**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 16, 2014**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

1. **ATTENDEES:**
ALVIN TOPHAM (A.T.)
BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.)
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)
PATRICK MCGINITY (P.M.)
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.)
HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.)
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.) – ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

 ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) ACCT - ABSENT

1. **MINUTES:** (taken by P.M.)

B. E. moves to accept September minutes as written; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes; B.E. moves to pay October bills and payroll; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes. Financial report approved, all ayes.

1. **LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Matt McGovern: appearing to renew promoter’s license; his promotions are going very well; no problems; B.E. moves to accept renewal; P.M. seconds; renewal of license approved, all ayes.

James Johnson: applied again for a promoter’s license via mail. Commission discussed his past transgressions & problems entailed; application denied, all ayes.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**:

Golden Nugget in Lake Charles has been working with promoters; no results yet as to future events

Ebola situation: agreed that temperatures of fighters, corner men and trainers will be taken before fights; persons with temperatures will not be allowed in the ring; ringside physicians will make final determination and question these persons on recent travel to West Africa or had contact with any Ebola infected persons; they also want to use the forehead thermometers in lieu of ear thermometers; T.F. moves to purchase forehead thermometers for ringside physicians to use; B.E. seconds, passed all ayes. State Public Health Dept or venue has responsibility to check the audience members for disease.

B.E. would like to add to new rules to be promulgated that fighters must be a weigh-in one-half (1/2) hour before weigh-in in order to answer questions of commissioner in charge. Also that all promoters must have all required paperwork in hand as required by commission; J.G. will add this language to new rules he’s drafting.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**:

Risk Management Invoice: J.G. wants to delay decision on releasing the funds; J.G. has contacted the Atty. Gen. and Risk Mgt about Frank McCall’s complaint.

1. **PAST SHOWS:**

Show in Shreveport fine on all counts; Patterson went fine also. Evangeline show cancelled until November 6.

1. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Tonight Matt McGovern at the Belle in Baton Rouge; will have another November 22 and January 17, also at the Belle.

1. **NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:**

Next meeting will be November 19th; at the Capital.

B.E. moves to adjourn; P.M. seconds; passed, all ayes; meeting adjourned.