**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**AUGUST 14, 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

 ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) ACCT

1. **MINUTES:**

B. E. moves to accept July minutes as written; T. F. seconds; passed all ayes. B.E. moves to pay June/July bills, payroll & expenses; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes.

BE moves to pay $520.00 for payroll processing for one year; H.W. seconds; Addie will pay the bill and continue to research alternatives.

1. **LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Ann Wolfe: for boxing promoter's license; has an MMA promoter's license already; B.E. says her shows were run well & organized; she wants to do an MMA/Boxing license; wants a show in DeRidder; has good venue; has a date of 9/13 ...A.T. reviews all with her. J.G. reviews her paperwork; 7/28 date of continuing bond is good. B.E. moves we accept her application to promote MMA; H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes. Show date looks good. B.E. reviews rules (same as boxing) with Ms. Wolfe.

A.T. says another applicant should be here shortly for MMA Promoter's license: Glenn Matina.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**:

Last meeting we spoke about rule changes....START REVIEW...***ALL EDITS REVIEWED TODAY ARE SUGGESTED DELETIONS AS PART 1 OF 3-PART EDITING PLAN (DELETE, MOVE, ADD)*** .

T.F. made motion to change rules as discussed and accept and B.E. seconds. P.M. expresses reservations on the numerous deletions to current wrestling chapter; T.F. rescinds his previous motion due to P.M.'s desire to digest deletions until next meeting. B.D. seconds; P.M. moves to table rule/language deletions until next meeting; B.D. seconds, passed, all ayes.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**:

In reference to discussion at July meeting: J.G. moves for an Emergency Rule "any and all amateur fighters in the State of LA must wear headgear; B.E. seconds; passed, all ayes.

T.F. reads letter in ref to above: use of headgear in amateur boxing: Assoc of Ringside Phys consensus: there are fewer head and facial injuries in amateur boxing when headgears are worn; B.E. talked to attendees at ABC about IBEA tournaments with "elite" fighters, those fighters will not wear headgear....the physicians at the conference all agreed amateurs should wear headgear. OPEN DISCUSSION.

J.G. will email Addie precise language of headgear emergency rule and commission instructs Addie to include Association of Ringside Physician’s letter in August minutes.

 On 2015ABC Conference: we always should have voting members there. Next year is in San Diego, CA.

1. **PAST SHOWS:**

 Evangeline Downs - boxing 7/12/14: very entertaining...

Russell was in LaRose same night; MMA in Alex on 26th; a show last week @ Raxx on the 2nd; same night Kim Addison had a well attended show in Shreve; no problems.

1. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

MMA/Boxing show Saturday in Lake Charles; Boxing in BR; MMA next Friday night @ Harrah's by Impastato: Rich Clementi's last show on 8/23; MMA at 9/12 WFC; Ann Wolfe wants a show in DeRidder on 9/12 also; 19th Allan Gray in Shreveport.

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

 9/17 is good for all; B.D. moves to adjourn, P.M. seconds; meeting adjourned.