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The Louisiana High School Rodeo Association met in regular session at the Louisiana Convention Center in Alexandria, Louisiana, on this date with the following members absent: Tom Watson (ill); Mantle Austin, Bull Austin, Neal Thurmon, Gene Melton (all working); Robby Lang, Imon Jones.

On motion of Chelsea Carroll, seconded by James Hagan, the agenda was approved as printed.

On motion of Glen Hetzel, seconded by Mark Frey, the Board unanimously approved minutes of the February 23, 2008 meeting as printed and the Secretary's report including membership of 372 in high school and 168 in the Wrangler Division, as reported by Stephanie Rodrigue.

On motion of Mark Frey, seconded by Scott Broussard, the Board unanimously approved Financial Statements of the Wrangler Division and High School accounts, as presented by Nicky Rodrigue.

On motion of Scott Broussard, seconded by Johnny Poole, the Board unanimously approved personnel changes of Gertrude Robinson replacing Diane Fontenot as LJHFR timer, Stewart Mudge replacing Bill Griffin as LHSFR pick-up man, Pam Taylor replacing Lacey Hetzel as LHSFR announcer's secretary, Paul Cleveland replacing Wade Woolstenhulme as LHSFR judge and received a report from President Calvin Folsie indicating that the big fans were in at Lamar-Dixon and awaiting installation, and that the goat roping at the LHSFR is handled through Scotty Johnson with the practice pen. Through consensus, the Board approved Tommy Dugdale as LJHFR arena director, prepping LJHFR goats, steers and calves at 4:00 PM on Friday, May 16, and a LJHFR dance on Saturday night.

On motion of Nicky Rodrigue, seconded by Mark Frey, the Board unanimously approved using one center stake in the goat tying.

On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Brian Carroll, the Board unanimously approved declining to invite Grant Parish to host a qualifying high school rodeo in 2008-09, based on logistical and committee issues, as well as the projected sale of the facility.

On motion of Mark Frey, seconded by Glen Hetzel, the Board unanimously approved directing a committee of Scott Broussard, Mark Frey, Shorty Norred, Johnny Poole and Nicky Rodrigue to develop a 2008-09 schedule that would double all rodeos, other than those with Wrangler Division events, with the schedule to be disseminated to Board members upon completion and with the understanding that approval would be by consensus and no comment to President Calvin Folsie would be assumed to be as in agreement. Once a consensus was reached, the schedule of weekends would be posted on the internet. It was further understood that most of the weekend dates would have to work around those buildings with other events already on their schedules.

On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by James Hagan, the Board unanimously approved tabling the revisiting of mandatory third and fourth place qualifying rodeo awards for 2008-09.

On motion of Brian Carroll, seconded by Kenny Granger, the Board unanimously approved allowing an option to eliminate subscriptions for multiple LHSRA/WD members within the same family.

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

- **Southeast – Hard dirt (teeth worn on equipment and set too high, ground needs leveling, will be addressed prior to LHSFR);**
- **Calcasieu – Considerable improvements of event and stock since 2007;**
- **The Pavilion – Well organized, efficiently run;**
- **LaSalle – Good rodeo, chute gate needs to be replaced to updated, spring-loaded model;**
- **Choupique – Improved since 2007;**
- **Vernon Parish – Uneven goats, ear tags not properly colored and placed, as noted in photos;**
- **Northwest – Good rodeo;**
- **Circle T – Good rodeo; steers were recently used at PRCA rodeo**
- **Hackberry – Rank cutting cattle, ran out of reride horses;**
- **SuagerFest – Good rodeo, uniform cattle**

On motion of Mark Frey, seconded by BJ Folse, the Board agreed to present former LHSRA President Imon Jones with a Gist buckle to commemorate his presidency, preferably at the LHSFR.

On motion of James Hagan, seconded by Stephanie Rodrigue, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2008, at 7:00 PM at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center for the purpose of finalizing issues of the LJHFR and the LHSFR with a jambalaya dinner to follow, hosted by Calvin Folse.