**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**JULY 22, 2021**

**1) ATTENDEES:**
 BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.)
 JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)

JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.)

HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.) – ABSENT - MEDICAL
ORAY ROGERS (O.R.) – VIA VIDEO

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) – ACCTG – VIA VIDEO

**2) MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Approval of June minutes. T.F. moves to approve minutes, J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes. Financial report reviewed. J.G. moves to approve report, T.F. seconds, financial report approved, all ayes.

**3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

None.

**4) LICENSES:**

J.S.: Angel Carrabas of Conneticut called about getting a license for a Pro/Am show; we don’t do those; never promoted anywhere before. A friend from Thibodaux asked him to come down to discuss. Wants pro license; advised must attend the next meeting. Russell will be in charge of interviewing the gentleman in Thibodaux.

J.G.: Nathaniel Cooper of RSO applied for promoter’s license; checking on bond approval and still have no financial report from him.

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

J.G.: Getting reports of illegal “tough man” show in Lake Charles (by Justin? Amateur MMA? Josh Quayhagen?). Also an illegal show advertised on Facebook; wanted a “sparring” event with Lionel Butler in Hammond; he charged $20 per head; illegal groups claim “sparring” is not boxing. J.G. will contact Daniel Redmann to investigate.

**6) UPDATED GUIDELINES DURING COVID:**

Pursuant to last month’s decision:

All events, the commission will proceed pursuant to the Governor’s order lifting mask and social distancing requirements**. NOTE:** *Venues have the right to dictate stricter standards if desired and will dictate how strict or lax they will operate concerning the wearing of masks and social distancing of the public and others. These rules will be determined between the venue and the promoter.*

The commission will abide by the lifting of the mandates on 5/26 with the following exceptions:

1. Contestants will be required to provide proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test; tests are ideally performed at the event, but is acceptable to be turned in with the other medical docs within 6 days of the event.
2. Other participants (corner men, seconds, wrappers, officials, etc.) must provide proof of vaccinations or wear a mask throughout the event.
3. Kept in place will be our requirement that there is no physical contact to and from the ring between the contestants and the public (no high fiving, etc).
4. Once a contestant completes their event, they are free to leave the confined area but will be unable to return.

***THESE ABOVE RULES/GUIDELINES WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.***

**7) OLD BUSINESS:**

In contact with Chad Broussard in reference to an event to honor Bobby Dupre for perhaps September or October.

**8) PAST SHOWS**:

Michael Beadle had a good show in Morgan City with 600 attendees;

Russell issued all licenses at the Denham Springs event; show in Bossier really good; has a good matchmaker.

**9) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

MMA: 8/28 in Bossier by AKA; Russell cites a request for an MMA Midget show next spring. Dr. Ferguson warns of underlying medical conditions of these contestants if “real” fighting is involved.

Wrestling: Elev8te in Chalmette on 7/24; Cedotal in White Castle on 8/1; 8/28 in Lafayette and in October; Oren H. in Denham with midgets.

Michael Beadle has four shows scheduled in MC for Shrimp Festival; outside shows need more discussion.

Boxing: Battle of the Badges in Monroe 8/4, always good shows.

J.G. moves to approve above shows; J.S. seconds; shows approved, all ayes.

**10) ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

8/21 looks good if room available. B.E. will advise us later. T.F. moves to adjourn; J.S. seconds; meeting adjourned.