

BRANDING IRON

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The Official Newsletter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



First, I want to let you know that the AGRA Board Retreat scheduled for Sunday – June 2, 2019 has been canceled. It was canceled due to an insufficient number

of people confirming their attendance.

In accordance with AGRA Bylaws, nominations for 2019 IGRA Annual Convention Delegates were accepted in the May 12 membership meeting. Nominations will also be accepted in the June 16 membership meeting, and voting will be by ballot by members in the July 24 membership meeting.

Individuals nominated in the May 12 meeting and who accepted the nomination are:

Dan Iversen
Travis James
Christi Mikels
Joshua Sipe (Claudia B)
Mark Boyd

Gary Parker
Greg Begay
Michael Weidmann

Per AGRA Bylaws, the President and Trustee are automatically Delegates. We will elect four additional delegates and five alternate delegates.

In our June membership meeting, we hope to have color samples for new shirts and present a recommendation to approve two colors for shirts for the next two years. Also, we hope to have prices and ordering information.

As always, let me know if you have questions or suggestions. Every member's voice and opinion matter and are important.

Thank you all for your continued support of AGRA.

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Sunday, May 12, AGRA presented seven local organizations with checks totaling \$32,004.00 from the 2019 Arizona Gay Rodeo. See Rodeo Director's Report for more information.



RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In the May 12 membership meeting, we presented checks from our 2019 rodeo profits to seven different organizations with each check for \$4,572.00 for a grand total of \$32,004.00. Organizations receiving checks are:

TIHAN
Casa de Cristo Church & Apostolic Center
PFLAG
CCSL (Cactus Cities Softball League)
PGFFL (Phoenix Gay Flag Football League)
Community Church of Hope
Strength for the Journey

We have submitted our 2020 rodeo application with the \$700.00 sanction fee. It should be approved in the IGRA Board of Directors Meeting May 24, 2019. We will also submit our first payment for arena rental to Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds.

Hopefully, you all bought a ticket for tickets for the "package" for Denver

Pride in June. This was our first major fundraiser for the 2020 rodeo, and I am sure there are more to come.

I am hoping to have the 2020 Rodeo Sponsorship Package available by our June membership meeting. I would love to have everything sponsored long before the rodeo weekend. We will also have a sample of the rodeo buckle available soon.

Now, it is time to form the 2020 Rodeo Planning Committee and start meeting. So, I would like to schedule the first committee meeting for Sunday - June 9, 2019 at noon in Charlie's Corporate Offices. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please let me know, and then show up at this first meeting. There will be a job or jobs for each committee member.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



Happy June 2019 AGRA Members! We are currently at 88 Members
Happy Birthday AGRA Members born in June:

6/8	Joshua King
6/12	Dan Iversen
6/19	Randy Mackey
6/25	Alexander Saites
6/27	Gary Parker aka Cowboy Carlton
6/28	Ron Trusley
6/29	Brent Hrometz
6/30	Rob Silver

The Yearly report for AGRA was filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission on 5/15/2019.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Howdy Y'all, The 2019 AGRA Royalty Team continues to shine! Mr. AGRA Mahlon Lovell, Miss AGRA Piper M'Shay, Mr. AGRA 1st Runner Up Ryan Knop,

and Miss AGRA 1st Runner Up Nikki Starr all volunteered at this year's Hot Rodeo in Palm Springs May 4-5, 2019. Thank you, team, for supporting our fellow rodeo association!

Mr. IGRA 2019, Travis James, Mr. AGRA Mahlon Lovell and Miss AGRA 2nd Runner Up Celeste Powers showed their support for World Gay Rodeo Finals 2019, by performing at "Escape

from Shady Pines" Fundraiser on May 18th at Nu Towne Saloon. Their support helped raise \$500 towards World Gay Rodeo Finals that are being held in October 25-27, 2019 at WestWorld of Scottsdale. Thank you, Travis, Mahlon and Celeste for supporting IGRA and our associations.

If you are interested in being part of AGRA's Royalty team, please contact Mipsy Mikels at mjbuts1@msn.com.

Come out and support the hardworking Royalty Team with some "fun"draising!

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FUNDRAISING REPORT



This has been a very busy month. With many fundraisers.

Our royalty has been extremely busy in helping IGRA and Agra. Along with helping me with anything I have needed. Last month we raised close to 2000 dollars in the month of May. We have our next fundraiser at Charlie's Grand Ole Opry. I look forward to June and working along with the membership to make it a fabulous month.

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TRUSTEES REPORT



On April 26th DSRA held a rodeo school during the day and Christi Mikels and I attended. Christi did three events and also successfully dogged during Chute dogging at the rodeo school. I helped teach rodeo school and show new people how to fit safety equipment. We had one competitor at DSRA and we managed to bring home a few ribbons and a Wild Drag Buckle.

There was also a group of AGRA members there working to help put

on a great rodeo. We had Gary and Christi in Scorekeeping, Ron as Secretary, and Travis James doing chutes and of course Michael/Mipsy as a Rodeo Director.

May 3rd-5th was Hot Rodeo in Palm Springs. It was a great rodeo and AGRA had a great turnout. We had a big group of competitors and many of them won ribbons and buckles. Alexander went out there to ride steers and we managed to get him to compete in two additional events. Greg Begay won all around cowboy. Gary Parker Jr. was the Asst. Scorekeeper and Travis James worked everywhere they needed help. Christi worked on the

RMS program and is helping to make great strides with that program.

The next rodeo coming up is in Texas from May 24th-26th. It is going to be a lot of fun. There will be a fair on-site with games and rides. They will be having their royalty contest on Friday along with a barrel race. There also will be the 2nd IGRA board meeting of the year, so I am sure I will have a lot more information next month for everyone from that meeting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS JUNE 2019

June 13
AGRA Board Meeting
7:00pm
@ Charlie's Corporate Offices

June 16
2020 Rodeo Planning
Committee Meeting
Noon
@ Charlie's Corporate Offices

June 16
AGRA Membership Meeting
@ Charlie's
3:00 pm

JULY 2019

July 11
AGRA Board Meeting
7:00pm
@ Charlie's Corporate Offices

July 14
AGRA Membership Meeting
@ Charlie's
3:00 pm

HOOTENANNY

CARAVAN
TAPPOOH

IGRA

AGRA

June 15th Showtime 10 pm

BUNK HOUSE SALOON

Denim & Diamonds

Showtime
9:30

AGRA

HH HORSES HELP

IGRA

July 13th

FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings all!
I wanted to take a moment to thank all of our entertainers and Royalty who have been sending me ads to include in the Branding Iron. And

I want to remind everyone that I am also available to design ads for you all as well, if given enough lead time, as I'm very busy at the day job.

Website updates will be coming

throughout the month and I'm working on a new Events section that is easier to manage that will allow me to get events posted quicker.

As always, I welcome submissions for the Branding Iron, website, and social media via email. Articles are due on the 25th of the month.

Thank you all!

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