

**APPROVED
MIGRA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 13, 2008
Hayloft Saloon
8070 Greenfield Road, Detroit, MI**

The President called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM

A quorum was verified. 9 people were in attendance

The agenda was approved as amended (Shlby Lynn; Leroy 2nd) change saddle raffle to fundraiser. Saddle is not ready.

Minutes from the membership meeting approved as submitted (Leroy; Mike 2nd) Minutes from Board approved as submitted.

REPORTS

President

Mel said we received a letter from the IRS stating that we are legally and fully a 501(c)(3) corporation. A letter was also received on 4/14/08 stating that we have a filing requirement because we earn less than \$25,000. We are to file an annual electronic notice 990N.

We received a letter from the Attorney General of the State of Michigan stating that the solicitation license expired. Application must be filed along with financial information. Mel will address it this week.

Vice President

Leroy thanked everyone who showed up for the "Boots and Boxers" event which raised \$344 after expenses. Royalty team met to discuss charity partners and chose *Autism Research Institute* and *St. Jude Children's Hospital*. The next event is the Toga party. "Country Karaoke" and "Hawaiian Luau" are coming up. MIGRA hosted the after hours bar at the Do a Fool dinner. Twelve people were there representing MIGRA. Leroy thanked Don Fletcher for funding the event. Just a reminder that any event held will need extra help.

Secretary

Juli reported that the Adobe Acrobat software would cost in excess of \$500. She was able to find some .PDF software for free (PDF995) as an online download. The letters to Elk Creek Saddlery, The Hayloft Saloon, and Colburn Western Wear were typed and revised.

Mel stated that Valetta paid for his computer to be fixed due to the controversy over the computer repairs being paid for by MIGRA. Don stated that the controversy over the alleged "theft" of monies should stop as the funds that were taken at the Christmas party were re-deposited into the checking accts.

Treasurer

The current balance is \$2202.98 with one check written to IGRA for the yearly insurance policy. - \$238.85. Total deposits made in March were \$1002. Mike is going to get food and beer sponsors for the camp out. He reported that they are working on the newsletter but it may go out 2 weeks later than planned. He needs to get guidelines for accepting donations of used vehicles and such for obtaining funds for next year's rodeo. It was suggested that MIGRA host a garage sale.

Upcoming events

Toga party April 26th; May 17th Country Karaoke; May 31st Hawaiian Luau; May 9-11 Liberty Rodeo; May 4th General Membership meeting; May 3rd Esquire 9 PM. Looking into trying a bar night at Club Flamingo in Pontiac.

Fundraising

Juli presented a list of items to purchase from Oriental Trading Company for fundraising at the Pride Festivals. It was suggested that we put out a donation bucket for the *Autism Research Institute* at the Ferndale Pride Festival. Items to purchase for Pride Festival booths: 2 sets of cowboy boot mugs; 10 units of slap bracelets; 1 unit of tattoos; glowsticks. Valetta will be making magnets to sell as well.

Additional fundraising ideas were: Little Caesar Pizza and bread kits, Gordon Food Service candy.

Mel is going to donate the leis for the Hawaiian Luau. Don stated that receipts now need to be given out for all donations received.

Mailing and Newsletters

The new deadline is April 18th and it will go out the first week of May to current members only

Sponsors

Mike said he is sending letters out next week to get sponsors for the camp out.

Trustee Report

Minutes were passed out to the members. Question regarding liability insurance policy. Yes, it's through IGRA and it covers events and such, but not for personal stuff. It is non-rodeo coverage. There is no insurance in addition to the IGRA policy. Royalty selected two charities - are they just for royalty or for both MIGRA and royalty. Royalty monies go directly to charity. MIGRA events' monies go to MIGRA.

Every time there is an event, make it a top priority to send a thank you letter to the bar. Also bear in mind that according to page 3 of the Bylaws code of conduct, when we wear the MIGRA logo then all members need to respect the "uniform" and act in a professional manner.

Don Fletcher has been appointed as Membership Chair. Appointment of Committee Chairs is tabled. Shelby Lynn is the Chair of the Trustees committee. Accolades to Brian for representing MIGRA at Do a Fool.

Unfinished Business

Working toward rodeo in 2009, Pride Festivals come up quick; Camp out coming up quick (July 25th to 27th)

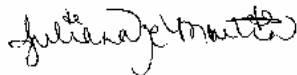
New Business

None

Mike tendered his resignation from the organization effective immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PNM.

Respectfully submitted,



Juliana E. Martin
Secretary