**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

**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.) – 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

**2) MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

T.F. moves to accept January 2020 minutes as written; J.S. seconds; minutes accepted. T.F. moves to accept financial report for January; J.S. seconds; financial report accepted, all ayes.

Addie advises all 1099s for officials have been issued.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Martin Marino, Matchmaker w/Voelkers (license in his name or Voelker?)

Mullady Voelker, renew Promoter’s license

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

 Mullady Voelker d/b/a Swarm applies for renewal; has done very well this year; requests 5/8 show date.

J.S. moves to approve Voelker’s license pending approval by J.G. Bond is good until June 2020 and will renew. Russell will provide docs for reserve show date. She can mail ck for $250 to J.S. for show reservation. Looking at 2 venues, Sugarmill & new venue in the Bywater; J.S. moves to accept ⅝ date, T.F. seconds.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

ER #4: Addie will submit ER #4 for 3/10 deadline for 3/20 publication. B.E. will urge J.G. to complete his edits for NOI & get to Addie.

**5) NEW BUSINESS**:

Esplanade Mall show: Oren Hawxhurst’s son jumped from 2nd floor balcony into the ring. Video had gone viral. They had Dr. & ambulances per Russell. B.E. talked to J.G.; J.G. advised they need to come to next meeting. They were suspended via Russell’s verbally at show. J.S. moves to subpoena them to appear; T.F. seconds, motion approved. B.E. will advise J.G. to issue subpoenas.

MMA.com (part of ABC entity) charges $100 to promoter to “register” their shows. Commission would pay FightFax for records for our consumption. There are also free sites. Now MMA.com wants to charge another $50 fee for the commission to pay, which will go to ABC. This is equivalent to the commission paying other promoter expenses like ring rentals or ring girls. We are a governing body and not to pay fees for promoters. Also don’t approve of potential “kickback” to ABC. The commission is not allowed to pay this fee. Ricky will inform promoters that they must absorb the new total $150 fee requested.

**7)** **PAST SHOWS:**

 No issues with the exception of Hawxhurst suspension at Esplanade event.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Wrestling: Midgets in Lafayette on Mardi Gras night; 2/29 Bayou Vista; 3/1 Denham Springs; 3/8 Midgets in Lake Charles; 3/8 in Assumption; WWE in N.O. 3/20 and on 3/21 in Alex; 3/22 in Bossier.

MMA: 3/6 at the Horseshoe by AKA; 3/14 Justin Verdin in Houma; 3/26 Bayou FC in Gretna.

Boxing: 5/8 Voelkers in N.O. (pending J.G. approval).

J.S. moves to accept above show dates; J.B. seconds; all approved, all ayes.

**9) ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

3/11 good for all; B.E. will call Embassy Suites to get room as legislature is in session. \*\*

 T.F. moves to adjourn; J.S. seconds. Meeting adjourned.

\*\* Meeting consequently moved to 3/18 via email by B.E. as no rooms available on 3/11.