## Report of the World Gay Rodeo Finals Committee Meeting Convention 2008 – New Orleans LA October 31, 2008

The World Gay Rodeo Finals Committee met on Friday afternoon from 1:15 to 2:45pm with 13 people in attendance. 7 of which were voting members. A list of attendees is attached to this report. I would like to thank all that attended this committee meeting, all the sharing of information and ideas, is great and will really help future finals committees be successful. I would like to personally thank the entire World Gay Rodeo Finals Team for all their hard work and dedication this whole year. Having a committee chair that's Canadian and drinks a lot was challenging at the best of times.

As rodeo finals director I would like to thank the entire team all of our sponsors and the associations that stepped up to the plate with both financial and sweat equity support per say. (The concept of sharing the work load worked really well this year and we hope to involve even more associations in the years to come)

I would also like to thank Anheuser Busch of Denver and James Ramey of Anheuser Busch-Bud Light Brands for major sponsorship of Finals Rodeo 2008. We look forward to working with Bud Light in future years to come.

At this time we would like to review some numbers with you...

Rodeo packages sold – 91 (includes Friday night ticket sales) Saturday Attendance – 526 Sunday Attendance – 305 Saturday night's party – 236

When all is Said and done (we are still finalizing some late accounts receivable and payable) we should have a profit of about \$1500.00

(It was the charge of IGRA's President to make at least \$1.00 in profit this year) that means that we met our goal by 1499.99%... Not bad the first time out)

We want to talk very briefly about the Saturday nights entertainment/party. This part of the committee got off to a shaky and somewhat unorganized start. So we brought in nothing but the best Tommy Channel to work with the rodeo director at getting this all pulled together. Tommy did a wonderful job and we pulled off an event that considering it the first of its kind for IGRA was very successful.

In particular we would like to that GWGRA for the Sandwich lunch they provided for the contestants on Saturday and Sunday, CGRA and GSGRA for hosting the IGRA Finals hospitality suite.

IGRA also sold merchandise at finals using the IGRA Finals Brand which was also very successful even with its limited inventory. (Items are also here and on sale this weekend, please see Miss Patrick Terry if you are interested) Merchandise in the end made approximately \$600.00 over the weekend.

Bob Pimentel will give a quick update on the World Gay Rodeo Finals 2009 in Albuquerque NM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pierre Cadieux IGRA Finals Committee Chair 2008

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