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DECEMBER 2018



The Official Newsletter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Michael Brent,
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Weidmann,
Christi Mikels,
Mark Boyd,
Claudia B,
RJ Mikels,
Dan Iversen,
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Lovell, Jerry
Griffin, Jeffrey
Smit and
I attended

the 2018 IGRA Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah November 16-18. Everyone participated in the various committee meetings on Friday and then in convention sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Your delegates and alternate delegates represented AGRA in a professional, caring, and courteous manner. Thank you all!

Dan Iversen was inducted into the IGRA Hall of Fame – an honor well deserved. Congratulations Dan! RJ Mikels and Mipsy Mikels received the International Award, and Mipsy also received the President's Award. Congratulations!

Candy Pratt was re-elected as IGRA President for a 2-year term (January 2019-December 2020), and David Hill was re-elected as Treasurer for the same 2-year term. Buck Beal was appointed as 2019 World Gay Rodeo Finals Rodeo Director, and Sammy Simpkin was appointed as Committee Chair.

There were several Bylaws/Standing Rules/Rodeo Rules changes that I am certain our current Trustee, Michael Brent, will review in our December 16 membership meeting.

In the November Membership Meeting,

nominations for 2019 board positions were received. Those nominated and who accepted the nomination include:

Fund Raising Director

Nikki Starr (Jayme Walker)

Joshua Sipe (Claudia B)

Public Relations Director

Mark Boyd

Secretary

Christi Mikels

Vice President

Michael Butts

Joshua Sipe (Claudia B)

President

Ron Trusley

Nominations will be accepted again in the December 16 membership meeting, and voting will be done by members present in our January 13, 2019 membership meeting.

Elections for IGRA Trustee for a 3-year term (January 2019-December 2021) were held in November 11 membership meeting. RJ Mikels was elected to this position. Congratulations RJ, and thank you Michael Brent for serving as our trustee for the past 3 years.

In our December membership meeting we will give away 2 large hams. When you check in for the meeting, you will be given a ticket and entered into the drawing.

All current memberships expire the last day of February 2018. Usually many of us wait and renew our membership in the March meeting each year. Everyone who renews their membership before February 1, 2019 will be entered into a drawing. A few different prizes will be given away, including at least one cash prize of \$100.00. This is my personal commitment. We are considering

other possible prize opportunities for all new and renewing members.

Our Bylaws Committee has really been busy reviewing the current bylaws and will soon be proposing several changes. All proposals will be voted on by members present in the membership meeting; absentee or proxy ballots are not allowed.

December 16 is also AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's. I am sure there will be plenty of entertainment and maybe some surprises. Our Annual Holiday Bake Sale will also be this same day with a limited number of "goodies" for sale.

I hope you all had a special Thanksgiving and took time out of your hectic schedules to reflect and be thankful for the many things we have and cherish – especially our family and friends! I

Want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one a very MERRY AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Thank you for helping make 2018 a great year for AGRA. Hopefully, we will all commit to continue our involvement in and support of AGRA in 2019 and work together to make it another great year.

Together we make a difference and achieve much. AGRA is certainly alive and well and continues to thrive. AGRA is your association, and I truly hope you continue coming to the monthly membership meetings and to being involved in other AGRA activities as much as possible.

-Ron Trusley
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President

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RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Wow!!! It is only about 2 ½ months until our 2019 rodeo – our 34th Anniversary! Time does fly by when you are having fun!

I simply cannot say enough about how happy and pleased I am with the Rodeo Committee and their work and dedication to make the rodeo successful, fun, entertaining, and one that people will want to return to in 2020.

When we were in Salt Lake City for the IGRA Annual Convention, numerous people told me they will definitely be at our 2019 rodeo and how excited they are. I expect most, if not all, of the 2019 IGRA Royalty will probably be here as well.

Michael Butts, Entertainment Coordinator, is working hard trying to finalize some special entertainment for rodeo weekend. It will be hilarious and something you will not want to miss.

Ticket sales will begin very soon for our next raffle with the prize being a 65 inch 4K UHD television. Tickets will be sold through rodeo weekend and drawing for the winning ticket will be done in conjunction with the rodeo awards on Sunday evening. Hopefully, each member will take a few tickets to sell and surely buy at least one for yourself. The winner does not have to be present for the drawing, although we certainly hope he/she will be present.

We plan to have a Rodeo School on Friday of rodeo weekend, and information should be available soon. If you have been thinking about starting to compete in rodeo events, this might be an excellent time for you to learn more about a few events and to even practice those events.

I am sure I and the committee will have more to report in our December 16 membership meeting.

Ron Trusley
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A NEW
TV!
65"
4K
ULTRA HD



BENEFITING THE 2019
ARIZONA GAY RODEO

Raising money with the help of our members! 100% of the net proceeds go to the rodeo!

