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The Board of Directors of 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: Mantle Austin, Mark Kinney, Taren Rector, and Joey Roberts.

On motion of Perry Moses, seconded by Johnny Poole, the agenda was approved as printed.

On motion of Perry Moses, seconded by Scott Broussard, the Board unanimously approved minutes of the July 31, 2008 meeting, as prepared by Stephanie Rodrigue.

On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Eric Hammons, the Board approved the Prom 2009 report by Student President BJ Folse, including the venue as the Sai Louisiana Convention Center, the theme of Las Vegas with NFR color décor, as designed by Katie Jo Barber, the need for decorating and dismantling assistance on Saturday, January 3, 2009, beginning at 9:00 AM and the results of Official Prom Photographer quotes on a standard package of (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7, (16) wallets (with other packages as optional to offer the attendees) as follows:

- Double H (Haymon) - \$20.00
- Derrell Miller - \$75.00
- Beverly Vincent - \$50.00

with the decision as the median priced packaged submitted by Beverly Vincent. BJ Folse also reported thanking all who submitted a quote.

On motion of Johnny Poole, seconded by James Hagan, the Board unanimously approved the Financial Statement, as presented by Nicky Rodrigue. In alignment with current economic trends, Nicky Rodrigue reported approximately 20 contestants less per rodeo and 2 rodeos not being held this year for a combined impact of approximately \$20,000 with the Wrangler Division membership down by 30 members. Mark Frey, Calvin Folse and BJ Folse met with the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, John F. "Andy" Anders, who personally contributed \$1000.00 to LHSRA and challenged his colleagues to do likewise. Ongoing discussions are set to take place for a possible LHSRA bill in the 2009 session. Nicky Rodrigue asked the Board to consider a Crisis Fund donation to Corbin Carpenter to help defray the costs of medical and travel expenses from his severe injuries incurred at the 2008 NHSFR. On motion of Mark Frey, seconded by Scott Broussard, the Board unanimously agreed to allot \$1000.00 from the LHSRA Crisis Fund to Corbin Carpenter.

On motion of Glen Hetzel, seconded by Tim Little, the Board approved, with seven dissenting votes, The Pavilion at Coushatta in Kinder, Louisiana, as the venue of the 2009 Louisiana Junior High Finals Rodeo with cost specifics as follows:

- Both rentals at \$1500/day
- Both RV rentals at \$15.00/day
- Stalls – Ike at \$10.00/day, shavings at \$7.00; The Pavilion at \$5.00/day, shavings at \$6.00
- Ambulance – The Pavilion would provide; Eric Hammons volunteered to donate at Ike
- Bucking Chutes – The Pavilion would provide; Eric Hammons volunteered to donate at Ike
- Stall composite – Ike is concrete; The Pavilion is dirt
- Concerns at Ike with ongoing dirt issues; at The Pavilion with warm-up arena not covered.

On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Johnny Poole, the Board unanimously approved bidding the LJHFR 2010 and 2011 in the Spring/Summer 2009. Calvin Folse also reported a meeting with Flo Magee of Lamar-Dixon verifying the projected June 30, 2009 closure of Lamar-Dixon unless the Governor's Office of Homeland Security or some other interested party were to buy the venue.

On motion of Gordon Sorey, seconded by Perry Moses, the Board unanimously approved tabling discussion on double weekend rodeos as presented by Mark Frey.

On motion of Perry Moses, seconded by Tommy Dugdale, the Board unanimously approved, with 2 dissenting votes, utilizing a LJHFR/LHSFR Exclusive Photographer Rights Sponsorship Form with a minimum sponsorship of \$750 for the LJHFR and \$1500 for the LHSFR. On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Gordon Sorey, the Board unanimously approved requesting the availability and pricing, if available, of standard 4x6, 5x7 and 8x10 photographs. Mark Frey proposed for later discussion, the possibility of personnel cards to be purchased by all rodeo personnel.

President Calvin Folsie informed the Board that forms for saddles, stock and personnel would be available on the website and due to him no later than December 22, 2008 with the exception of pick-up men and bullfighters which would be due April 1, 2009.

On motion of James Hagan, seconded by Stephanie Rodrigue, the Board approved, with one dissenting vote, DeWitt Forrest of Arkansas and Paul Cleveland of Nebraska, as the 2009 LHSFR judges at \$1200 to judge plus \$300 to conduct the Judges' Clinic and a room.

On motion of Glen Hetzel, seconded by Tommy Dugdale, the Board unanimously approved authorizing Glen Hetzel to hire cutting judges.

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

Lincoln Parish (Ruston) – enhanced awards for high school and Wrangler Division, commended as well-run and very hospitable and welcoming to contestants, in response to question, goats for the Wrangler Division were selected based on size and was the Arena Director's and Judges' decision with all tied 5 times, but not all in the high school rodeo because more were needed, based on numbers of entries;

Bell City – buckles were not available at the rodeo and were still not available six weeks later; on motion of Mark Frey, seconded by Scott Broussard, the Board approved, with 1 dissenting vote, moving forward and effectively immediately, a club would be fined \$300 for failing to have all buckles at the rodeo, unless traceable documentation proving a legitimate delay on the part of the buckle or shipping vendor is provided to the LHSRA President and approved by the Board of Directors;

Tri-Parish (Eunice) – bulls were loaded during the Pole Bending;

Pointe Coupee (New Roads) – well-run, very hospitable

Choudrant (Ruston) - the warm-up arena was extremely dusty and caused dust to blow into the rodeo arena;

D'Arbonne (Farmerville) – ambulance was late on Sunday;

Sulphur – enhanced awards for high school, Wrangler Division Boys and Girls Breakaway was drawn as one event, eliminating the first several cowgirls of having their calves drawn from the entire herd, James Hagan volunteered to speak with judges Peanut Boullion and Richard Izard.

On motion of Perry Moses, seconded by Johnny Poole, the Board unanimously approved swapping Leesville and the Pavilion qualifying rodeos, due to a scheduling error at The Pavilion. *(Special Note: It was later determined that there was not an error and those two rodeos would be held as per the initial schedule.)* It was noted that the arena at Hackberry High School is on schedule with repairs, as per reports from Randall Broussard, Architect for Cameron Parish School Board who owns and manages the arena.

On motion of Johnny Poole, seconded by Scott Broussard, the meeting was adjourned with the next meeting scheduled to follow the January 3, 2009 Mid-Winter General Adult Membership Meeting at the Sai Louisiana Convention Center in Alexandria, Louisiana.