**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**August 6, 2015**

**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.)
HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.) – ABSENT - MEDICAL
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.) – ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

 ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) ACCT

1. **MINUTES:**

B.E. moves to accept minutes, T.F. seconds, passed all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: NONE**
2. **LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS: NONE**
3. **NEW BUSINESS**

B.E. would like to purchase the software & hardware to encrypt his boxing computer in order to scan in medical reports, etc., and trash paper hard copies of records of fighters.

OPEN DISCUSSION ON PROS/CONS OF KEEPING MEDICAL REPORTS, RESULTS OF DRUG TESTS, ETC.

ISKA RULES: have numerous people that are trying to do all sorts of promotions (like Bellatore) like mixed shows (MMA & k-boxing)...k-boxing has become a little more popular. In order for us to do pro k-boxing we need a sanctioning body for us to approve...A.T. sent ISKA rules to everyone...T.F. asks are they reliable? B.E: they've let me know when a fighter might get hurt after he had been knocked out, so they care about the fighters.

A.T. reviews ISKA rules to members. There are some things that our rules cover and theirs omit. They presently sanction amateur MMA in LA. T.F. would like the term "medical commission" changed to "ringside physician."

A.T. would like everyone to review the ISKA rules so we can make a decision by the next meeting. Would like a decision at next meeting as we are getting a lot of requests for these kick-boxing show. A.T. will contact Corey Schaefer with the ISKA to come before the commission. A.T. requests everyone review the rules and have their questions ready for the ISKA rep at the next meeting.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**:

On boxing tournament rules: we agreed at the last meeting the commission would contact them and give the tentative approval to move forward; they have been in contact with J.G. about privacy contract and demands from the networks they're talking to that want to confirm that the State is going along with the program. B.E. still has some concerns on the ranking of injured fighter, etc. P.M. wants to know about the money; B.E. says we can demand that they put the money upfront to the commission in the bond form if we like. T.F. wants the language changed in the contract with them that money received by the commission in not a "profit" but a tax or fee. LA boards and commissions are not in the business to make a "profit" and are barred by law from doing so.

A.T. will get with J.G. to prepare a simple letter to agree to their concept.

On ABC Conference in San Diego: T.F. reviews his impressions of his 1st conference; significant issues were the amount of sanctioning bodies trying to get recognition from the ABC. Site for next year will be in Las Vegas at the Monte Carlo. Big topics were drug testing, steroid use; CA commission has adopted some pre and post bout drug testing rules and testing during bouts. Most important to him was the excessive cut weight problem, some as much as 20#. B.E. would like to make a rule about the percentage a fighter can cut weight. Would have to weight them at the weigh in, before and after the fight. OPEN DISCUSSION OF CUT WEIGHT PROBLEM/REPERCUSSIONS TO FIGHTERS.

We will endeavor to get these rules done before election.

1. **PAST SHOWS: NO DISCUSSION**
2. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

BOXING IN OPELOUSAS THIS SAT; BOXING AT BELLE IN SEPT. BOXING IN OPELOUSAS AT EVANGELINE DOWNS.

9/18 (FRIDAY NIGHT) IS BOXING AT THE BELLE IF WE WANT TO HAVE THE MEETING THERE AT 10:30 THAT FRIDAY.

1. **MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:**

Will meet at the Belle of Baton Rouge either Friday or Saturday morning after the fight Friday night. Will poll absentees by email and broadcast exact date & time via email ASAP.

B.E. moves to accept tentative date and to adjourn; P.M. seconds; passed, all ayes; meeting adjourned.