**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

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

JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.) – ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS  
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.)

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:**

J.S. moves to accept October minutes and financial report; T.F. seconds; passed, all ayes. J.S. moves to pay bills and payroll for November and December; T.F. seconds; passed, all ayes.

**3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Michael Boudreaux, Class B promoter applicant

Philip Istre, Class B promoter applicant

Michael Sobel, MMA promoter applicant

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Michael Boudreaux, Class B applicant: was approved at October meeting; will submit 2019 application to R. Naquin.

Philip Istre: R. Naquin gives application to him & B.E. will provide it to J.G. to review, perform background; advises that only so many Class B licenses, 5 at this time, will be issued for 2019.

Michael Sobel: applying for 2019 MMA promoter license; has advertising/promotion company background; B.E. reviews his experience; needs to turn in financials, bond, and application to R. Norris, who will forward to J.G. for review.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

On Rules: Addie will re-submit Wrestling ER that expires 1/5 so that rules will be effect while Wrestling NOI is being reviewed by committees. Wrestling NOI will be published in December dependent upon approval from FO.

Russell and J.S. advise rule 513 needs to be edited to reflect that when a contestant intentionally leaves the ring and has been reprimanded once at an exhibition, he will be disqualified. Current rule states no foul.

T.F. suggests 505.B & A need clarification as to which Class A and B rules apply to who. Addie will revise rules to clarify all wrestling promoters & contestants must abide all General and Class A rules, but will clarify the exceptions for Class B only (no show reservation fees, no taxes, no commission in attendance, etc.).

B.E. inquires into whether we can edit the NOI later, since J.G. needs to review at a later date. Addie advises we can publish the NOI and red line changes/edits on final Rule.

T.F. moves for A.F. to move forward with edits to Wrestling NOI and submit to FO; J.S. seconds. Passed, all ayes.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

R. Naquin has question on whether a person needs a separate wrestling license to be both a contestant and a ring official. What happens if he gets suspension on one, but not the other? B.E. advised boxing has always required separate licenses just for that reason. All agree it should be the same for all.

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

One boxing, lightly attended; several wrestling shows, no trouble; 2 midget shows.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Wrestling: Midgets in N.O. on 11/15; Greist in Abbeville on 11/17; Teddy Nall, Class B in Lake Charles on 11/17; Mike Beadle, Class A, in Bayou Vista on 11/25; M. Vaughn on 12/8 in Ruston; WWE in Bossier on 12/2; Oren Hawxhurst in N.O. on 12/25.

Boxing: S. Trumbull at Delgado on Jan. 9; Al Smith in N.O. on 1/26/2019.

MMA: 11/16 at the Copeland Towers.

H.W. moves to accept these show dates; J.S. seconds; accepted, all ayes.

**9) NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:**

Next meeting date in January to be determined; we don't usually meet in December but let B.E. know if something urgent comes up and we will reconsider; B.E. will poll all and email consensus at a later date. J.S. moves to adjourn; H.W. seconds, passed, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.