**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**JULY 12, 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 – MEDICAL

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

**2) MINUTES:**

T.F. moves to accept minutes as written and financials and to approve payment of July bills and payroll. J.G. seconds, passed, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Gil Guillory, Pro Wrestling Rebellion

Mike Beadle, Gulf State Wrestling

Oren (Luke) Hawxhurst, Wildkat Sports

Matt Lancie, Wildkat Sports

Michael Thompson, Jr., Wildkat Sports

Paul Nguyen, Wildkat Sports

Sam Parker, WFC Boxing

Chris Harper, Wildkat Sports

Brian Fitch, Mid-South Wrestling

Frankie Thomas, 225

Brian Miller, Voo Doo Wrestling

John Skaggs, Voo Doo Wrestling

Kenneth Wade

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:** No Discussion

**5) OLD BUSINESS**:

On Proposed NOI: Addie is directed to get Chapters 1 and 3, General Rules and Boxing, revised to exclude Wrestling & MMA until new wrestling statute/rules discussed and sorted. Will submit a separate NOI at a later date.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

New Wrestling Statute, HB 502: J.G. reviews the engrossed HB 502 relating to new “Class B” wrestling

promoters. Explains particulars: venues less than 400 persons, insurance provided by venue or promoter, new wrestlers must be reviewed by R. Naquin for experience level. There will be a charge for his review to be determined, probably in $25 range. OPEN DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS FROM PROMOTERS ON NEW STATUTE AND NEW CLASS B PROMOTER LICENSES.

J. G. directs Addie to send copies of proposed wrestling rule changes and HB 502 for all wrestling promoters to review, form their questions and come to August meeting at the capital for discussion.

On ring corners: J. S. suggests a rule barring family members from corners due to excessive emotion when things go wrong. This references when a fighter was knocked out and his brother attempted to pull him out of the ring under the ropes without doctor’s permission. Could have endangered him even more.

On wrestling outside of ring: Commission reviews a video of Frankie Thomas and Wardell (Edgar) Walker wrestling outside barrier/safety zone and fought in/near the crowd for several minutes. Fighters did not comply with referee. OPEN DISCUSSION ON RULES, ENDANGERING THE PUBLIC, VIDEO, ETC.

The moves to the safety zone looked intentional on the video. J.G. moves that Thomas and Walker receive a 30 day suspension, no fines, starting today; J.S. seconds, approved all ayes. Mr. Hawxhurst gives J.G. Mr. Walker’s phone number as he is not present. If he agrees, there will be no need for a hearing.

On Social Media comments: Russell Naquin relates the nasty social media comments about him by some of the promoters. The Commission reminds the promoters that R.N. does not vote on the commission and does not make the rules. His job is to ensure the rules are followed per lawful statutes, period. If anyone has comments to make about the rules they are free to attend meetings and make them.

**7) PAST SHOWS**

All boxing, wrestling and MMA shows had no problems and went well.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

MMA: 8/9 & 8/10 by Mel Ott

Boxing: 9/11 at the Belle in BR; 9/8 at Xavier by Trumbull; the show on 10/5 by Red River Boxing moved to 11/9 at the Horseshoe Casino.

Wrestling: Charity show by M. Beadle in Morgan City on 7/28; Robert Greif in White Castle on 7/29

Chad Broussard at the Hilton in Lafayette on 8/3; 8/10 in San Gabriel by Wildkat. WWE in N.O. at Smoothie King on 9/10 and at Cajundome on 9/11.

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

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

Next meeting August 8 looks good for all; we will move to capital if room is available; B.E. will send out particulars when he confirms. J.G. moves to accept date and adjourn, T.F. seconds, approved, all ayes; date accepted and meeting adjourned.