Only
\$10
per ticket



See any AGRA Member or
Charlie's Bartender to get your tickets!

BAKE SALE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 3:00PM

@ Charlie's · Come early to get the best pickings!

FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings All,

As you probably all know, last month our website suffered a massive blow from a software update that was pushed automatically by our web hosting company but was not properly vetted to be compatible with our e-commerce provider.

Unfortunately, after many failed attempts at restoring the site from backups and many days and hours on customer support, I was left with the only option of nuking the site and starting over from scratch.

Most of the information on our site has been recreated, however e-commerce functionality has not been restored yet. So as of writing this article we are still unable to take online orders.

Moving forward my priority is to get online rodeo ticket sales back up, then memberships and other online sales.

On a happier note, as I'm rebuilding

the site I welcome all submissions you may have, especially when it comes to creating a real history section. Please share any photos, videos, etc. of your favorite rodeo memories that you would like preserved in our online archives.

As always, your submissions for the Branding Iron are welcome and are due by the 25th of the month. Submissions for posting on social media or the website, shows, fundraisers, announcements, etc. are always welcome at any time and will be posted in the timeliest manner possible once the website is fully restored.

I appreciate everyone's support and understanding during this time.

Mark Alan Boyd

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Happy
December AGRA
Members!

We are currently
at 116 members.

Welcome our
Newest AGRA
Members:

Jeff Kanis



Happy Birthday

AGRA Members born in December:

12/4 Bradley Dendy
12/4 Teri Jones
12/7 Keith Gould
12/7 Steven Kussatz
12/14 Joey Hervey
12/20 Gabriel Browne
12/20 Deb Smith
12/27 Gary Hatterman
12/28 Rafael Zamudio
12/31 Tavo Hernandez

I want to wish all of our AGRA Members
and their families a very Happy Holiday
and Happy New Year!

Chris Fairbrother (Christi Mikels)

Secretary

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Wow what amazing WGRF it was this year. My goal at the beginning of the year was to just get an invitation to finals. I was lucky enough to get to compete in Wild Drag and Chute Dogging. I never thought when Sunday of finals began that I would be coming home with the Chute Dogging buckle and a medal for Wild Drag. This was my first year competing and it was truly amazing. Thank you to everyone who supported me this year at all the rodeos. I have a few people to give a special thank you too. First of all Janet Stange for being there and coaching me every step of the way and always having an encouraging words for me. Then Cowboy Carlton and Travis James for sponsoring me, you two are the greatest. To the Mikels Clan, Ron, Lisa and Sandy thanks for your support in every aspect from loaning me a knee brace to making sure I never gave up.

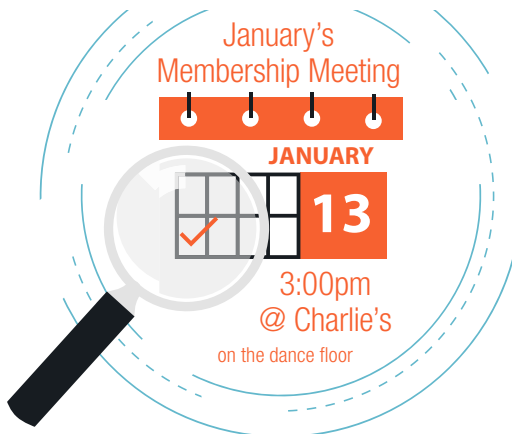
I can't wait to do it all again next season and hopefully add a few events as well.

Stepping down from being MsTer IGRA 2018 was an unforgettable experience. It amazed me by how many people were there and supporting all of us. We had an awesome group from AGRA that worked hard at each rodeo and I am proud to be apart of that team and to represent AGRA at the IGRA level. And congratulations to Travis James and Ionna Double wide for competing at the Royalty competition and bring home two more sashes. You both did great and I hope you have an awesome year.

Thank you everyone,

RJ Mikels

Membership Coordinator



JANUARY'S BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 9, 2018
7:00pm at Charlie's Corporate Offices

9:44 AM
12/01/18
Cash Basis

AGRA
Balance Sheet
October 31, 2018

	<u>Nov 30, 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
100 · Chase Bank Checking - # 7493	<u>9,542.77</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>9,542.77</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>9,542.77</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>9,542.77</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
2000 · Retained Earnings	14,880.76
Net Income	<u>-5,337.99</u>
Total Equity	<u>9,542.77</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>9,542.77</u>

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AGRA
Non-Rodeo Income & Expenses
November 2018

