**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 22, 2015**

**BATON ROUGE, LA.**

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

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) ACCT

1. **MINUTES:**

J.G. will have September minutes for approval next meeting. J.G. moves to pay bills and expenses; B.E. seconds; Addie reviews the new rules from the state for monthly and quarterly reporting.

J.G. needs an iPad upgrade; B.E. moves to approve, H.W. seconds; all ayes. Addie is directed to research December meeting/Christmas get together in N.O.

J.G. requests that Addie track her time for an increase in salary.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Mr. Raymond Hough, Sr.

Mr. Gary Dexter Reed

1. **LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

B.E. keeps getting correspondence from a Ms. Kathryn Talley, a 52 yr. old who wants a federal I.D. from us. She's been cleared and licensed for a fight in TX. B.E. has received all her paperwork; only problem is her DL; it's a FL license and in order to get a federal lic through LA she must prove residency. What to do?

B.E. will relay her information to J.G. and he will call her and ask for proof of residency (utility bill, lease agreement, etc.). He will stress to her that this is *not* a license to fight in LA, but just to apply for a Federal ID which she must have to fight anywhere. TX has approved for her to fight in TX. The fight is on the 30th of October so we need to expedite.

New Application Marcus Roach for a boxing promoter license, represented by Maugham Law firm. Check deposited. B.E. moves to accept pending attending next meeting & bringing all bond & documentation. J.G. says lets have him in first, then issue his license. He's from Georgia so he'll get plenty of notice.

Wrestling Promoter applicants Mr. Raymond Hough, Sr. and Mr. Gary Dexter Reed of Zawali, LA in Sabine Parish. Said they are very well known in the business community in that area.

A.T. reviews the application process for them as he became aware of them at Mark Bowen’s show (which was very well done, by the way). At this show, A.T. was told about someone advertising a show that didn't have promoter license.

A.T. called the venue and spoke to them; A.T. relayed to venue that no one can have a show without a license and permit for a show. The venue contacted these gentlemen and they've now appeared to apply for their license.

They would like to promote more wrestling in N. LA. Brought their applications and documentation; still waiting for bond; it's been applied for; J.G. receives the documentation.

B.E. advises them to go to laboxing.org to review the rules and regulations. Please read and understand these rules; they must have promoter's license and a show permit *before* you can legally advertise for a show. They will review the rules/regulations and comply.

License will be in the newly formed LLC name along with Mr. Hough. Make sure if you use any TX fighters that you tell them they must have blood work; TX doesn't require this and they resist it so make sure you tell them they must have the test results at time of weigh-in.

Will be family oriented shows, no alcohol at all. Trying to give kids something to do. A.T. said previous shows in that area did very well in the past.

Motion made by B.E. to approve license pending receipt of bond pursuant to Mr. Hough; then it can be transferred in Jan. to the LLC name. A.T. reviews bonding process, etc. P.M. seconds; passed, all ayes. J.G. again stresses the importance of them reviewing the rules and regs on the website, especially as it pertains to tax collection, etc. B.E. moves to approve show date of 10/31 pending receipt of bond; PM seconds; passed, all ayes.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**:

Charenton was so impressed with how we conducted our meeting and event that they've offered to let the commission have meeting rooms and overnight

1. **OLD BUSINESS**:

On Blake Franklin issue: B.E. moves to authorize J.G. to issue subpoenas, hire investigator (if needed) and have Addie hire a court reporter for the hearing; T.F. seconds; passed, all ayes.

1. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Les Bonnano, Belle Chasse on 11/19; J.G. moves to approve show and renewal of license; P.M. seconds; show & license approved.

Midget wrestling tomorrow night in Barcadian in BR, LA.; Boxing 29th Petroleum Club in Shreveport. Show on 11/13 MMA and kickboxing in Lake Charles at Golden Nugget. Legacy has a MMA show at Diamond Jack's in Shreveport on 12/4. 11/14 show Gravity MMA in Opelousas (Sunset). Boxing at the Belle on 12/12 or MMA? no paperwork so we don't know; Justin Verdin, 12/4 MMA in Shreveport.

J.G. moves to approve all above show dates; B.E. seconds; passed all ayes.

**8) PAST SHOWS:**

1 MMA Ricco Impastato at Harrah's in NO; assume he'll continue next year; R.N. says it was a really good fight; had a couple of small wrestling shows and the midgets; A.T. thinks we got the midgets squared away.

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

 Next meeting will 11/12 same day as hearing; hearing will be at 9:00 and meeting will be after lunch break.

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