**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**JUNE 6, 2018**

**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 – WORK OBLIGATIONS

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

**2) MINUTES:**

J.S. moves to accept minutes as written and financials and to approve payment of June bills and payroll. J.G. seconds, passed, all ayes. R. Naquin advises he deposited close to $17k in May in taxes and fees.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None.

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:** None.

**5) OLD BUSINESS**:

Chad Broussard remitted his last payment owed for official fees from 2016. He’s sent in show reservation fee for a new date; he needs to send $$ for his promoter’s license. He needs to get all $$ in a timely fashion on going and before he gets show dates.

T.F. on therapeutic use exemptions: Testosterone too complex. Submits exemption form for fighters to fill out. T.F. will send a Word copy of form to Brian Avara to post on the website.

On Proposed NOI: Need exception for WWE shows on rope rules in the proposed NOI; small shows are not exempt. Language in 515.F should be added to 511. Holds; edit to conform to subject. Addie will revise and send to J.G. for review.

Addie will find out status of domicile bill by Rep. Cortez; we need to add domicile address should be Secretary of the Commission.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

J.G. received some bonds. There’s a question on submitting bonds for multiple years. That’s acceptable. Only licenses must be re-issued on a yearly basis. Robert Greif renewed his bond; received elev8tion bond cancellation.

Addie relays we have a couple of problem promoters and NSF checks. Bad checks from promoters for taxes results in automatic suspension of license, per statute. Addie will start copying J.G. on all NSF notices from the bank that she sends to Russell and Ricky for collection.

J.S. moves J.G. will start issuing letters of forfeiture & fine to NSF promoters. T.F. seconds; approved, all ayes.

On new Wrestling Promoter Statute and Rules: We need forms created specially for these promoters with following info: promoter name, venue, certified copy of venue capacity, and proof of G/L liability from venue or promoter. Notice must be turned in 15 days before event. Addie will coordinate with Russell. We will call it a “Class B” Wrestling Promoter license. Application printing will be taken care of by B.E.

There should be a fee charged for Russell, et al, to review the docs and follow up on venue capacity etc.

Naquin wants to know if we can send new wrestlers to a school or have them okayed by a certified trainer. Previously licensed fighters are ok; it’s the new ones that may have no experience. Can Russell find a trainer to send the newbies to? He will see. We need to create a relationship between gyms/schools and promoters, commission in order to make sure new wrestlers are competent.

Do we want new wrestlers to come before us for their licenses since we won’t be at the fights anymore? Or charge for training sessions with Mr. Naquin to observe? Waivers to previously licensed fighters. $25 fee per head to be charged for review sessions. Can Russell find a gym to use for trainer sessions?

J.G. will outline for 83.b section and wording for the Class B license. J.S. asks if we can delay implementation of Class B promoters until Jan 1 since our rules are not ready yet.

Five licenses as divided by public service districts to start for Class B wrestling promoter’s licenses. The rules on how many shows per week in areas will be suspended for Class B shows.

BE would like to $2,000 training fee for Jim Brennan ACSC, NABF ck to Jimbo $2,000. J.G. moves to authorize these fees for training, hospitality, T.F. seconds, approved all ayes.

**7) PAST SHOWS**

T. Nall - 80 spectators; MMA: no problems in previous shows.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

MME: 6/9 in Monroe & WWE on the 10th in Bossier; 6/16 sunset, 23rd Shamrock in NO. 6/16 is Ancona at Copeland towers. Tim Wilson, new promoter has ⅞ Bossier; R. Norris is instructed to get money upfront from Mr. Wilson for his ⅞ show.

Wrestling: 7/14 in Houma Justin Verdin, 7/27 at the Horseshoe.

Boxing: Chad Broussard 8/3 at Hilton in Lafayette. J.S. will call Chad on his way home about his fees due.

Matt McGovern 8/11 at the Belle in BR. 8/25 for Steve Trumbull.

J.S. moves to approve shows, T.F. seconds; approved, all ayes.

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

Next meeting July 12 looks good for all; J.S. moves to accept date and adjourn, T.F. seconds, approved, all ayes; date accepted and meeting adjourned.