**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 10, 2018**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

1. **ATTENDEES:**
BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.)
JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)

JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.) – ABSENT - MEDICAL
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.B. moves to accept minutes as written and financials and to approve payment of April bills and payroll. T.F. seconds, passed, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Timothy Wilson MMA promoter from Shreveport

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Timothy Wilson - MMA Promoter License applicant; per last April meeting, Mr. Wilson has provided his applications, bond, fees (paid cash) for his promoter license and his MMA show date of 7/8/18 in Shreveport. R. Norris will review weigh-in process and schedule with him for the event at an outdoor arena at the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Norris prefers an a.m. weigh-in in order for the contestants to hydrate. T.F. moves to approve license and show date, J.B. seconded; passed, all ayes.

Top Rank Boxing has sent applications, fees for a 7/14 show at UNO in N.O. Also a show request from TKO for a 6/2 show at the Landmark in Metairie. T.F. moves to approve these show pending review of J.G., J.B. seconds; approved pending J.G. review, all ayes.

**5) OLD BUSINESS**:

Wrestling Legislation: The bill has passed as amended by the Senate and is currently on the Governor’s desk for signing. OPEN DISCUSSION ON PROS/CONS OF THIS LEGISLATION. Addie is directed to review final language, write new Chapter 5 section to be included in proposed NOI and send to J.G. for his review.

Testosterone Therapy: Dr. Ferguson has researched issue thoroughly and moves to refuse exemptions for these therapies as testosterone abuse leads directly to condition that requires testosterone therapy (per Ms. Goodman of Nevada). J.B. seconds; passed, all ayes. No exemptions for testosterone therapy.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

Addie requests permission to purchase new iPad and laptop. The Quickbooks program will require update in a year but can get 50% off now for $199. J.S. moves to approve these purchases, T.F. seconds, passed, all ayes.

**7) PAST SHOWS –** No Discussion

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

MMA: 6/9, Raxx by Troy Carruth in Port Allen; 6/16 at Copeland Tower (Landmark Hotel) in Metairie; 7/27 by King and Ancona??

Wrestling: 5/15 by D. Pitre in Houma; 5/18 by J. Newell in Monroe; 5/19 by A. Fonseca in Cecelia; 5/25 by M. Beadle in Oakdale; 6/1 WWE in Alex; 6/2 WWE in BR River Center; 6/2 by T. Nall in Lake Charles; 6/3 WWE in Lake Charles; 6/9 WWE in Monroe; 6/10 WWE in Bossier.

T.F. moves to approve these shows; J.B. seconds, passed all ayes.

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

June 6th looks good for all back here Embassy Suites. T.F. moves to approve date and adjourn; J.B. seconds, meeting adjourned.