

**APPROVED  
MIGRA  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2008  
Hayloft Saloon  
8070 Greenfield Road, Detroit, MI**

The President called the meeting to order at 2:12 PM.

It was verified that a quorum was present. Nine people were in attendance

A motion was made to approve the agenda. Motion carried. (Mike; Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>)

A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried. (Mike; Nietzee 2<sup>nd</sup>)

## **REPORTS**

### **President**

501 (C)(3) Update: Mel read the letter received from the IRS to the members. Our status is in effect, but we are not yet an official tax-exempt organization.

Letter received from Michigan Pride. They confirmed the booth for the festival on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We have not heard back from Motor City regarding our application for a booth.

Mel will check with Deborah at MI Pride regarding bringing the horses, having them at the booth, and perhaps using them in the parade.

### **Vice President**

Leroy reported that the Royalty contest on the 23<sup>rd</sup> was a no-show. As a result, there will only be three on the Royalty team this year. A short meeting of the team will be held after this meeting to select the charities for the year. They have an email address at migra2008@live.com. He suggested that the promotion of the Royalty contestants start earlier because they must be members for a certain length of time before they can run.

### **Secretary**

Juli reported that she presented a draft of a letter to the Elk Creek Saddlery thanking them for the donation of the saddle. She also reported that the website is updated with information on the MIGRA member Easter dinner and the link to Elk Creek Saddlery Company website. Suggestion was given to put an "Under Construction" page under the membership link.

### **Treasurer**

Mike reported that there was a \$1,138.98 ending balance including Pride payments and University rooms. Mike emphasized that every single transaction must go through him because of our 501(c)(3) status. Moving forward, he will be using Quicken for the books. He suggests that we hire a bookkeeper to do a yearly statement and he will keep track of the monthly details.

**Motion** that MIGRA buy a registered copy of Adobe for the secretary to use for the website. Motion carries. (Mike; Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Motion** to hire Valetta Rose as our bookkeeper to handle the annual year end report and not to exceed a fee of \$300. Motion carries. (Mike; Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>) 1 abstention; 12 ayes

### **Upcoming Events**

We have been asked to go to Wall to Wall Fur on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Diamond Jim's. MIGRA has a bar night at Rumor's on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Bar Night on the 15<sup>th</sup> at R&R Saloon - 9pm to 1am; March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hayloft Saloon - 10pm. Members are welcome to stay at the Ranch and go as a caravan to Rumor's. Please let them know in advance so sleeping arrangements can be made.

Bar night at Esquire brought in \$675 after expenses; door prizes made \$135; 50/50 did very well.

Newsletter will be published quarterly. Submissions for it such as thoughts, recipes, and such are to be sent to migra2008@live.com. Nietzee has resigned as Membership Chair.

Brian is working on a bar night in April. This will be a Royalty event. Randall is hosting a bar night to benefit CLAW Nation in Toledo at Ripcord on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. First Saturday in April is the Do-A-Fool dinner at Almatta Hall on Oakman off Michigan Avenue.

Saddle Raffle: Tickets will be designed similar to the type Leroy presented. We will need the name, address and phone number of the purchaser to contact the winner. An e-mail address may be placed on the back of the ticket. Tickets will sell for \$5 each and only 500 will be printed. Winning ticket will be drawn at the 2009 Rodeo or when all the tickets have been sold.

Royalty: Ms, Mister and Mr. MIGRA first runner up comprise our Royalty team as no one showed for the other contest. A photo of the Royalty team will be taken and posted on the website.

Trustee meeting will be held next Sunday. Study the Bylaws before the meeting. The meeting is at Diamond Jim's at 4:30pm. It is mandatory that Trustees attend.

Mailing and Newsletter: Several newsletters (almost 30 of 118) have been sent back to us. Leroy stated that the next newsletter will be sent only to the current membership listing of active members.

Sponsors: Mike is working on GM, Mel is working on beer distributors (Budweiser will come on board after we have an official rodeo date). A suggestion was made to work on year-wide sponsors for different events rather than just rodeo.

Grand Rapids bar night will have two ladies at Rumors from Bud Light. They will be there for one hour to hand out Bud distributor information.

### **Unfinished Business**

⇒ Rodeo 2009

Need to start planning in the event it's approved at convention. We need a rodeo director and will contact the 2004 director to see if she is available. Otherwise, we will look for someone out of state.

### **New Business**

Mel has had a lot of computer problems that required a lot of repair costs.

**Motion** to take Mel's computer to be brought up to specifications for approximately a \$75 cost. Motion carries. (Mike; Nietzsche 2<sup>nd</sup>) 1 oppose; 1 abstention; 11 ayes

### **Camp MIGRA**

July 26<sup>th</sup> Help is needed on the Friday night for set up. The camp out Will be held for free at the Ranch. Tear down is July 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm with a MIGRA membership meeting following the break down. People must pay for their own food and drinks. Posters will go up Memorial Day weekend.

Bylaws Committee Chair is the President. Any changes are due to the President by August 31, 2008.

Book a date for a benefit show in July on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. Royalty will be at the Hayloft with a Hawaiian Luau and a hula hoop contest. Needs to speak with Jack, the Manager, to set the date.

Some members are disgruntled of members wearing double hats and Board members serving at Royalty. Questions arose regarding a conflict of interest. The official response from IGRA said that they see no conflict of interest. It was suggested that the IGRA Trustee send out an email to everyone stating that this is not a conflict of interest and that the Board help to educate the membership of the same.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Juliana E. Martin  
Secretary