**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 9, 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.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER (R.N.)

 ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) ACCT

1. **MINUTES:**

B.E. moves to approve minutes as written; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes. B.E. moves to pay bills and H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes. B.E. moves to add to monthly bills Lorenzo Williams fine for Mr. Menninger; Mr. Menninger paid the fine and we issue a check to Mr. Bonnano in the amount of $400.00. H.W. seconds; passed all ayes. Mr. Menninger was reinstated upon receipt of ck to B.E.

1. **LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

A.T. reviews rules & regulations to all licensees in attendance and calls for any suggestions from them in order to improve the sports and relationships; reiterated importance of sending in date requests to verify dates; don't advertise until paperwork is turned in; mail within 45 days if at all possible; don't hand us paperwork at events; please mail to Alvin (MMA) or Buddy (Boxing). The medical tests rule says we must receive 5 days before the fights; sometimes we allow receipt at event but it doesn't always show up at the event; it is the responsibility of the promoters to ensure your fighters have their paperwork. Glove situation: also your responsibility to provide gloves for your amateur fighter; we know they disappear. Gate Taxes: taxes must be paid within 72 hours. Be vigilant about entering your data on MMA website; especially suspensions. And no nicknames on applications, etc. A.T. suggests getting amateurs fighters to sign and agreement so the commission has recourse to suspend for no-shows, etc. J.G. suggests these agreements provide the language that the amateur is getting a spot on the card and the promoter is getting a fighter; then we can suspend the fighter if he's a no-show.

J.G. brings up the groups around in the ring areas; promoters have to make sure those areas are cleared out to prohibit possible volatile situations.

J.G. asks that if promoter's get notices on their bonds, please forward on to A.T. or himself.

Kim Addison: renew MMA promoter license. very well known and does a great job; good paperwork; always on time; he recommends BE moves; HW seconds; passed, all ayes.

bond and all in order from last year. Next show request for 1/18; B.E. moves to renew & to approve her show date for 1/18/2014.

Dr. Impastato: renew MMA promoter license; does a great job; mostly at Harrah's in N.O.; B.E moves to renew; B.D. seconds; passed, all ayes.

Kyle Miers: renewal of MMA license; newer promoter from Lake Charles; 2 shows last year; well attended, good venue; no problems with fighters or promotion in general. Trying to promote the home town kids and is commended for that. Has a show request for 1/18/14. J.G. was very impressed with the way one of his shows were set up at a theatre. B.E. moves to renew & accept show date; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes.

Felix LaPoma: renew MMA promoter's license; shows in Gonzales area; been a good promoter for years now; bond o.k. T.F. moves to renew; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes.

Oren Huwxhurst: MMA promoters license renewal; advises commission he no longer has a partner as so stated previously on initial application and bond (under Wildkats Sports); has done a good job; works with WWE & other big organizations; has a training facility; will be asking for date around Wrestlemania in April. A.T. has requested out of state promoters to go through local promoters if at all possible. Makes it easier all around. J.G. needs to clear up bond issue as can't find it under Wildkats or Huwxhurst...can approve renewal pending bond verification...J.G. moves to approve the license pending bond in name of Wildkats; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes. A.T. advises to get money in for those show dates as soon as possible.

Teddy Nall: renew wrestling promoter license under Full Throttle LLC: review pitfalls of letting other people fight under your license. B.E. moves to renew; B.D. seconds; passed; requests 5/3 but will confirm with AT later.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**:

On Implant ER: B.E. suggests we can add language to physical acknowledging the dangers in lieu of promulgation of new emergency rule. J.G. will work with Dr. Ferguson on specific language on failing to disclose medical implants and acknowledgement on the medical history form...B.E. also suggests that within the body of the form add language that they yes or no to "I have surgically implanted devices, etc."

J.G. moves to let the ER rule expire 2/16/2014 and add similar language to existing medical forms signed by the contestant; P.M. seconds; passed; all ayes.

B.E. moves to authorize J.G. and T.F. to amend the medical history report language to reflect implant concerns and present at the next meeting; T.F. seconds; passed all ayes.

On post bout medical recommendation: possibly add to amended form above signature & witness line for refusal to follow physician post-bout recommendation.

Frank McCall sent another letter to the commission on applying for fighter license. J.G. will send him another letter.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A.T. got a call about a televised Maotai show from Thailand...told them to submit their sport's guidelines to us for review..

1. **PAST SHOWS:**

Just a couple of shows since last meeting; Justin Verdin in LaRose; Gill in Lafayette; Matt McGovern, boxing @ Belle; worked out well; doing another...F. Lapoma had decent show in Gonzales; Addison on 14th in Shreveport, well attended; Gill had a show in Lafayette just before Christmas that really did well.

1. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

1/8 MMA in Lake Charles, 1 in Shreveport; Matt McGovern wants another show at the Belle 1/25...not able to re-up in person because he's in Las Vegas for promoter renewal; J.G. moves that we allow a renewal for Matt McGovern

without coming before the commission due the fact he is working in NV; B.E. seconds; passed all ayes.

Alan Gray on the 2/8 and 3/29...Justin Verdin in Houma...

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

J.G. moves to adjourn to executive session as per LRS 42.6.1A(2) to discuss pending litigation; B.E. seconds; passed, all ayes.

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

Next meeting: Feb 12, 2014 @1 pm, same room.

JG moves to adjourn; TF seconds; passed; all ayes.