**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 11, 2023**

**EMBASSY SUITES, 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.)
ORAY ROGERS (O.R.) – ABSENT - MEDICAL

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

ELMO BOUDREAUX – DEP. COMMISSIONER (E.B.)

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER (R.N.)

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG - ABSENT

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

J.S. moves to correct September minutes to reflect J.G. was not in attendance. J.B. seconds; passed, all ayes. J.S. moves to accept August & September minutes; J.G. seconds, passed, all ayes; J.B. moves to approve the financial report and pay bills; J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes.

1. I**NTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

David Cox – boxing/kickboxing applicant

Romain Stitlet – Social Warrior Club LLC rep for boxing app.

Alex Rudenko – Social Warrior Club LLC rep for boxing app.

1. **RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

David Cox: applying for boxing promoter license. J.G. reviews terms, rules and obligations for boxing promoters. Bond and financial statement required. Also corporation documents on Arklake LLC; B.E. inquires about his experience; J.G. moves to issue license upon receipt of foregoing documents; J.S. seconds. License approved, all ayes.

Social Warrior Club LLC: Stitlet & Rudenko issued corporate status on 9/9/23; was issued a boxing license on 9/13/23; request show date on 11/17/23; J.G. moves to acknowledge issuance of MMA and approve show date; J.B. seconds; passed, all ayes.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Addie will retire in February. She will issue W2s & 1099s that are due by 1/31 and be available for training for all of February; she will finalize the London Ring Fighting rule on January 20 issue.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chris Johnson 9/9/23 show: Fighter, Kamron Hills, won and left the arena; he had a seizure in his vehicle on his way home. Commission Physician Lloyd Leonard attempted to treat him but was prevented by police at site. J.G. moves to issue a 90 da medical suspension to Mr. Hills until he is cleared of an unknown seizure disorder by his physician. J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes.

1. **PAST SHOWS:**

Wrestling: No discussion.

MMA: R.N. reports no issue with Thibodaux show on 10/7/23

Boxing: 9/29/23 show by Chris Johnson at the Civic Center; reported that two fighters were not paid: Ashoun Bates $1,200 & Matthew Willis $1,500. J.G. moves that a Notice of Suspension and Appearance Demand at next meeting be issued; J.S. seconds; possible fines; J.S. submits fighter/promoter contracts.

1. **UPCOMING SHOWS**

10/26/23 – Eddie Cedotal Class A wrestling in New Orleans; 10/26 – AKA black tie MMA event at the Petroleum Club; 10/27 – AKA MMA in Shreveport; 10/28 – Joey Comeaux Class A wrestling in Crowley; 10/28 – Mike Boudreaux Class A wrestling in Houma;

11/10 – Joe Ancona Boxing Battle of the Badge at the Ponchartrain Center in Kenner; 11/11 – Jacoby Landry boxing in Lafayette; 11/12 – Eddie Cedotal Class A wrestling in Plaquemine; 11/26 – Mike Beadle Class A wrestling in Berwick; 12/1 – Skylar Ward midget wrestling in West Monroe; also on 12/2 in Alexandria.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**:

Pursuant to LRS 42:16 and 42:17.A., J.B., moves and J.S. seconds to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

1. **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:**

J.G. moves November meeting to be held on the 15th; all good with that date; J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes; J.B. moves to adjourn; J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes; meeting adjourned.