

NMGRA General Membership Minutes

July 14, 2026

1. Call Meeting to Order 7:06 PM Attending: Jeff L, Phil T-S, Seliah D, Thom S, Ed P, Dave H, Joey M, Russel E, Ron O, Michael K, Ken H , Mario C
2. Approval of Agenda- Thom, Russel 2nd- Approved
3. Approval of June 2026 Meeting Minutes- Russell E , Michael K2nd- Approved
4. President's Report (Jeff)
 - a. Successful Pride events 2026 (Rio Rancho June 6th, Los Ranchos June 7th, June 13th, Santa Fe June 27th)- Jeff shared how proud he was for the organization's presence and representation at all the various locations. NMGRA was well received.
 - i.
 - b. Review Royalty handbook updates to be voted on
 - i. Seliah presented changes to the Royalty handbook. -
 - ii. Discussion regarding changes commenced-
 1. Michael asked when these go into effect.
 - a. 2027
 - iii. Motion to approve- Phil, 2nd Seliah- Approved
 - iv. Document to be posted on website
5. Vice President's Report (Seliah/Royalty)
 - a. Royalty update:
 - i. Total Raised by NMGRA Royalty Team to Date: \$4,263.00
 1. Seliah presented and breakdown by royalty member.
 - ii. Upcoming Events

1. Friday, July 17 – Seliah Leather Rodeo Pageant, Sidewinders, 9:00 p.m.
2. Saturday, July 18 – Phil’s Pool Party, Noon
3. Saturday, August 1 – CeCe & Jeffrey Bingo, Boxcar, 3:00–6:00 p.m.
4. August 21–23 – Zia Regional Rodeo, Santa Fe
5. October 22–25 – IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals, El Reno, Oklahoma
6. Saturday, November 21 – “2027 NMGRA Royalty” Competition, Sidewinders Bar & Grill

b. Leather Rodeo Pageant

- i. Scheduled for this Friday at Sidewinders

c. Additional Updates

- i. Submitted recommendations for the Royalty Handbook and shared them with former and current royalty members. I received feedback from a few members.
- ii. Obtaining quotes from embroidery vendors for shirts and sashes.

d. Coordinating with Ed to turn over: \$590.00 in royalty fundraising proceeds: A \$1,500.00 donation check from Sidewinders for the rodeo.

e. Out-of-State Rodeo Attendance

- i. Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo – Denver, CO (July 11–13): Jeffrey attended.
- ii. Great Plains Rodeo – Oklahoma City, OK (August 8–10): Jeffrey, CeCe, Calisto plan to attend.
- iii. Zia Regional Rodeo – Santa Fe, NM (August 21–23): Entire royalty team will be in attendance.
- iv. Best Buck in the Bay – Duncan Mills, CA (September 12–14): Jeffrey and Ce Ce plans to attend.

- v. IGRA World Gay Rodeo Finals – El Reno, OK (October 22–25): Jeffrey and CeCe will compete for IGRA Royalty.
 - vi. Jeff presented that Board has removed Bianca as Miss NMGRA and appointed Seliah for the rest of the year, Bianca is no longer a member in good standing. Consensus that exec board
- f. Any other items to bring up,
- i. nmgra.org website continues to be updated.

6. Secretary's Report (Phil)

- a. New members and renewals
 - i. New Vote in Rosalee Mahdi, Ernestina (Tina) Hernandez-Zudell, Chalise Vandermyde, Coco Bentley- Russel motioned Dave Second- Approved
 - ii. Renewals- Eric Christopher Garcia, Drew Overbeck, Mark Arnold, Cindy Cowan, Ryder Gently
 - iii. With these new members- total- 45
- b. Any other items to bring, Reminder about pool party this coming Saturday 12 noon.

7. Treasurer's Report (Ed)-

- a. See distributed P & L
- b. We have enough money in the bank fund rodeo safely at this juncture. We have doubled our revenue compared to last year.
- c. Jeff L gave a quick update on buckle and ribbon sponsorships.

8. Trustee's Report (Dave)

- a. IGRA update/s- Noting to report except 3rd quarter meeting will be at our rodeo.
- b. Dave reminded folks to nominate names for awards from IGRA

9. Rodeo Director's Report (Dave/Ryan)

- a. Rodeo planning committee updates- Rodeo is in a few weeks- we are in crunch time

- i. A few fires to put out but team is working on resolving outstanding issues.
 - ii. Michael offered to help with finding a vendor for the cook shack.
- b. Jeff gave an update on sponsorship sales and encouraged the membership to reach out to friends, family and associates.

10. Old Business

- a. Jeff and crew visited the trailer and discovered that the repair was not holding- A long term solution is needed.
- b.

11. New Business

- a. Russel- is working on coordinating rodeo school, Dev reminded us that we have to offer 6 events to receive the \$500. We can offer alternative events if we need to substitute and event.

12. Next Meeting Date – August 11th, 2026

13. Motion to adjourn – Ed Moved , Russel Second- Adjourned at 8:49 P.M