



Arizona Gay Rodeo Association

# BRANDING IRON

Happy Holidays! DECEMBER 2020

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello everyone, and I trust you are all doing well.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am sure Thanksgiving

this year was different for many of us as we continue dealing with the pandemic issues. Even with everything that is going on, I think we still have much to be thankful for. So I hope each of us took time to think about all we have to be thankful for – even for the small things. And, I hope everyone is trying really hard to stay positive and look forward to the time when things are back to somewhat normal.

As you know, we had already canceled our Fall and Christmas Bake Sales that are normally held each year as AGRA fundraisers. AGRA's Day of Christmas at Charlie's was scheduled for Sunday – December 20. The board has voted to cancel our Day

of Christmas considering the current situation and issues we are all facing. Rather we would like to encourage you to spend time with family and/or close friends – whether in person or virtually. Reflect on the friendships you have and cherish, think about family and loved ones, and hope for a much calmer and better new year in 2021.

Also, the December membership meeting is generally held the same day as AGRA's Day of Christmas. But, the board has voted to change the board meeting to Thursday – December 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm and the membership meeting to Sunday – December 13, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

I encourage each of us to participate in whatever ways we can when any fundraisers are scheduled.

In the November membership meeting, nominations for the office of President and Secretary were accepted. We will again accept nominations for these

two positions in the December membership meeting. Those elected will serve a two-year term from March 2021 through February 2023. To be nominated for President, you must have been an AGRA member for one year, and for Secretary, you must have been a member for six months. In the November meeting, Ron Trusley was nominated for President, and Shannon McKenzie Perkins was nominated for Secretary. If you are interested in either position, be sure you have someone to nominate you in our December membership meeting. Of you can even nominate yourself if you would like.

Be kind to each other; respect each other for who they are; be thankful for our friendships; reach out to others – even to just say hello and I hope you are doing well.

*-Ron Trusley*

**Ron Trusley**

President

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### JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING!

**Zoom Meeting ID: 874 534 1582**

Join from PC or Mac: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8745341582>

Audio-Only Call-In from any telephone (use any number below):

- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C.)

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# RODEO DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I really have little to write about since we canceled our 2021 rodeo. But, I hope during the next several months, we will start to think about our 2022 rodeo.

Of course, we paid the \$700 sanction fee on time for our 2021 rodeo. We requested the IGRA Board simply apply that sanction fee to our 2022 rodeo. Our Trustee, Mark Christensen, let us know that in their meeting on Sunday – November 15 - the IGRA Board approved this request.

If you travel to out-of-state rodeos in 2021, please be cautious and safe while you also have fun.

*Ron Trusley*

**Ron Trusley**

2020/2021 Rodeo Director

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## 2020 AGRA Board of Directors

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# SECRETARY'S REPORT



Dear AGRA members,

This year, although we may be celebrating the holidays a little differently, I want to send wishes of health, happiness and good cheer to you.

We have missed out on so many things we look forward to every year. From in person membership meetings to special holiday events like the AGRA Bake Sales and Days of Christmas, we've had to put aside our desire for in-person connection and prioritize our desire to protect the health of our community.

Many of you have embraced the online experience, participating in our Zoom membership meetings and Virtual events during this time of social distancing. Others may be less tech-savvy and not sure how to participate unless it's in person. Either way, please know that my thoughts are with you and I am eager to assist anyone who might need a little encouragement.

If you are feeling isolated, or in need of a smiling face or a friendly voice, I am here for you. If you are unemployed and struggling, your AGRA family is only a phone call, email or text away. We may not be able to gather in person but we are still a family, as always.

My hope for all of us in the coming year is that we strengthen our bonds as a community. I look forward to seeing more of you at our monthly Zoom meetings. If you haven't been to one, they're a really great opportunity to connect and see so many friendly faces. (One great thing about Zoom is that, if you're camera-shy, you can participate without your camera on while still listening & responding during the meetings.)

Thank you for everything you do to support AGRA and its members. It's because of you that we are able to serve the community and support so many amazing organizations. Best wishes for 2021!

**Shannon McKenzie Perkins**

Secretary

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## YOU'RE INVITED TO AN IGRA FUNDRAISER:



# SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

There are 20 differences between the two holiday pictures... Can you find them all?

Created by Michael Weidmann



Visit the "NEWS" section on [agra-phx.com](http://agra-phx.com) to find the answers on the December 2020 Branding Iron post!



# FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Happy Holidays... I hope this finds many of you well! In the past we have been able to gather and celebrate together as an association.

As we all know this year we have unfortunately had to cancel our annual events that help us raise money for AGRA. I know that once we are able to do our fundraisers again things will be great. Right now people are having a difficult time to just pay their own bills. I know it is an unprecedented time. We have added a PayPal Donate button to our website, to allow people to easily make a donation if they would like to help. I pray you all are staying safe!!! I look forward to the future and seeing everyone again! Merry Christmas

**Joshua Sipe aka Claudia B.**  
Fundraising Director  
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# MEETINGS & EVENTS

RODEO/EVENT	DATES
AGRA Day of Christmas at Charlie's <b>CANCELED</b>	December 20, 2020
AGRA Holiday Bake Sale <b>CANCELED</b>	December 20, 2020
AGRA 2021 Royalty Competition @ Charlie's <b>CANCELED</b>	February 6, 2021
Super Bowl LV (55) (Tampa, FL)	February 7, 2021
Charlie's/AGRA Mini Rodeo <b>CANCELED</b>	February 11, 2021
36th Anniversary Arizona Gay Rodeo <b>CANCELED</b>	February 12-14, 2021
Rodeo Volunteer Party <b>CANCELED</b>	February 19, 2021 (Friday)
AGRA Annual Corporation Meeting/Banquet	February 27, 2021 (Saturday)

### AGRA BOARD MEETINGS

- December 10, 2020
- January 7, 2020
- February 4, 2020
- March 11, 2020

### AGRA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- December 13, 2020
- January 10, 2020
- February 7, 2020
- March 14, 2020

AGRA Membership meetings begin at 3:00pm and are currently being held on Zoom due to COVID-19. AGRA Board Meetings are held at 7:00pm and are currently being done over Zoom or telephone.

## WISHING YOU SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAYS! & A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

## December Member Birthdays!



- Ivan McGrew..... 12/03
- Ryan Knop..... 12/06
- Sandy Bidwell..... 12/08
- Gabriel Browne..... 12/20
- Kelly Pierce-Bloom..... 12/24
- Mahlon Lovell..... 12/26

You're Invited to a Fundraiser for Southwest Leather Sir & Boy

**Kinky Christmas Auction**

December 5th, 2020  
Starts at 7pm  
On Zoom Live

AGRA  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of November 30, 2020

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	<u>Nov 30, 20</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
100 - Chase Bank Checking - # 7493	18,217.51
Total Checking/Savings	<u>18,217.51</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>18,217.51</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>18,217.51</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
2000 - Retained Earnings	9,259.33
Net Income	<u>8,958.18</u>
Total Equity	<u>18,217.51</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>18,217.51</u></b>

11:18 AM  
12/01/20  
Cash Basis

**AGRA**  
**Non-Rodeo Income & Expenses**  
November 2020

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	<u>Nov 20</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Expense	
6000 · Expenses	
6001 · Bank Account Expenses	
6004 · Paytech-Authorized Net Fees	127.95
Total 6001 · Bank Account Expenses	127.95
6090 · AGRA Office Expenses	
6091 · Postage	76.30
6092 · Telephone & Internet	83.24
6095 · Website	79.00
Total 6090 · AGRA Office Expenses	238.54
Total 6000 · Expenses	366.49
Total Expense	366.49
Net Ordinary Income	-366.49
Net Income	<u><u>-366.49</u></u>

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12/01/20  
Cash Basis

AGRA  
2022 Rodeo Report  
Monthly

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	Nov 20
Net Income	<u>0.00</u>

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12/01/20  
Cash Basis

AGRA  
2022-Rodeo  
Year to Date

	<u>Jun - Nov 20</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Income	
5000 · RODEO INCOME	
5008 · Rodeo Balance Transferred	20,999.33
Total 5000 · RODEO INCOME	<u>20,999.33</u>
Total 4000 · Income	20,999.33
Total Income	<u>20,999.33</u>
Gross Profit	20,999.33
Expense	
6000 · Expenses	
7000 · RODEO EXPENSES	
7100 · IGRA Expenses	
7101 · Sanction Fee	700.00
Total 7100 · IGRA Expenses	700.00
7120 · Arena	
7122 · Arena Rental	5,000.00
Total 7120 · Arena	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total 7000 · RODEO EXPENSES	<u>5,700.00</u>
Total 6000 · Expenses	5,700.00
Total Expense	<u>5,700.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	15,299.33
Net Income	<u><u>15,299.33</u></u>