**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 9, 2019**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

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

JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)   
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.) - ABSENT - MEDICAL

HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.)   
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 & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

September minutes are reviewed; J.S. moves to accept minutes as written, H.W. seconds; minutes accepted. Addie reviews financial statement; H.W. moves to accept financial report and to pay bills and payroll; J.G. seconds; motion passed, all ayes. J.B. moved to approve 2020 Budget to the state; J.S. seconds; budget approved, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Eddie Cedotal, Jr., Wrestling Promoter license applicant, class A or B

Electra Hahn, Mr. Cedotal’s guest

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Eddie Cedotal, Jr., Wrestling Promoter license applicant, class A or B: DJ FOR Mike Beadle and others; Never had any other licenses in other states; J.G. reviews his experience; asks for docs; J.G. reviews licensing process & docs needed: bond, etc. J.G. asks if he realizes licenses expire at year end. J.G. suggests he start with Class B show; he’s reviewed the rules, etc. so is familiar with expectations; he’s never been sued; he will come back later with all docs, bond and get license in Jan.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

J.G.: The fighter from Bad Chad’s 6/15 Opelousas show’s old complaint (lost fight accused opponent of illegal hit; wanted loss reversed). We asked him to come before commission; he’s not come in; lost fight and wants final decision reversed; we can’t do that; he won’t show up but he keeps emailing J.G. and they’re getting progressively more aggressive. He’s called us corrupt, etc., J.G. keeps asking him to come before the commission to discuss but he never shows up. J.G requests Addie to find the guy’s name (Caleb Hoag?) in past minutes and send to J.G. J.S. moves for J.G. to send formal letter requesting this guy’s presence before the commission. H.W. seconds; approved all ayes.

NOI: 2nd Lab Report ER will expire December 7. Addie will submit ER #3 for November publication. Will aim for January publication of NOI. Will discuss finishing details at November meeting.

On Financials: J.G. would like in writing from CPA when and if we need to submit taxes to the state since we hit the $200k threshold which triggered the ICPA. Would like a statement in writing to confirm no payment required.

On Physician’s Contracts: Addie will contact Risk Mgt. for guidance on whether promoter can pay cash for Physician’s fee or must a check be issued from the commission for doctor to be covered by our GL insurance.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

Open Discussion on the updating of laptops and iPads for commissioners and employees; also scanning software and multi-function printers for field employees to enable them to track licenses and deposits more efficiently & record retention. J.G. moves to approve purchases; H.W. seconds; approved, all ayes. All will review individual needs and inform commission.

J.S. was copied on a lawsuit by a fighter suing Joe Ancona for a fight at the Landmark in Metairie.

We’ve had requests for kickboxing shows. Let’s review ISKA rules. Ricky has officials that can work kickboxing shows. Joe Ancona would like to do a show in January. They call it “no take down MMA’.

J.G. moves to pay Addie per diem to cover sitter costs for overnight stays for early meetings; J.B. seconds; approved all ayes.

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

Wrestling: 3 shows; 1 class B; 2 class A; no problems.

MMA: Last Friday and Saturday nights; no problems.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

10/12 Oren Hawxhurst, Ring of Honor @ UNO

10/12 Bad Chad in Opelousas

10/13 Michael Broussard Class B, Houma

August Creppel, 10/25 Patterson, 10/26 Leesville, 10/27 Lake Charles.

Shannon Folse 11/1 in Houma.

11/1 Alvin Smith in NO

11/3 Michael Boudreaux in Plaquemine.

11/3 Oren Hawxhurst in NO.

11/7 Matt McGovern @ Cypress Bayou

11/9 August Creppel in Dulac

11/16 Voelkers w/Chase Dixon (moved from Jung Hotel to Howling Wolf)

11/24 Petroleum Club in Shreveport

H.W. moves to approve above shows; J.S. seconds; shows approved.

**9) ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

11/20/19 looks good for all. J.S. moves to adjourn; H.W. seconds; meeting adjourned.