**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 8, 2014**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

1. **ATTENDEES:**
ALVIN TOPHAM (A.T.)
BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.)
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.) – ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS
PATRICK MCGINITY (P.M.)
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.) – ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS
HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.)
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER (R.N.)

 ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) ACCT

1. **MINUTES:**

B.E. moves to accept minutes as written; B.D. seconds; passed, all ayes. B.E. moves to pay bills as stated; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes.

1. **LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Kenny Craven, Leslie Bertucci, Axel Murillo, Ramp Speyrer and Felix Malespin: want to team together to promote boxing; has fighters; problem finding venues. Planning on at least one fight per quarter; rents and security are killers; B.E. tells them if you can find a facility where the rent is low and you get the concessions you might make some money...you can't depend on ticket sales alone...sponsorships are very important. They have an outdoor venue that probably wouldn't be bad if tent was rented. Want to tap into the large Hispanic community in the Kenner, N.O. area. OPEN DISCUSSION ON PAST & PRESENT STATE OF BOXING IN LA. B.E. reviews application/fee process/bond/financial statement, etc. They will get their stuff together and email/mail to B.E.; B.E. will get bond to J.G.; B.D. moves that approval of promoter's license pending receipt of bond, license app, $500 fee, financials and all other proper documents in the name of Impact Boxing Productions, LLC; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes. They would like a show reservation date of June 28th pending issuance of license. B.E. will take care of keeping in contact with them on the documents.

1. **PAST SHOWS:** No Discussion
2. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Boxing tonight and 2 weeks from now in Monroe; also Opelousas; MMA on the 17th in Monroe...2 wrestling on 17/18th in Dulac & Westwego...Pitre in Houma...Wild Kat on 24th; Gill Guillory, MMA on 24th; Hicks boxing in Monroe 24th; 6th of June Ricco Impastato at Harrah's...20th June Horseshoe Casino, Legacy Fighting...next night is MMA by Matt McGovern on 21st...Russell & A.T. will coordinate. Matt also on 10/17 in B.R. - boxing; Shannon Folse Houma 11/15;

1. **OLD BUSINESS**:

AT reviews ABC convention schedule w/BE; all can go to [ABCboxing.com](http://ABCboxing.com); if all gets their stuff together for end of July convention we can cut one ck for everything.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**:

BE requests changes in Boxing rules (hands out document for John incorporate into rule changes he's working on); BE called PA, MO, CA, MI Indian Tribe to see where their rules are on how many TKO's a fighter can have before they can't fight anymore. OPEN DISCUSSION ON BE'S LIST OF SUGGESTIONS.

B.E. reviews a fight in B.R. on 26th and in the blue corner, a whistle blew and called second out; had to holler several times to get second out. This individual argued with referee and B.E., was disrespectful, argumentative and used bad language: can we suspend this individual for a year? B.E. would like J.G. to write to this gentleman to come before the commission for a hearing. All agree. OPEN DISCUSSION ON INSTANCES OF THIS TYPE & REMEDIES.

1. **NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:**

June 11th, Wednesday is good for all. Meeting may be held at Capital if session is over. A.T. will send out notice to confirm. B.E. moves to adjourn; P.M. seconds; passed, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.