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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, at 7:00 PM on this date with the following members absent: James Hagan, Gordon Sorey, Glen Hetzel, Mark Kinney (all working), Eric Hammons (out-of-town), Mark Frey (in another meeting), Taren Rector, Victoria Roach, and Joey Roberts.

On motion of Tim Little, seconded by Johnny Poole, the agenda was approved as printed.

On motion of Johnny Poole, seconded by Ricky Deville, the Board unanimously approved minutes of the January 3, 2009 meeting, as prepared by Stephanie Rodrigue.

On motion of Donovan Fontenot, seconded by Tommy Dugdale, the Board unanimously approved the Financial Statement by Treasurer Nicky Rodrigue, including that all Gist buckles were in and paid for, as well as 50% of the high school and 100% of the Wrangler Division saddles, to date.

On motion of Kenny Granger, seconded by Johnny Poole, the Board unanimously approved the National Director's Report, as presented by Nicky Rodrigue, to include a postponement of the new NHSRA museum and office complex in Denver due to the inability of NHSRA to pay a 35% down payment to Wells Fargo Bank, an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act recipient.

On motion of Ricky Deville, seconded by Donovan Fontenot, the Board unanimously approved issuing Requests for Proposals for May 19, 2009, for the 2010 and 2011 LJHFR and LHSFR from all viable venues in Louisiana.

Based on the NHSRA rule book, page 54, referencing placement of contestants, the motion of Brian Carroll, seconded by Johnny Poole, to allow special preference for first choice by any sibling of a Wrangler Division contestant rodeo at the high school rodeo on the same weekend as a Wrangler Division rodeo was withdrawn.

On motion of Tim Little, seconded by Johnny Poole, the Board unanimously approved the order for a replacement announcer for the Wrangler Division Finals as follows: 1st – Rocky Prince, 2nd – Arthur Smith, 3rd – Kenny Kyle, 4th – Buck Wilkins.

On motion of Donovan Fontenot, seconded by Brian Carroll, the Board unanimously approved Scotty Johnson and Stewart Mudge as LHSFR pick-up men.

On motion of Scott Broussard, seconded by Shorty Norred, the Board, in a 9-4 vote, approved Al Bryant and Jonathan Shreeman as LHSFR bullfighters,

On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Ricky Deville, the Board unanimously approved the LJHFR and LHSFR Tentative Schedules with a request to consider moving around the College Finals, as well as the NJHFR and the NHSFR.

On motion of Stephanie Rodrigue, seconded by Donovan Fontenot, the Board unanimously approved the Lawton Ranch Colt Essay Contest with a preference of including the Wrangler Division.

The Board consensually agreed that there would be no late check-in, noting the rule that participation is mandatory for contestants.

President Calvin Folse issues preliminary work assignments for the Finals.

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

Northeast

- Cattle were cut from the herd prior to the rodeo
- Ground issues have already been addressed with the entire ground being reevaluated and worked
- Bucking horses were green

Hackberry

- Event went well
- Two bull dogging steers consistently stopped
- Enhanced awards program (3rd, 4th and Rookie Event Winners)

Calcasieu

- Two bucking horses had problems

CenLA

- No reported issues

LaSalle

- Rodeo went exceptionally well, especially considering weather conditions
- Ground conditions were excellent

Southeast

- Very hospitable to contestants, families and visitors
- Provided tee-shirts to all contestants, as well as performance awards for both rodeos
- Enhanced awards program
- Efficiently run event

Lafayette

- Goats were above weight limit – instructed not to return to another rodeo
- Breakaway calves – within weight limit, but uneven, instructed not to return to another rodeo
- Tie Down calves – lack of uniformity, placed in 9 holes with 4 calves, no placings on remaining 10; Stock Committee recommends a \$100/head fine, suspending \$800, with remaining fine set at \$200, instructed not to return to another rodeo with Board to reconsider Wrangler Division contract based on stock at The Pavilion, if necessary, per motion of Johnny Poole, seconded by Kenny Granger, and unanimously approved

Choupique

- Tie Down calf #4 – no fine, instructed not to return to another rodeo

On motion of Shorty Norred, seconded by Kenny Granger, the Board unanimously approved adjournment.