

**LOUISIANA STATE  
WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
September 22, 2021  
Tele-Conference**

**1) ATTENDEES:**

BUDDY EMBANATO (A.E.)  
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)  
JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)  
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.)  
HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.)  
RICKY NORRIS – (R.N.)  
JAMES BRENNAN – (J.B.)  
OREY RODGERS – (O.R.)

**2) MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT:** JG moves to pay bills and salaries JB seconds, all ayes.

**3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

**5) MEETING MOVES INTO EXECUTION SESSION:**

**6) NEW BUSINESS:**

Bare Knuckle Discussion:

1) E-mail regarding the original request from Dr. Ferguson – concerned about head injuries. Superficially it stinks of going back in to barbaric.

2) No gloves?

3) It is sanctioned in various states.

4) 1) Jimbo and Ricky go to show on 10-01-21 in Biloxi; and

2) Invite promoters of name to be present in our next motion - in person JG moves and JB seconds. All ayes.

JS – Good Marketing Scheme – 3 shows in 201, 5 in 2019 and 6 in 2020. He refers that he is in Bare Knuckle says he was promoter of the year by (WBF) refers to being approved by some medical care providers - gloves prolong the fight. Hate to go back to the stone age- going backwards – when they start out lying and bullshitting.

OR - Why do we have we have to do it at all. All ayes Not to be made known.

Edward Mendy: Sent him a letter he is out for life – we can't have him in.

Judson McCord: OR moves to grant MTE License for 2021, JS seconds, all ayes.

Guidelines – recommend that venue follow guidelines of LSU or sts. JG will put language in there.

Open meeting law – get with Brian so we can post it - broadcast open meetings.

**7) OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Mask mandates goes in effect 04/15/21 – contestants .
- 2) Opt out option - Show test vaccinations. (LSU show proof of vaccination OR negative test)  
Discussing whether or not we should mandate being tested or have the vaccination. Buddy does not want to – so Amend the previous requirements to allow testing contestants within 72 hours (everyone who works for us) T.F. moves and JB seconds, all ayes.

Testing only for participants, 72 hours of the event.

All officials and deputy commissioners must be vaccinated – JG's amendment.

Attendees - Do what LSU does, would be the safest. Venue must adhere to states mandate. Venue adhere to Governor's mandate, but no guidelines that suggest venue follow same language as St.s and LSu – not obligated to enforce it.

**8) PAST SHOWS:**

**9) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

10/28/21 Amateur Boxing Match @ The Petroleum Club;  
10/29/21 Bossier City; and  
10/30/25/21 Downtown Shreveport/ Old Greyhound Station.

JG moves to approve upcoming shows and JB seconds.

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

Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., zoom or by phone.  
JS moves to adjourn; JB seconds; meeting adjourned.