## Vendor and Merchandise Committee Report October 20, 2006

13 IGRA associations were present at this meeting. See the attached sheet for those members present.

Brief introductions on the Agenda of this group by the Chairperson, Bill Watkins, lead to a poll of those persons and their interested being an on going part of this committee. The agenda:

Update on IGRA merchandise sold during this past year.

New merchandise idea for product that display the IGRA logo.

Creating a stronger vendor participation at finals

- 1. Update on IGRA merchandise sold this past year. At present the total monies turned and recorded by the IGRA Treasurer are 388.00. At the end of convention both Rainbow and Stars and Cut Above Design are to present to the IGRA Treasurer with monies. On line sale of IGRA merchandise, will hopefully happen when we go on line with contestant registration.
- 2. New merchandise idea displaying the IGRA logo was suggested. The list of ideas had a lot of possibilities.
  - o Condoms with the IGRA logo to be sold or as handout in appropriate venues
  - Dental Dams used in the same manner
  - o Candles and Soaps possible with a western scent
  - Leather and metal products
  - o Buying in larger volume, such western image beads, and selling at a better price
  - Allowing the royalty teams of each association becoming vendors of IGRA logo merchandise not at present sold by IGRA official vendors.

The topic of allowing merchandise with the combination of holding both the local association and the IGRA was discussed. The agreement with we now have with are official vendors does not allow for this. Many suggestions were offered in helping to solve this situation for association. All seemed to proof too costly.

3. Creating stronger vendor participation at finals. The committee felt that if IGRA finals were to be held in a more permanent location there is a greater possibility, over time, of building a wide assortment of quality vendors. The question of price and cost where brought up on handling this endeavor. Details on the way this would be worked out with the association would have to be thought through by the IGRA Board of Directors or trustees.

A brainstorm session on possible a brand name this Finals Vendor idea was tossed around. Many ideas were voice. The consensus of the committee was "STOCKYARD".

The feeling was that this could even be used as a branding used for all local associations vendors areas.

Bill Watkins took the name of those members who where interested in a more active participation of this committee. Name of possible vendors will be gathered in the next

few months and once we know what direction the IGRA Board is heading with finals we will send out invitations to candidates.

## Committee sign in

Keith Moore NGRA & FGRA

Rich Fraser **NSGRA** Jackie Thompson **ASGRA** Carlos Garcia AGRA Peter Dillon CCGRA John Sieron **GWGRA** Travis Parker **OGRA** Richard Brown **KGRA** Frank Loy KGRA Doug Graff **GSGRA** Mike Sanders **ASGRA** Tamara Marks **HGRA** Jeanne Mcleod TGRA Steve Fischbacher **FGRA** 

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Watkins