**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 10, 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.)
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.) – ABSENT – MEDICAL

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER – ABSEENT

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

**2) MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

 T.F. moves to accept Aug. 8 and Aug. 21 minutes; J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes. H.W. moves to accept financial report and to pay bills and payroll for October; J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes.

**3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

 Chris Harper, representing Matt Lancie

 Michael Boudreaux

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

 Michael Boudreaux, Class B applicant; knows & has promoted events with Mike Beadle. Does small 200 event shows; would like to be on his own; understands new rules/banned moves; has read everything. Would like a January show.

 J.G. reviews rules for class B licensees (venue < 400, etc.). M.B. would like to have shows at the Iberville Activity Center, certified for 299 people. Reviews criminal history. Has been a licensed wrestler since 2010. R. Naquin says he's always been in good standing.

 B.E. and J.G. agree we can perhaps issue new licenses in November for Jan. 1 licenses, but he should come back in January. And he’ll be granted a license, he should review all new rules, etc.

 Chris Harper for Matt Lancie: has his application; J.G. and B.E. review; we reviewed him at last meeting; J.G. moves to grant Mr. Lancie a Class B license; T.F. seconds, passed all ayes. He remits license fee to R. Naquin.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

 J.G. moves for Addie to compose draft NOI for Wrestling, incorporate the current ER and send to commission; they will review and email votes to continue. TF seconds; passed all ayes.

 J.G. will send Tom Shea the information on Mr. Pitre as well as the information on Blake Lemaire, to investigate to see if we need a hearing; T.F. seconds; passed, all ayes.

 J.G. moves we reset Mr. Pitre's’ Hearing on his previous suspension and fines for November pending Mr. Shea's recommendation; J.S. seconds. Passed all ayes. Addie will get court reporter if needed.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

 B.E. was called by his senator and he was concerned about what the max penalty is in case something happened like what happened in LV this past weekend (free for all in the ring after the fight); J.G. will review if we can do it within our rules by ER or new NOI and see what we can do to punish such offenders. B.E. will email info to J.G. J.G. will also send the senator what NV athletic commission has in their rules.

 J.S: Some boxing shows are wanting to start having fights like MMA, change rules and formats; 4 fighters fighting 2 sets. 4 rounds each. Boxing promoters are starting to want different formats

 Oct 27 boxing at UNO arena WBSS show tournament (World Boxing Super Series): They want to do the format different. J.S. has notes; they want 4 judges in lieu of 3; they will pay for random drug screens; want replay monitor with 2, 3 people monitoring referee calls. These are their suggestions, how they advance their fighters to next level is not our concern. As long as our ref/calls are final.

 J.B: we have no international guidelines for these big boxing tournaments?

 As long as our judges/refs have final say and we’re not disadvantaging one fighter over another, we don’t care how they proceed in their event. J.S. moves that we conduct these tournaments as under present boxing rules with no changes; H.W. seconds. Passed, all ayes.

**7)** **PAST SHOWS:** No discussion

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

 Wrestling: Mike Beadle in Plaquemines on 10/27 and Greif has applied for a charity show in NI for 10/27 but haven’t received all the docs. J.G. moves to accept these shows; H.W. seconds; passed all ayes.

 No MMA shows scheduled; Oct 27 boxing at UNO arena, a WBSS show tournament.

**9) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Pursuant to LRS 42:16 and 42:17.A., J.G. moves to retire to executive session in order to discuss personnel issues, Class B applicant qualifications, ; J.S. seconds, passed all ayes.

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

 Next meeting date to be determined; B.E. will poll all and email consensus at a later date. J.S. moves to adjourn; J.G. seconds, passed, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.