**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

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

JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.) – ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS  
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.)

HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.)   
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.) – ABSENT MEDICAL

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

**2) MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

August minutes are reviewed; T.F. moves to accept minutes as written, H.W. seconds; minutes accepted. Addie reviews financial statement; T.F. moves to accept financial report and to pay bills and payroll; J.S. seconds; motion passed, all ayes.

**3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Received application to renew promoter’s license from Shannon Folse; have checks and documents; T.F. moves to approve license pending J.G. review; J.S. seconds; license approved pending acceptance by J.G.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

Addie reviews ICPA issue; all well, a few dings; ethics certificates need to be had by all. The few issues will be covered in his report to State Auditor; Addie will forward to all when available.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

B.E. received email from ABC who has entered into a contract with FightFax and two others where ABC gets half the fees. B.E. has an issue with that. B.E. suggests Ricky and Russell should tell the promoters they shouldn’t have to pay extra fees per bout for BoxRecs, FightFax. Tell promoters ya’ll will ck for suspensions etc. for nothing instead of them paying extra fees. T.F. wonders if we should adopt a resolution saying we don’t support that. B.E. said he already expressed that on a conference call. Especially small boxing promoters are at a severe disadvantage. ABC is also charging to stream shows. Sounds like money grabs.

Chad Broussard show issue about Greg Cohen. Says Greg didn’t send money for Mason. J.S. told Chad to tell him he’s off the card if he doesn’t get the $$. Wire bounced back. Also told Mason that Chad had his purse. Chad had no contract with the guy. Should we suspend the guy? Is Mason going to stay with this guy? Might be under contract with him. Cohen is a manager. What happens if a manager is suspended? Will Mason still be able to fight? Cohen could try and stop him. We could appeal to whichever commission is involved and try and get Chad’s money back. J.S. so moves; T.F. seconds. J.S. will send it off.

Only one referee at Sugar Mill fight; done it before and had long intermission; we paid extra $100 + travel. Bruce McDaniel has requested $500 + travel per show or won’t ref anymore. 60% raise. Then we’ll have to raise everyone to be fair. We have other refs we can use. J.S. cites other states fees. Bruce already makes more than that. We’re competitive with other states. Russell & J.S. think pay is fair. Talking about 3 hours @ $100 per hour. Usually out by 10 PM. Ricky pays same for MMA guys. We also go to bat for the local guys for televised shows where they make a lot more money. What to do?

J.B. says leave it the way it is. If one ref, they get extra $100; usually 2 refs per night each get $300. Extra $$ depending on how many rounds, how long they are, etc. Time keepers, corner men, hand inspectors etc. all make their hit. Ark/MS pay less than we do says B.E. J.B. moves to keep current rates for refs; H.W. seconds; further discussion? No; motion passed all ayes.

**7)** **PAST SHOWS:**

Patrick’s tribute was great. Ladies Voelker did a great job. One trainer 85 yrs. old had heart attack. Dr. saved his life. Impressed upon all the importance of having doctors at ringside. J.S. heard he’s having heart surgery. Russell will inquire about his status going forward. Letter of commendation should be issued to Dr. Kyle Degeyter.

No problems at other shows. All MMA shows went well.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Wrestling:

9/14: Teddy Nall, Class B, Lake Charles

9/21: Sean Farleigh, Class A, Pearl River

9/28: Mike Beadle, Bayou Vista

August Creppel Charity Show 10/5 Magnolia School for the Blind

10/12: Ring of Honor, Lake Front Arena

9/21: Justin Verdin Denham Springs

9/24: Hyman center

9/25: Troy Carruth at Raxx

Boxing:

Justin Verdin 11/1 Terrebonne CC

The Voelkers 11/16 w/Chase, Jung Hotel

Bad Chad on 10/10 at Evangeline Downs; no ck yet or show form yet

Al Smith looking for Oct. date; will get with J.S. this week

J.B. moves to accept above show dates, H.W. seconds. Shows approved.

**9) ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

10/9 looks good for next meeting; J.S. moves to accept the date and adjourn; T.F. seconds; meeting adjourned.