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Special BOD Meeting - Minutes
Saturday, September 13
Inkster, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Scott Korff at 1:16pm

In attendance;

- President Scott Korff
- Vice President, Shelby Lynn
- Treasurer, Tony Heimberger
- Director Social Media, Rachele Cate
- Director Membership, Andrew Johnson
- Director Financial Outreach, Mike Hoff

A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded to the next agenda item, approval of the Minutes of the August 2 Board Meeting. All in attendance reported that they received and read the minutes. There were no discrepancies.

**Motion to approve; Tony Heimberger - Second; Rachele Cate. 5/0/0
Motion Passed**

The Board Meeting then proceeded into discussion of the MIGRA Royalty Program for 2026. President Scott Korff explained that the option was at our disposal to amend the traditional Royalty selection process and competition by means of Appointment of Royalty Position to Members that expressed an interest. It was decided that MIGRA needs to get the Royalty Program back on track and this is the best way to start. Discussion resulted in the understanding that Royalty Candidates would be appointed and would learn a few basic facts about MIGRA, present themselves in western attire and perform a talent number at an event to take place in November. We are going to research and inquire about an event being held by Lure Leather in Lansing on November 7. We hope to hold our Royalty Crown/Sashing event on this date.

Motion to amend the traditional Royalty Selection Process and Competition as stated above was made by Tony Heimberger.

Motion; Tony Heimberger - Second; Rachele Cate. 5/0/0 Motion Passed

The BOD proceeded to appoint two members as Royalty Candidates, upon their acceptance of the appointment.

**Motion to Appoint Ms MIGRA Candidate, Shelby Lynn
Tony Heimberger - Second; Andrew Johnson. 5/0/0 Motion Passed
Motion to Appoint Mr MIGRA Candidate, Andrew Johnson
Shelby Lynn - Second; Tomy Heimberger. 5/0/0 Motion Passed**

The next Agenda item was the discussion of a MIGRA Rodeo School to take place tentatively in September of 2026. The BOD discussed fees, events and the reception we anticipate by the public and IGRA circuit. Venue and Livestock procurement were discussed. Scott Korff explained that MIGRA should submit an application for Rodeo School Approval to IGRA, because we would receive a \$500 stipend towards production of the Rodeo School from IGRA. The Application must be received by the IGRA Q4 Board Meeting in Denver, CO (November 2025)

**Motion to Submit Application to IGRA and Produce a 2026 Rodeo School
Tony Heimberger - Second; Shelby Lynn. 5/0/0 Motion Passed.**

Discussion of a campaign to Produce a 2027 Great Lakes Regional Rodeo was extensive. Rachele Cate expressed the benefit of working to gather interest and connections within the Community and possibly produce the rodeo in 2028. We ultimately decided to move forward with the campaign and begin with a set of marketing statements by Tony Heimberger that would interpret either a 2027 or 2028 rodeo, depending on our progress and readiness, no later than August, 2026. This would give us 9-11 months to work on the necessary interest, connections and key points needed to produce the rodeo.

**Motion to begin 2027 Great Lakes Regional Rodeo Campaign
Shelby Lynn - Second; Andrew Johnson. 5/0/0 Motion Passed**

The Board briefly discussed the 2025 IGRA Convention to take place in Denver, CO. We are allowed 4 Delegates and 4 Alternates. If the limit is reached we will have to vote on Delegate/Alternate Status.

Membership Director, Andrew Johnson gave an update on the progress in reaching out to our Membership. He explained the processes he is using and gave the results of emails that bounced back and explained that letters were also sent via USPS. We received a breakdown of Active vs Total vs Charter vs Angel Members.

The Board discussed Event planning and agreed that we need to target all of the Pride Festivals that take place in Michigan. We can also begin our expansion and outreach into Ohio as a result of its addition to MIGRA as official territory.

President Scott Korff then asked for Mike Hoff to explain the research and work he'd been doing regarding Grants and the Hope Foundation. Mike gave us a basic knowledge of how the program works and the process for which MIGRA would request grants or funding. The Board unanimously agreed that this is an area of expertise that has never been present in the Organization, and that it would be a great asset to MIGRA to place Mike Hoff into a Director Position.

**Motion to Appoint Mike Hoff as Director of Financial Outreach
Tony Heimberger - Second; Shelby Lynn. 5/0/0 Motion Passed**

Total number of eligible votes increased to 6.

Old Business consisted of a previous discussion regarding the MIGRA relationship with IGRA. Tony Heimberger presented the idea of a By-Law change for IGRA that would require sitting Presidents/Vice Presidents to attend local Meetings of each Member Association to show their involvement and support for the Individual Member Association. We will draft a proposal to be submitted to the IGRA By-Laws Committee for review and consideration. We also need to receive the deadline for such proposal from IGRA Secretary Gene Fraikes.

There were no further items requiring action or Old Business to address.

President Scott Korff thanked Shelby Lynn for acquiring the meeting space and the Board for their ongoing efforts and drive to keep MIGRA moving forward.

A motion was made to adjourn by Vice President Shelby Lynn at 3:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Korff
MIGRA President/Trustee