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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION

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July 2011 Edition
Next Newsletter Deadline:
July 24th 2011

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Hello Cowboys and Cowgirls,

Well summer is definitely upon us, I hope everyone is staying cool and well hydrated! At July's membership meeting we will be voting on our delegates and alternates that we will be sending to San Diego for IGRA convention in November 2011. Please be sure to cast your vote.

I hope to see everyone at the Rodeo Volunteer Party at Charlie's at 7pm on July 2nd, followed by the The Grand Ol' Opry AGRA annual fundraiser. We will also be holding our first membership drive that same evening. If you have any friends or contacts that would like to part of AGRA please bring them along.

That's all for now! Be safe and stay cool!

Respectfully,
Michael Weidmann
AGRA President





THANKS BOB!

Howdy Folks!

Well, it's time again to wish some folks a Happy Birthday and a wish for many more! These members of AGRA all share the month of July as a Birthday Month...All born in the month of our Independence. Happy Birthday to all of you from all of us!

7/3 Greg Gillum
7/8 Robert Strabala
7/8 Matthew Laird
7/9 Jaimes Loughrey
7/13 Jim Maher
7/22 Timothy Schwer

As of June 25th, our membership for 2011 stands at 74, with 8 Champion members. Great start for the year, but we can really make that number climb with just a little effort. I will undertake a program to contact former members and members who have not renewed, to encourage them to once again become members of AGRA and infuse our organization with increased membership. It is so very important that we reach out to regain those that we have lost, for whatever reason.

Well, summer has started to heat up now! I hope everyone is enjoying the heat, and getting out there and promoting our organization. Remember...we have a lot to be proud of! We are the Original Gay Rodeo Association in Arizona!

Bob Shukis
2011 Secretary

Hello AGRA Membership,

Here is the financial report:

Thank you,

Jai
AGRA Treasurer



May: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$5,038.32
Checking	\$5,038.32
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$910.19
Rodeo	\$501.00
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income	(\$12,794.30)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Sway Events \$1 Boot Sales \$501	
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Additional Person at Banquet \$40	Bank & Credit Card Exp 129.78
Membership Dues \$35	Chili Verde Day \$56.95
Charlies Patio Show \$500	Office Expense \$207.08
Chili Verde Day \$729	
June: Balance Sheet	
Total Assets	\$5,382.69
Checking	\$5,382.69
CD	\$0
Non Rodeo	\$2,039.70
Rodeo	(\$1,695.33)
Year to Date 2010 Rodeo Net Income	(\$14,489.63)
Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Program Ads \$450	Generator Rental \$1686.33
	Volunteer Party \$200
	Refund \$259
Non-Rodeo	
Income:	Expenses:
Membership Dues \$71	Bank & Credit Card Exp 127.95
Merchandise \$15	IGRA Membership Fee \$600
Apollos Kowby Karaoke \$191	IGRA Fundraiser \$2675.50
Pride Beer Booth Sales \$5351	Office Expense \$184.85





TRUSTEE

Trustee's Report

In the June 12, 2011 Membership Meeting, additional nominations were accepted for the 2011 Annual IGRA Convention that will be November 9-13 at the Hilton Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego. Kyle Ross was nominated in the May 15 Membership Meeting, but since then he notified the AGRA Secretary that he was withdrawing his nomination. These are the members who were nominated in both meetings and accepted the nomination:

Dan Iversen, Joshua Sipe aka Claudia B, Jai Crystal, David Holmes, Doug Holmes, John King, Gary Hatterman, Greg Gillum, Cary Leibowitz, Bob Shukis and Carlos Garcia

Voting by secret ballot will take place in the July 17 Membership Meeting. The AGRA President and Trustee are automatically Delegates. The four people receiving the highest number of votes will be Delegates, and the five people with the next highest number of votes will be Alternate Delegates.

We are planning an AGRA Retreat/Training for Friday & Saturday, July 22 & 23, with Friday evening being a "social" and the actual training for several hours on Saturday. Although all of the details have not been finalized, I am asking you to please let me know if you are interested in attending. The retreat/training is open to all members!

I want to thank Michael Butts for serving as AGRA Alternate Trustee at the Great Plains Rodeo in Oklahoma City Memorial Day weekend.

The next IGRA Board & Trustees' Meetings will be Friday, July 8, 2011, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo in Denver. I plan to attend these meetings.

Ron Trusley
AGRA Trustee



MEETING SCHEDULE

AGRA Board Meeting
Schedule 2011 - 2012
(Charlie's Office)

May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 16
December 7
January 4
February 8

AGRA Membership Meeting
Schedule 2011 - 2012
(Charlie's Dance Floor)

May 15
June 12
July 17
August 14
September 18
October 16
November 20
December 11
January 8
February 12





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