pm - Charlie's Dance Floor				

**Next Board Meeting: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Charlie's Office's**

**Next Membership Meeting: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:00 pm at Charlie's Dance Floor**

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Miss IGRA 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up 2016  
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