**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**JUNE 12, 2019**

**EMBASSY SUITES, 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.)
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.)

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

**2) MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

 Minutes are deferred until next meeting when J.G. returns. J.S. moves to defer May minutes until July meeting and accept financial report. B.D. seconds; passed, all ayes.

**3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

 Audrey Voelker, promoter license applicant, with sister, Mulady Voelker (not in attendance)

 Mark Marino

 Nick Kusiak with Annie Urban

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Ms. Voelker is applying for a boxing promoter license. It will be in her and her sister Mulady's name. Mr. Marino has experience in NV & worked with Terry Claiborne, Shields. Did Hollywood Fight Night. He will help the Ms Voelkers with promotions.

 B.E. reviews bond process, application process, fees, etc. weigh in process. We really do not approve of mixing entertainment with events but musical guests ok but when fight starts, that’s over. Until fight is over.

 Will vote to approve the Voelkers contingent upon receipt of bond and approval of J.G. on financials, etc. J.S. so moves; T.F. seconds. Motion carries.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

 On Robert Grief suspension: Last meeting 5 year suspension was adjudged. B.E. & J.G. discussed keeping him suspended as far as his promoter’s license but let him wrestle on a probationary period. He was honest, etc. He wants commissioners to think about this idea and let him know what they think; should we change suspension/probationary periods, etc. B.E. thinks 3 years is long enough. All agree. T.F. moves to change Grief's suspension from 5 to 3 years; H.W. seconds; 3 yr. probation for wrestling contingent on him accepting terms as far as any other transgressions he knows about and if J.G. agrees.

 B.E. will turn over all to J.G. who will call him and explain his responsibilities and if he agrees J.G. will write an order altering the decision from last month.

 D. Pitre: got 3 year suspension; do ya’ll want to alter his also; let’s hold off for now. He’s refereeing.

 On Lab Report NOI: Change lab reports ER to all events, not just class B wrestlers. Life Shares has offered to do blood work twice a year at no cost on a traveling bus in exchange for blood donations. They will send results directly to B.E. for the database.

 Addie will emphasize in new Lab Report NOI that new lab report system is for all ring sports; Re-enforce that Class B licenses are Class B only and same for Class A. No one can use anybody else's license. Fee for Class B lab report reviews will be $150 per event.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

 A Deputy Sherriff in Hammond was asked for a detail for a boxing on a Sunday and found an illegal show h He didn’t do the show. Problem is they sell tickets until they’re found out then pack up ring and take off with the money from tickets sold. This fellow Calls himself the “Don King of LA”... we'll try and track him down and keep up with what he’s doing. May want to get J.G. to subpoena him and have him in front of the commission. Russell says he knows an MMA instructor who knows who this guy is.

 Mike Boudreaux wants another exception for a September Class A show. There was only one exception for his July event due to Greif problem with a class A license to fight under. B.E. will verify with J.G.

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

 No problems.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

 MMA: Saturday by Credeur. Was moved from 1/28 Mike Sobel Rampage fights.

 Wrestling: One class A Oren Hawxhurst, Shamrock; a B show in Lake Charles; 7/29 Kenner, WWE

 Boxing: Saturday Chad Broussard still a go; 7/15 & 6/29 Matt M Harrah’s Casino in NO

**9) ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

 Next meeting date 7/10 at capital if we can get the room at 10 a.m. B.E. will let us know. J.B. moves to adjourn; T.F. seconds; meeting adjourned.