

**APPROVED
MIGRA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 8, 2008
Hayloft Saloon
8070 Greenfield Road, Detroit, MI**

The President called the meeting to order at 2:59 PM.

A quorum was verified Juli was absent.

Leroy moved to approve the agenda (seconded by Ryan) with the amendment of treasurer to secretary Motion carried.

Leroy made the motion to approve the minutes with the amendment of the saddle drawing from 50000 to 5000. Seconded by Ryan Motion carried.

REPORTS

President

None

Vice President

Royalty team has raised \$1000.00 for charities. MIGRA had a large turnout at a rodeo since 2004 at the Liberty Rodeo. 1 Representative going to the IGRA royalty level. We need contestants for the 2009 royalty contest and find a place big enough to hold it to be held in Nov. or Dec. as an all day event.. Also need Judges for event. . No putting bylaws on hold for the royalty contest please.

Secretary

We are using minutes as the report.

Treasurer

\$ 1,173.82 check cleared for Triangle foundation and Mail box.

Mike Cox has not received letter back yet for license to solicit in State of Michigan.

- Bar night to be held at the Hayloft a wild drag review on July 12th at 9pm. We need about 6 or 7 people for volunteers to do the wild drag - man or woman.
- Saddle to be shipped the end of last week or beginning of the week.
- Skipped mailings and newsletter

Sponsors

IGRA has come up with a guy that comes up with sponsors. His name is "cowboydugger " he is on gaycowboycentral.com and homorodeo.com. We also need to find sponsors besides having him find them for us. We can also use him for rodeo sponsors. We need 5% of the budget for the rodeo in the

bank to get one approved. We need people to help with this. The grounds in Bear Lake would cost \$3500.00 for the rodeo. We would need to rent bleachers also for this one. Need to check on other locations and price to hold one. We also need to get the info to the members to have when checking with potential sponsors.. If we get the sponsors and not approved for the rodeo, then we hold a rodeo school or Gymkonna. Main thing is to decide where to hold the rodeo.

Bylaws and Elections

Got a copy from Robert Silversides of bylaws and standing rules from 1997 and 1998 Mel will make copies to be handed out at the July meeting.

Candidates for the President and Secretary position need candidates for these positions with the exception of the nominees accepting the nomination

Leroy nominated Dave ~~Balisky~~ Balitsky for recording secretary; seconded by Floyd ~~Swiers~~ Zwiers
Mel nominated Juli Martin for Secretary
Leroy nominated Robert Gramze for correspondence secretary. He accepted the nomination .

Floyd Zwiers nominated Mel Enness for President; seconded by Leroy. Mel accepted the nomination. We will also hold nominations at the July meeting

Unfinished Business

Luau Shelby Lynn wanted to say thank you Sarah Colburn at Scott Colburn for the donations for the Luau. Need a letter for this as it seems this was not done at the Luau. Also need a letter for the Hayloft. We should also put on the flyers any Sponsor for upcoming events and put in the letter that we will be adding the sponsors to the flyers.

Rodeo 2009 : find things to get kids involved at the rodeo like mutton busting which is sheep riding, or stick horse riding.

Motion (Leroy; 2nd by Ryan) to form a rodeo round table. Motion passed.

Motion (Leroy; 2nd by Floyd) to put Ryan Kiedel in charge of the rodeo round table. Motion passed.

Ryan will set the table and his meeting is to be announced.

Open Executive Board Meeting Mel will hold an open executive board meeting on July26th or 27th at the Bear Lake location. With also camping , and rodeo round table meeting with checking out grounds for rodeo 2009. It is located at 8805 13 Mile Road, Bear Lake , MI. People can bring campers or tents. Also a cabin that sleeps 8 is available for showers. Must bring own linen if sleeping in cabin. This cabin for our use.

Pride Fest Motor City was a great success. We have people that are interested that used to be members. We sold several slap bracelets; we did not sell any tattoos.

Michigan Pride is next on the 28th in Lansing. Also doing the march. We all thanked Robert Gramze in advance for the use of his convertible. We should be there by 10:30 for parade line up is at noon and step off is at 1pm. Mel will send out an e-mail about this.

Wild West weekend update Leroy is gonna get underwear and tie-dye them or polka dot them. MIGRA is hosting the goat dressing and Mel will be getting an e-mail from Camp It about the events which will be forwarded to everyone that has e-mail.

New Business

Motion (Leroy; Ryan - 2nd) hat MIGRA put in at 2008 convention to host IGRA convention 2010 to be held outside of Detroit. Motion passed

Talked about holding it in Lansing or Grand Rapids. Also need to think about things to do that are not convention related for people not attending meetings.

Convention 2010 Leroy met a man in Kansas City, MO. that approached him about helping MIGRA with putting in a bid for IGRA convention 2010. He does all the leg work and makes his money off the Hotel. The guy's name is Mark Suleiman from Functioneer Meeting Consultations. mark@functioneer.org
816-651-9386 phone; 913-438-5244 fax

We would also need volunteers if we get the bid for convention 2010

Motion (Mel; 2nd by Floyd) that we use Mark Suleiman to help with the planning of convention 2010.
Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Mel