**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**AUGUST 10, 2017**

**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.)

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

1. **MINUTES:**

T.F. moves to accept July minutes as written, H.W. seconds. Passed, all ayes. J. G. moves to approve and pay bills & August payroll. B.D. seconds, passed, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Gabe Miller of UFC Gym

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

 Have two license apps: Allen Gray for MTE promoter license got all fees & docs; Dennis wall on above

BD moves to accept pending TF upon receipt of bond, etc.

JB/JS on wall show approval.

**5) OLD BUSINESS**:

On Bogie’s Tough Man contest: Mr. Gabe Miller of UFC Gym: J.G: you are the owner UFC Gym? You came up on an unsanctioned fight at Bogie’s bar and your outfit allegedly oversaw the fight. Says he found out after the fact. J.G. requests list of names and addresses of who did participate. He will. 3 - 5 of your employees helped them run the show. J.G. assumes his employees know more than average Joes do; not necessarily. More of a fitness gym. He advised them not to help with that show. They have no experience in overseeing fights, etc.

Mr. Miller say some fraternity members came to our gym and wanted to learn how to protect themselves etc. Fraternity guys became friends with employees from gym so that’s how this happened. They were told all paperwork was done for event. Don’t know who told them that.

Who was referring and judging the fights? We’d like them to come in to the next meeting to explain themselves. Mr. Miller will let them know they need to come before the commission.

T.F.: explains the mobile hydration for the fighters is also against the law. Accentuates that this is all very serious stuff. He will make sure his employees involved will contact J.G.

J.G.: reviews facts of Watson hearing. B.E. signs order/resolution on Bogie’s club and gym; need official vote & moves to draft formal order per email sent to all. H.W. seconds; passed all ayes.

On Watson: B.E. sent Fight fax indefinite suspension due to threats to officials & Commissioners. Adding to that he must complete at least 7-week anger mgt course before suspension is lifted.

On MMA rules: to J.G: B.E. would like to ask us not to submit MTE rules with others until the standardized rules come from ACSC. We could probably make a statement as such and incorporate it into existing changes. No changes on weight classes. Stays AS Is.

ACSC conference in Clearwater; almost got J.B. elected to 2nd vice-president; very good meeting; several doctors in attendance; very informative.

On Wrestlemania: Let us suspend the 2-show rule in one town for Wrestlemania; we did it every year. J.G. moves to suspend the two show rule for 10 days prior to and 10 days after in NO for WrestleMania week. Also Orleans/Jefferson Parishes. TF seconds; passed.

Russel talked to DA in Lafourche and Jordan Plaisance will have felony charges dropped against him so he can get his suspension lifted. J.G. moves to lift suspension, J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

The commission received an email filing a protest about the Alexandria show. J.G. did receive a complaint from Christopher Booker. This other was Flores, a fighter who was cut in 3rd round; doctor said he could continue; Bruce said he did not see head-butt that people were crying about. Bruce had doctor look at him at 6th round; fighter said he couldn’t see so doctor called the fight. However, Flores thinks he should have won the fight because he was ahead on the card at the time. They could request a formal hearing to clear matter up. J.G. moves to send a letter to Flores informing him of opportunity to request hearing. J.B. seconds; motion passed, all ayes.

On Booker complaint: Says Booker hit his guy in the back of the head. Sent no evidence, films, etc. Jimbo was there & said the guy was always leaning over, etc., and the other fighter was a pretty stand up fighter. J.G. wrote him back about a hearing request but commission has no power to change results of fight regardless.

On Andrew Yates about his fighter - sent video, one of Ricky’s shows. Ref stands the fighters up. Top guy was choking bottom guy. Ref (Stan) was verbally attacked by guy; also motion on floor to send letter; T.F. seconds. Passed, all ayes.

Kim Addison request - asking J.G. to contact her bond carrier to get her bond money out? J.G. doesn’t know how that works. Will review.

**7) PAST SHOWS:**

Two past shows took a while to collect taxes: L’Auberge wanted more documents before releasing funds; got that straight; in Alex sent check to B.E., so got it today.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Jimbo: Chads show 8/12 at Evangeline downs moved to a different venue to La Provenance on 8/25 in Lafayette.

Jonathan Liberto 9/22 a state title fight for junior lightweights; Wendy Dumas 10/7 changed to 10/6. Only boxing so far. Will be in Algiers.

New boxing promoter from Monroe, Dennis Wall, has done Battle of the Badges for years. B.D. moves to approve license pending receipt of bond; T.F. seconds; passed, all ayes. J.B. moves to accept show date for Wall; J.S. seconds, show date approved pending receipt of bond & license; passed, all ayes.

**9) NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:**

9/13 good for all; T.F. moves to adjourn, B.D. seconds, passed, all ayes.