**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 17, 2016**

**BATON ROUGE, LA.**

1. **ATTENDEES:**
BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.)
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)

JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.)
HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.)
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.) - ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) ACCTG

1. **MINUTES:**

T.F. moves to approve minutes from April, H.W. seconds, passed, all ayes. J.G. moves to pay bills, payroll, H.W. seconds, passed, all ayes. Financial statement will be tabled until next meeting (Addie forgot report) but relays estimate of bank balances. Addie reminds Commission of unpaid $40k Risk Mgt.; B.E. and J.G. will make an appointment with contact from Risk Mgt. to resolve/discuss; J.G. will contact insurance acquaintance for his thoughts; J.G. moves to hold off paying for now; T.F. seconds; passed, issue table for now, all ayes.

Addie will add up her promulgation time for last few years for her salary review.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

None.

1. **LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

None.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**:

Ricky Norris will new part-time Deputy Commissioner at a salary of $350 per month, plus travel reimbursement. Russell Naquin salary will be raised to $500 per month. T.F. moves to approves new payroll for Ricky and Russell, H.W. seconds, passed, all ayes. Addie will procure correct civil service forms/appointment forms for Mr. Norris and new commissioners.

J.G. moves that Russel Naquin will be deputy to Jimbo Stevenson, over boxing and Ricky Norris will be deputy to John Green, over wrestling and MTE. Russell will also assist J.G. with wrestling. T.F. seconds, passed, all ayes.

Alvin Topham, former chairman, will be used as an official on an “as needed” basis only. He has turned in all his event files to J.G. except two files.

J.G. moves to direct Addie to order new plaque for Canal St. office, not to exceed $500.00; T.F. seconds, passed all ayes. Addie will edit it to exclude chairman name and have it installed.

J.G. moves for B.E. to order new letterhead for the commission with current names/addresses/new governor’s name/envelopes and for B.E. to edit all forms/applications used by the commission to reflect changes. J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes.

On mileage and Per Diem: Russell Naquin brings up mileage and Per Diem for officials; per statute, Per Diem is only paid to sitting commissioners and in lieu of travel reimbursements. OPEN DISCUSSION ON MILEAGE EXPENSE. Fair fee decided to be $25.00 trip charge per 30 to 100 miles traveled to events. Addie stresses the importance to break trip charge from officials pay so those payments will not be included in official’s 1099s at year-end. Can be written from Agency Account. J.G. moves to accept new trip charge for officials, T.S. seconds; passed, all ayes.

On Rule Promulgation: T.S. moved to direct Addie to contact Ms. Brindley at LAR and move the following sections to the General Rules:

 325. Physician

 709. Safety Zone

 313. Contestant Apparel & Physical Appearance

 305. Contestant

 341. Seconds

 311. Official Weighing In

 319. Permissible Items in Corner

 327. Timekeeper

H.W. seconded the motion; passed, all ayes. Per Ms. Brindley, the sections will be moved to General Rules to be edited and re-promulgated in a later Notice of Intent.

J.G. suggest section on gloves to be changed (lost my notes). Should female fighters have 10 oz. gloves? Needs discussion.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**:

B.E. reviews process to turn information to Brian Avara who will oversee and update boxing website; J.S. is to be copied on all.

J.G. has created the calendar for the commission so all commissioners can access; J.G. is still working on central licensing program and needs all license numbers in commissioner’s possession.

B.E. will verify contact information is correct on website for all commissioners.

1. **PAST SHOWS:**

Les Bananno had a show in N.O. No other discussions.

1. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

7/16: MTE at the Monroe Coliseum promoted by Alan Gray; all monies received but bond needs to be reviewed. J.G. moves to approve show pending bond review; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes.

9/23: Amy Schouest sent show reservation fee for this date. H.W. moved to accept date, J.S. seconded, passed, all ayes.

More Midget Wrestling? J.G. will check on that.

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

June 14th looks good for next meeting; like it here at the Embassy Suites. Addie will see if a room is open for that date. J.S. moves to adjourn; H.W. seconds; meeting adjourned.