**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

**1) ATTENDEES:**    
 BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.)   
 JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)

JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)   
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.)

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

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) – ACCTG - ABSEBT

**2) MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

No other minutes to approve as the commission has not met since March. Commission reviewed financial report, bills to be paid for November. Approved, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Danny Davis from Alexandria was inquiring into a promoters license; the commission explained to him the bond requirements, financials etc., but that he should wait until Covid is over as they don’t foresee any events any time soon.

**4) FINALIZE EMERGENCY RULES.**

The commission voted to direct Addie to proceed with the Notice of Intent – Wrestling Lab Reports for January publication. Approved, all ayes.

**5) APPROVAL OF 2021 BUDGET:**

Due to Covid restrictions and no events, no budget was created or approved. Budget issue will be revisited when state restrictions due to Covid are lifted. Approved, all ayes.

**6) PREVIOUS SHOW REPORT – VIRUS DISCUSSION:**

The test show in Shreveport to ascertain the ability to conduct events during Covid was a vast disappointment; the promoter did the best they could under the circumstances as the venue and Fire Marshall in attendance did not perform the duties they agreed to do in order for the event to be safe and orderly. Safety for event was a total failure.

**7)** **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Due to the failure of safety rules due to Covid as discussed above, the commission voted that there will be no more events planned for the foreseeable future. Approved, all ayes.

**8) OLD BUSINESS:**

None to discuss.

**9) NEW BUSINESS:**

The commisison has become aware through social media sites and YouTube that there have been illegal boxing matches going on in New Orleans, Jefferson Parish and Baton Rouge. These are mostly being done in parking lots or garages. JP was able to shut a couple down. State Police was unresponsive in trying to get a handle on one show in BR. They attended one to “observe” but did not take names or warn that what they were doing was illegal. With these events performed on concrete floors, someone is going to get seriously hurt. The commission is striving to get cooperation from local law enforcement when these events come to their attention.

**10) ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

The commission will schedule a teleconference in January. Date and time to be determined and will be broadcast to all at a future date; approved, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.