

**APPROVED
MIGRA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2008
Sir Pizza Grand Cafe
201 E Grand River Ave, Lansing, MI**

The Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM

A quorum was verified. Seven (7) people were in attendance. Mel arrived late. Absent: Floyd Zwiers.

The agenda was approved as amended - Unfinished business: update on Convention bid. (Valetta; Zach 2nd) Motion carried.

The approval of the July 13, 2008 minutes were approved as submitted. (Ryan, 2nd Zach) Motion carried.

REPORTS

President

Mel said that we received a letter from Mike Cox stating that we needed to appoint a *resident agent*. We had an emergency Board meeting to appoint Mel as resident agent. When a new president takes over, a new resident agent will need to be appointed. MIGRA received an invitation to do a booth in Grand Rapids on Oct. 4th. We will need a couple of people to run the booth. Discussion was held about what to bring to the booth.

We received from David Hallwood, our IGRA Trustee, an "IGRA Finals Rodeo Contestant Fuel Fund" Order Form for the Homo Rodeo 2009 Calendar. Associations can sell them – we purchase them for \$17 and sell them for \$19 or \$20 each. We will order one calendar to determine if we want to sell more.

Vice President

Leroy reported that the Royalty team is working hard on events in the bars. All Royalty members will attend the "Windy City (Chicago) Rodeo." He completed the Royalty Contestant packets and distributed them to Detroit and Lansing bars. Competition will be held on Nov 14 & 15, 2008, at the R & R. Upcoming event: Wild West Weekend. He will be going to New Orleans to compete for IGRA Royalty.

Secretary

Web - updated royalty page and calendar. Election ballot and bylaws changes are in process.

Treasurer

Absent. No report. No outstanding checks at this time. Balance is \$1278.82.

Letter from Mike Cox

Covered in President's report

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Wild West Weekend
- ⇒ Chicago Rodeo
- ⇒ Bar Nights: Aug 30th BBQ/bar night at R & R Saloon, Sept. 6th benefit for charity partners at the Rainbow Room, benefit at the Hayloft on Sept 13th, Sept 27th Flint State Bar - benefit for rodeo fund, Oct. 4th Grand Rapids booth

Mailings and Newsletters

Newsletter went out a couple of weeks ago. Renewals went out to applicable members. We have to send the IGRA application out by August 30th. Ballots have to go out to current members by August 28th. Deadline for the next newsletter is October 1st - email them.

Sponsors

We need sponsors. Saddle Drawing - remove the Elk Creek Saddlery web link. We still have no further information about the status of the saddle. We have not had any news in over a month.

Bylaws and Elections

President will be running unopposed. Secretary candidates are – Juli, David, Robert. No other nominations from the floor. Mel will appoint someone to count the votes since there is no election chair. It was suggested that a non-member count the votes.

Wild Wild West Weekend

Barrel racing, (novice and open), goat dressing, calf roping are the events that will take place. It will cost \$5 to dress the goat or rope the calf. Barrel races are \$25. International Gay Rodeo Tri-Fecta: barrel race \$20, pole bending \$20, flag race \$20. A point system will be used to determine the winner of the prizes. MIGRA has been asked to help with the set-up, training at 10 AM. 2 timers, 2 score keepers, 2 people to sit on tires, and 2 people to hold the goats. 11 AM training and teaching goat dressing, training and teaching roping. Horse events start at noon. Volunteers will serve 2-hour shifts at the Wild West Weekend. We ordered 4 half-barrel kegs.

Chicago Rodeo

August 22nd Chicago needs volunteers. Contact them through the website or Mel and he will give the email address for the volunteer coordinator.

Unfinished Business

- ⇒ Rodeo 2009
There will be no rodeo. It may be possible to hold a rodeo school instead.

⇒ Campout

MIGRA hosted the campout at *Rockin R Ranch and Rodeo*. A big thank you to Ryan. It would be possible to use the casino for entertainment (Little River Casino) location. Leroy thanked Ryan for doing all the work to provide us with a great weekend.

⇒ Convention 2010

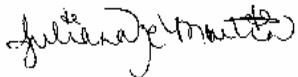
It was decided to present the Hyatt. Mark from *Functioneer* will be at the meeting. He wants to know if anyone wants to tour the Hyatt. Will talk about Convention and putting in the bid. He will help put the bid together. (Same day at General Membership meeting).

New Business

The next meetings scheduled are: Executive Board - Sept 14th at the Ranch in Jackson 2 PM;
General Membership meeting - September 28th at the Hayloft 2 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

In Service,



Juliana E. Martin
Secretary