	<u>Nov 18</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Income	
4001 · Bank Account Income	
4003 · Credit Card Services	-19.00
Total 4001 · Bank Account Income	-19.00
4020 · Fundraisers	
4021 · AGRA	
4027 · Bake Sale	545.00
Total 4021 · AGRA	545.00
4050 · Royalty	
4054 · Crown & Buckle Sponsorship	400.00
Total 4050 · Royalty	400.00
Total 4020 · Fundraisers	945.00
Total 4000 · Income	926.00
Total Income	926.00
Gross Profit	926.00
Expense	
6000 · Expenses	
6001 · Bank Account Expenses	
6004 · Credit Card Fees	103.40
Total 6001 · Bank Account Expenses	103.40
6018 · General Expenses	
6025 · Awards	39.96
6045 · Rodeo Equipment	519.25
6070 · AGRA Fundraising Expense	
6076 · Bake Sale	20.59
Total 6070 · AGRA Fundraising Expe...	20.59
Total 6018 · General Expenses	579.80
6090 · AGRA Office Expenses	
6092 · Telephone & Internet	173.85

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AGRA
Non-Rodeo Income & Expenses
November 2018

	<u>Nov 18</u>
Total 6090 · AGRA Office Expenses	<u>173.85</u>
Total 6000 · Expenses	<u>857.05</u>
Total Expense	<u>857.05</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>68.95</u>
Net Income	<u><u>68.95</u></u>

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AGRA
2019 Rodeo Report
Monthly

	Nov 18
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Income	
5000 · RODEO INCOME	
5006 · AGRA Additional Prize Money	200.00
5025 · Sponsorships	
5031 · Buckle & Ribbon Sponsor	200.00
Total 5025 · Sponsorships	200.00
5060 · Fundraisers	
5065 · Raffle Tickets	4,605.00
5067 · Other Rodeo Fundraisers	190.00
Total 5060 · Fundraisers	4,795.00
Total 5000 · RODEO INCOME	5,195.00
Total 4000 · Income	5,195.00
Total Income	5,195.00
Gross Profit	5,195.00
Expense	
6000 · Expenses	
7000 · RODEO EXPENSES	
7035 · Officials	
7036 · Travel	1,844.76
7035 · Officials - Other	0.00
Total 7035 · Officials	1,844.76
7160 · Rodeo Fund Raisers Expense	
7161 · Raffle Tickets & Expenses	499.99
Total 7160 · Rodeo Fund Raisers Expe...	499.99
Total 7000 · RODEO EXPENSES	2,344.75
Total 6000 · Expenses	2,344.75
Total Expense	2,344.75
Net Ordinary Income	2,850.25

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AGRA
2019 Rodeo Report
Monthly

	Nov 18
Net Income	<u>2,850.25</u>

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AGRA
2019-Rodeo
Year to Date

	May - Nov 18
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Income	
5000 · RODEO INCOME	
5006 · AGRA Additional Prize Money	600.00
5008 · Rodeo Balance Transferred	17,037.26
5015 · Miscellaneous Income / Rodeo	198.75
5017 · Miscellaneous Donations	1.12
5025 · Sponsorships	
5031 · Buckle & Ribbon Sponsor	200.00
5033 · Gold Sponsorship	500.00
5035 · Miscellaneous Sponsors	100.00
Total 5025 · Sponsorships	800.00
5060 · Fundraisers	
5065 · Raffle Tickets	9,510.00
5067 · Other Rodeo Fundraisers	195.00
Total 5060 · Fundraisers	9,705.00
5083 · ARENA	
5088 · Banner/Arena Advertising	100.00
Total 5083 · ARENA	100.00
Total 5000 · RODEO INCOME	28,442.13
Total 4000 · Income	28,442.13
Total Income	28,442.13
Gross Profit	28,442.13
Expense	
6000 · Expenses	
7000 · RODEO EXPENSES	
7035 · Officials	
7036 · Travel	2,126.72
7035 · Officials - Other	0.00
Total 7035 · Officials	2,126.72
7050 · Printing and Advertising	
7055 · Program	175.00

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AGRA
2019-Rodeo
Year to Date

	May - Nov 18
7057 · Tickets/Badges/Script	765.45
Total 7050 · Printing and Advertising	940.45
7100 · IGRA Expenses	
7101 · Sanction Fee	700.00
7109 · Rodeo Contestant Numbers	90.57
Total 7100 · IGRA Expenses	790.57
7120 · Arena	
7122 · Arena Rental	15,686.00
7129 · Insurance	327.74
Total 7120 · Arena	16,013.74
7141 · Promo Items/AGRA Booth	
7145 · Rodeo Booth - Rodeo	384.50
Total 7141 · Promo Items/AGRA Booth	384.50
7160 · Rodeo Fund Raisers Expense	
7161 · Raffle Tickets & Expenses	1,451.30
Total 7160 · Rodeo Fund Raisers Expe...	1,451.30
Total 7000 · RODEO EXPENSES	21,707.28
Total 6000 · Expenses	21,707.28
Total Expense	21,707.28
Net Ordinary Income	6,734.85
Net Income	6,734.85