**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

BATON ROUGE, LA

1. **ATTENDEES:**
ALVIN TOPHAM (A.T.)
BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.) – ABSENT – WEATHER CONDITIONS
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)
PATRICK MCGINITY (P.M.)
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.)
HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.)
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER (R.N.)

 ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) ACCT

1. **MINUTES:**

J.G. moves to approve minutes; H.W. seconds; J.G moves to pay bills & payroll; HW seconds; passed, all ayes.

1. **LICENSE APPLICATIONS/RENEWALS**

Troy Carruth - MMA/wrestling promoter renewal; J.G. reviews his bond and needs to clarify the name which should be on the bond; name to be on bond is Troy Carruth...all other paperwork is in order; has a lot of experience and puts on very good shows. A.T. recommends we renew; J.G. moves to grant Mr. Carruth his license; T.F. seconds; passed all ayes. He has an approved show this weekend in Erwinville.

Alan Gray: MMA promoter renewal; does a lot shows; no problems; J.G. reviews his bond renewal; bond is under Global Fighting Alliance in lieu of personal name..J.G. suggests we have all applicants bring a copy of their bond to renewals to ward off confusion.

Mark James Vaughn: new application for Wrestling promoter's license in MMA; wants to promote shows in MC area, Patterson, Bayou Vista and Shreveport. Member of Nat'l Wrestling Alliance; will use the Elks Lodge in Shreveport as main venue. Will promote in MC area first. A.T. reviews bond, application permit rules; we can approve today pending receipt of bond to J.G. Bond will be in his name; A.T. reviews rules with him (medical, blood work, etc.)...will be using same talent as Old Skool and other promoters; venue in MC will be Patterson Civic Center; A.T. advises him to talk to Russell Naquin to help him with his promotions. Biggest problem is finding doctors. Also, midget shows must follow the same rules. J.G. reviews Mr. Vaughn's personal history and prior promoting history; J.G. moves to approve pending receipt of bond & paperwork; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes. A. T. stresses that he cannot promote a show until he has submitted proper paperwork to J.G. He has paid his $250 fee for the year. A.T. reviews show date system. would like to reserve 5/3 show date; he will send form &, his ck & paperwork to A.T.; but still should not advertise the show, etc., until he is in possession of his bond.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**:

On Rules: J.G. has reviewed the entire Title with an eye to eliminate redundancy & proper order; task is a lot more involved that he thought. EX: definitions in statutes are not in rules; a lot of outdated information; Addie sent J.G. list of recommended rules for him to incorporate. We need to get together to review content....A.T. suggests looking at other commission rules, such as NV, CA, NJ as a guide. He expects a lot of deletions of obsolete language and rewording of current language; also recommends we add an addendum of forms mentioned in statutes and rules and also refer to the website. We may need to add some rules on clarifying when a fighter can get a license without a fight scheduled. J.G. had a lady who wanted a manager’s license and how should that be handled? A.T. advises she can get it at a show.

Should we try and get meeting room in NO in April for rules meeting. OPEN DISCUSSION ON DIFFICULTY OF FINDING ROOMS DURING WWE & HAVING ALL DAY MEETING TO GO OVER TITLE CHANGES.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
2. **PAST SHOWS:** No Discussion Due to Time Constraints/Weather
3. **UPCOMING SHOWS:** No Discussion Due to Time Constraints/Weather
4. **NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:**

Legislature is in session next month; will see about getting another room here at Capital if possible or check with the Crown Plaza for a suitable room.

March 12, a Wednesday, is a good date for all; A.T. will inform all at a later date confirmed venue.

J.G. moves to adjourn; H.W. seconds; meeting adjourned.