**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

1. **ATTENDEES:**
BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.) - ABSENT
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)

JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.)
HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.) - ABSENT
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.) - ABSENT

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

1. **MINUTES:**

J.G. moves to accept minutes as written; J.B. seconds; passed, all ayes. J.G. moves to accept financial report and to pay bills and payroll; T.F. seconds, passed, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Mr. Russell Jones, Sr. and Mr. Russell Jones, Jr.

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Russell Jones, Jr. is applying for an MTE contestant license. He was last licensed in May 2010. Had all required med tests done as he’s over 50. Not all results are in yet. Planning to start fighting in 2018 if approved. J.G. reviews medical test process; T.F. does same; this commission has adopted Nevada state rules on over 40 contestants. He is requested to get all records to Dr. Ferguson. He believes this is discriminatory but T.F. explains that research shows older fighters are more prone to permanent damage. Mr. Jones, Jr. is really a kick boxer but same rules apply to all the ring sports. Tests are expensive; perhaps he can find a promoter to sponsor him in order to help defray the costs of the tests. Commission cannot really make exceptions to this rule. Perhaps look into amateur organizations. Again, if he gets the tests, he should forward them directly to Dr. Ferguson. OPEN DISCUSSION ON REASONS FOR MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OVER 40.

**5) OLD BUSINESS**:

J.G. moves that Chad Broussard must clear up arrears in officials fees & his last show by 12/21 and then we will reissue his license; if not, he must appear before us in January 2018; T.F. seconds. Passed, all ayes.

On Attorney Contract w/Mr. Shea: It has been approved by AG’s office and we’ve paid him for his first invoice. The contract good for over 3 yrs., as required by AG.

On Wendy Dumas: we sent a demand letter to her requesting she show up today and pay the money she owes. We emailed and texted her. She has not responded. The letter was sent via mail 10/31. Asked to appear or she’d be sanctioned. This was the cancelled Gretna show where we paid the officials and she did not pay the commission back. She owes full and accurate accounting of ticket sales for tax to pay, officials pay.

J.G. moves to suspend her boxing promoter’s license for the rest of the year and not grant a new license until she has paid up and to authorize Mr. Shea to file a judgment against her. J.B. seconds, passed, all ayes.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

Terry Daigle cannot be a manager and a promoter at the same time; he will have to promote under his wife’s name. J.G. moves he either dispense with his management contracts and he is a promoter or he keeps his manager’s license & wife becomes the promoter. T.F. seconds, passed, all ayes.

**7) PAST SHOWS:**

Chad Broussard had a show in Rayne; went well; he’s asked us to hold his check for 30-40 days; and he still owes us 1 of the 3 which were in arrears. His 3rd and final payment is due 12/1. J.G. suggests he pays up or no more shows. J.S. believes if he can’t get caught up, perhaps we shouldn’t issue him a new license in Jan.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

 Sat. night, 11/18 in Ruston, Jonesboro; Monday, 11/20, WWE in Bossier City; Boxing @ Belle on 12/9.

There’s a request for 12/29 in Alexandria; will mail Jimbo show reservation ck. We haven’t received it yet.

We have to be careful about shows in small areas on the same night. Statute says in different parishes ok but two towns were within 30 miles of each other. We will be more vigilant on scheduling. If it keeps happening, we’ll have to revisit and make some decisions.

12/2 in Luling, wrestling; 12/15 in Houma; 12/16 in White Castle; Wrestling tonight, 11/16 in Superdome; 3 matches for WWE. No other boxing shows for the year

Matt McGovern wants to have a mixed MMA/Boxing show. We do not like to have mixed shows due to cage/ring distinctions. J.G. will contact M.M. and talk to him about it. Will he need to have two set of officials? J.G. moves to shelve this show request until B.E. is present at the Jan. meeting. J.B. seconds, passed, all ayes.

Ricky has MTE on 12/1 in Bossier; the Bishops, their second show. Jan. 6, 2018 in w. Monroe. J.G. has the

1/26 Legacy show at the Golden Nugget; 1/27 WFC at Cypress Bayou by M McGovern.

J.G. moves to approve these dates; J.B. seconds, passed, all ayes.

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

January date for next meeting tentative until confirmed with B.E. & others; J.B. moves to adjourn T.F. seconds.