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The Louisiana High School Rodeo Association met in regular session at the St. Landry Ag Arena in Opelousas, Louisiana, on this date with the following members absent: Imon Jones (family member seriously ill); Gene Melton (had bulls at a PBR); Tom Watson (ill); James Hagan (family wedding); Mantle Austin (business related event) Robby Lang (working).

On motion of Scott Broussard, seconded by Johnny Poole, the agenda was approved as printed.

On motion of Mark Frey, seconded by Glen Hetzel, the Board unanimously approved minutes of the September 6, 2007, meeting as printed and the Secretary's report including membership numbers of 367 in high school and 164 in the Wrangler Division, an update of [www.lhsra.info](http://www.lhsra.info), and a request for a motion, made by Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Mark Frey and unanimously approved to transition the fees and paperwork of each qualifying Wrangler Division Rodeo to the sponsoring organization.

On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Scott Broussard, the Board unanimously received the report of the Prom Committee, as presented by BJ Folse.

On motion of Mark Frey, seconded by Stephanie Rodrigue, the Board unanimously approved postponing action on the new ten year contract with Rodeo Sports Network, increasing the per rodeo fee to \$5.00 per contestant, pending legal counsel on the terms of the contract.

On motion of Brian Carroll, seconded by Scott Broussard, the Board unanimously approved the Committee Report and Recommendations of the Livestock Committee, as presented by Chairman Mark Frey, including the following:

- Motion amended by Mark Frey, seconded by Scott Broussard, and unanimously approved that Stock Contractor Edward Lee Kinney be officially advised that the \$200 fine for the livestock used in the Steer Wrestling at Bell City (2 steers at \$100/steer) has been suspended; however, he is to be further advised that if these steers or livestock of similar quality are brought back to an LHSRA sanctioned rodeo, including the Wrangler Division, the fine will double, reflecting both Bell City and the second rodeo;
- Motion by Mark Frey, seconded by Shorty Norred and unanimously approved that Stock Contractor Edward Lee Kinney be fined \$400 for team roping steers (4 steers at \$100/steer) used at the Bell City Rodeo;
- Motion by Mark Frey, seconded by Scott Broussard that Jesse Rabalais be suspended from the judges list for providing stock at a rodeo that he was judging, in direct conflict with LHSRA Ground Rules, for the remainder of the 2007-08 season, including the State Finals, and return as a number 5 judge in 2008-09, pending successful participation in the 2008 LHSRA Judges' Clinic.
- Motion by Mark Frey, seconded by Glen Hetzel, that Bergeron Rodeo Company be officially advised that the \$100 fine for the livestock used in the Goat Tying at Lafayette (1 steers at \$100/goat) has been suspended; however, he is to be further advised that if these goats or livestock of similar quality are brought back to an LHSRA sanctioned rodeo, including the Wrangler Division, the fine will double, reflecting both Lafayette and the second rodeo, noting that all goats must be of uniform size and caliber;

- It was noted that Donovan Fontenot, Committee Member would advise Mr. Kinney verbally of the specific Steer Wrestling and Team Roping stock at issue, prior to the Sulphur High School Rodeo and an official letter on the fine information would follow.

On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Johnny Poole, the Board unanimously received the reminder of President Calvin Folsie to gather information on State Finals' stock, personnel, and 18 award saddles to be presented to the Board of Directors.

On motion of Mark Frey, seconded by Brian Carroll, the Board unanimously approved Gist Buckles for both the High School and Wrangler Division awards and authorized the Awards Committee to research first, second and third place go-round awards.

The Board of Directors consensually accepted the following remarks on Qualifying Rodeos:

- D'Arbonne Range Riders – commended for hospitality and effort, particularly the ground preparation utilizing the new tractor and drag;
- Tri-Parish – commended for efforts exhibited and immediate attention to a barrel racing issue, advised to address glass in the arena at the next LHSRA rodeo;
- Lincoln Parish – commended for quality rodeo;
- Grant Parish – received correspondence from Mrs. Angie Broussard in reference to alleged error in barrel placement which both Jesse Rabalais and the Arena Director reportedly checked and found to be in correct placement, advised removal of smokeless tobacco signage at the next LHSRA Rodeo, and on motion by Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Mark Frey, unanimously tabled the sanctioning of the Grant Parish High School Rodeo for 2008, pending further research and study;
- Bell City – Stock issues previously addressed by Stock Committee Report;
- Cowboys – advised utilizing another buckle company, consider a 2-day rodeo, assurance that Pole Bending is lined up with the gate;
- Pointe Coupee – commended for hospitality and effort expended;
- St. Landry – consideration of rankness of horses; notification that ambulance was delayed because it stopped at an accident on the way to the arena

On motion of Glen Hetzel, seconded by Shorty Norred, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM, with the next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2008, following the Mid-Winter Adult General Membership Meeting at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 5, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Alexandria, Louisiana.