**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**AUGUST 18, 2022**

**CAPITAL BUILDING, BATON ROUGE**

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.) –
ORAY ROGERS (O.R.) – Absent; Work Obligations

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

ELMO BOUDREAUX – DEP. COMMISSIONER (E.B.)

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER (R.N.)

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

J.B. moves to accept June minutes as revised and July minutes as written; J.S. seconds; approved, all ayes. J

J.S. moves to approve the financial report; H.W. seconds. Approved, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Oren (Luke) Hawxhurst, Wrestling Promoter

Perry Hawxhurst, licensed contestant

Matt Lancie, Wrestling Promoter

Jerilyn Celestine, Boxing Promoter Applicant

1. **RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

O. Hawxhurst renews his Class A Wrestling Promoters License approved by all.

Dr, Jerilyn Celestine Boxing Promoter applicant: she and J.S. had several discussions on the phone; J.S. reviews docs that are needed; needs bond; will fill out application today and submit required docs in due course.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

T.F: Hopes all have reviewed his comments on Bare Knuckles Fighting; open discussion on pros/cons/consequences of non-approval.

Addie has submitted the London Fighting Rules ER or August 20 publication and is good for 180 days and reiterates that all should review the distributed cheat sheet to review suggested edits for final publication.

New Officials shirts have been received and distributed.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Ferguson warns that monkey pox cases are growing in LA ; he would urge Elmo and Ricky to make sure ringside physicians are checking for fever, muscle aches, a rash, flu like and other symptoms for all contestants. Drs must be vigilant. It is easily spread through shedding skin.

On illegal jump by Perry Hawxhurst: J.S. reviewed videos on 7/30 Class B wrestling show by Matt Lancie and Luke Hawxhurst; no barricades and other violations such as an illegal dive over the top ropes.

Matt Lancie: We had an agreement on things that happen at our shows with our credentials; we have trained stunt men; he did dive though. He’s a professional stunt man; trained to do jumps like these. Luke stresses their extreme qualifications as certified stuntmen and experience to do these moves more than other promoters.

B.E. interjects that everyone sitting in that chair says the same thing.

J.S: We agreed to give you guys some leeway but strictly with pre-approval. We’ve had this discussion before after the Kenner mall show. You were supposed to review any moves with us and have them pre-approved by us first. You can’t run a Class A show under Class B rules.

Luke: Since Russell passed, I called Elmo; we had no meetings (due to Covid emergency in March 2020) so no one to ask; he asked Elmo about pile driver and he denied approval; but we didn’t get jump approved; believes all is a miscommunication. We’ve had a hard time recovering from Covid for Class A shows; looking for venues etc.

Elmo clarifies what Class B was determined to be (all rules).

J.S: We agreed to give y’all a little room but strictly with prior approval; we can’t let y’all do stuff against the rules and then all promoters will want to do it. I suggest you look again for Class A venues and get moves pre-approved.

E.B. says I can’t approve something for you and not others. Everyone needs to get prior approval, period.

J.S. states we can’t let y’all live outside the rules; we were glad to look at special stunts for approval but you can’t just do things that are against the rules; we can’t have two levels of Class B shows… either your Class A or Class B. We’re going to take a $100 fee, just like we did for the 2 mikes last month. Will roll over. Fee is for oversight.

Luke: not planning any other Class B shows; need to get my Class A wrestling license. Will meet with y’all after meeting for $$.

B.E. needs to order more Operating account checks for Addie.

1. **PAST SHOWS:**

Ricky had broken leg and a shattered eye socket at an MMA event. No other issues.

1. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Boxing: 2 boxing requests – one 8/27 in Youngsville by Brian Cullotta and 9/3 in NOLA by Mannie Davis.

MMA: 9/24 in Slidell; all others approved last month

Wrestling: Class A in Alex by Donnie Davis on 8/27; also on 8/27 Class B in Houma by Mike Boudreaux. Midgets in Denham Springs on 9/3 and a Class B show in MC by Mike Beadle. Luke requests Class A approval for 11/13; we have time to approve that.

J.S. moves to approve above; T.F. seconds; approved, all ayes.

1. **ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting: September 14 or 22; 14th looks good for all. B.E. will ck room for availability. J.S. moves to adjourn; T.F. seconds.