**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 12, 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 approve minutes, pay bills and January payroll; J.B. seconds; minutes approved, all ayes. J.G. moves to pay ABC dues; T.F. seconds, passed, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

R.N. submitted to J.G promoter’s license applications for WWE and bond for Mark Vaughn; We received Teddy Nall’s renewal for wrestling license; files from November 2016 Jan 2017 are turned into J.G.

J.S. has application for a show on 2/11/17, Johnathan Liberto, new applicant for boxing promoter license; have ck for reservation and his paperwork done. B.E. would like to approve his app. pending receipt of bond & paperwork. 3/11 at Cypress Bayou, Boxincar Promotions, haven’t received $$ yet but there’s time. B.E. moves to approve these licenses and show dates pending all paperwork, bond and dollars are received; T.F. seconds. Passed, all ayes.

**5) NEW BUSINESS**:

Doctor issue: where Promoter’s want us to obtain doctor for them. We appoint who they find usually. Promoter quoted statute to him on appointment of doctors. Needs clarification; we should clarify in new rule promulgation. Also, David Pitre was rude. Let’s see what happens with his two shows this month and see if he gives us any more trouble.

Suspension of Stan Martyniouk: JS: We put a guy on suspension after BR 9/16 at MMcGovern show. He was punch drunk; went distance but had serious delayed reactions & until he gets neuro done, he’ll stay there; promoters are calling about it. Minnesota (MN) let him fight anyway even though told verbally by J.S. that he was under a medical suspension. What to do? 29-9-2 and 9-8-1 record. Lost 8 out of last 10 fight, 32 years old. Guy is going to get hurt. We also heard he had fights out of the country not on his record. J.S. gives J.G. contact information on fellow from MN commission. Fighter was Stan Martyniouk. B.E. suggests we send MN a letter about this issue. They should send a passing neuro report to us so we can take him off the suspension with Fight Fax. J.S. explained all this to the fighter’s manager. Then rep from MN called and was told the same thing. They know how it works. Suspension was issued in September. Medical suspensions can be permanent. J.G. moves that he contact MN commission; HW seconds; passed, all ayes. J.G. will let J.S. review letter to MN before he sends it.

Jordan Plaisance Incident: J.S: Lady called, Della Terrebonne, very upset about her son who was beat up by a Jordan Plasaince, an MTE fighter. She wanted us to suspend him, etc., and J.S. says we couldn’t do that. Can we? Perhaps we can have him in to talk to him. Didn’t sue or call cops because Ms. Terrebonne said he was afraid of the guy. H.W. says he would have called the authorities since it was a fairly bad beating. Can we go on MM.com & suspend him until he comes in to talk to commission? J.G. will research and determine if he was arrested; if he was arrested then we can put him on suspension. If he hasn’t been arrested, do not issue a license to this fighter until he appears before the commission. Ricky can also call promoters for upcoming shows & let them know not to use him until he appears before him. J.G. moves that if we find he was charged in the incident, we will suspend him until he appears. If he wasn’t charged, we will not renew his license until he appears; J.B. seconds; passed, all ayes.

Plastic canvas that MMcGovern uses: he has to replace it and use what commission directs all promoters to use. J.G. talked to him and in all fairness, he feels a little picked on lately. J.G. called him after the November meeting with the Belle Reps. He denied the vulgar music charge, tho. J.G. will send him a letter about that plastic mat he uses and asks him to replace it. J.B. so moves, H.W. seconds. Passed all ayes;

Attack on Bruce McDaniel: At the last show at the Belle, R.N. was informed by Henry Alan, Sr. about Bruce incident; Bruce McDaniel got beat with a pipe and lost an eye. Mr. Alan told Russell that beating was meant for him and not Bruce. It seems there is a gang in North BR did it and that it wasn’t over according to Mr. Alan. Everyone assumed it was a random attack until Mr. Alan relayed this story.

B.E. cautions R.N. to use security to get to your car another be alone. R.N. says he’s never alone. J.G. believes we should notify Bruce, the Belle and Matt McGovern about the new development. Thinks it was related to the incident when that guy pulled his brother off the mat under the ropes a few fights ago.

Is the venue starting to be more trouble than it’s worth? J.S. also heard this story via an inmate incarcerated in North LA before comments by Mr. Alan.

Should we look into getting commissioned to carry firearms at all times? J.G. will look into it. J.G. moves to notify all, B.D. seconds; passed, all ayes. J.G. has a meeting with Lt. Gov. Nungressor on other issues and will bring subject up to him.

**6) OLD BUSINESS**:

We will review all rule edits at next meeting. All advised to review All Rule Edit compilation in preparation for final comments before promulgation begins. B.E. will have national weights for Addie to compare with what is current in title.

**7) PAST SHOWS:**

No issues.

1. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

3/11 at Cypress Bayou, Boxincar Promotions. No other discussion.

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

Next meeting Feb. 9 rules and let JG know if we need rooms. J.G. moves to adjourn, T.F. seconds. Meeting adjourned.