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The Louisiana High School Rodeo Association met in regular session at the Sai Louisiana Convention Center, Alexandria, Louisiana, on this date with the following members absent: Scott Broussard, Tim Little (both at Little Britches), Gene Melton (stock at bull riding), Mantle Austin, Kenny Granger (working), Ricky Deville, Brian Carroll (meeting), Donovan Fontenot (Oklahoma City), Taren Rector.

On motion of Glen Hetzel, seconded by James Hagan, the agenda was approved as printed.

On motion of Perry Moses, seconded by Gordon Sorey, the Board unanimously approved minutes of the June 13, 2008 meeting as printed and the Secretary's report including information on NHSFR scholarships, state baskets, chaired by Tammy Parrott and Ilene Guinn, and auction needs, as reported by Stephanie Rodrigue.

On motion of Mark Frey, seconded by Gordon Sorey, the Board unanimously elected Calvin Folsie as President; on motion of Glen Hetzel, seconded by James Hagan, the Board unanimously elected Donovan Fontenot as First Vice-President; on motion of Stephanie Rodrigue; seconded by Perry Moses, the Board unanimously elected Johnny Poole as Second Vice-President; on motion of Glen Hetzel, seconded by Johnny Poole, the Board unanimously elected Stephanie Rodrigue as State Secretary; on motion of James Hagan, seconded by Tommy Dugdale, the Board unanimously elected Nicky Rodrigue as Treasurer; and on motion of Gordon Sorey, seconded by Johnny Poole, the Board unanimously elected James Hagan as Parliamentarian.

The Board discussed LHSFR issues including driving after curfew, alleged alcohol and smoking violations, assessment of dances, need for increased security on Saturday night after some contestants have little regard for rules, camper assignments for late arrivals and reservation forms after the deadline, animal welfare issues with rough stock, bulls interfering with Pole Bending, enhanced atmosphere with new ceiling fans.

The Board received a report from National Director Nicky Rodrigue on the Wrangler Division and High School National Finals including Kallan Mudd's election as National Student Secretary, Taylor Booth's selection as Wrangler Division Student Athlete of the Year, Louisiana Day, injuries of Jared Begnaud, Corbin Carpenter and Tyler Waguespack, Darby Shope as National Pole Bending Champion, other awards, placings and scholarships, Louisiana Day, and NHSRA updates.

On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Mark Frey, the Board unanimously approved J2 Rodeo Company, owned by Natie Johnson, as an approved LHSRA stock contractor.

On motion of Mark Frey, seconded by Johnny Poole, the Board unanimously rescinded a previous motion of mandatory third and fourth place awards at Qualifying Rodeos.

The Board heard a request submitted to Calvin Folsie by Larry Morgan to eliminate the quick release ground rule. It was noted that insurance claims over the years support the lesser injuries since its inception and that more contestants could be potentially hurt without it, if used properly.

On motion of Gordon Sorey, seconded by Perry Moses, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting logistics to be posted at www.lhsra.info.