**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 16, 2019**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

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

JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)
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:**

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

**3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

 Justin Browning, McNeese Boxing Fundraiser

 Philip Istre, Class B promoter applicant

 Tracy Broussard, Class A promoter applicant

 Teddy Nall, Wrestling promoter renewal

 August Creppel, CWF Wrestling

 Thomas Aaron, CWF Wrestling

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

 Justin Browning, McNeese Fundraiser: had previous fundraiser; Teddy Nall will donate ring; will try and get Kevin M. to referee again; last show went well; J.G. moves to approve 3 one minute rounds show; J.S. seconds; show for May 4 approved, all ayes.

 Teddy Nall, current Class B wrestling promoter: here for renewal; J.G. moves to approve; T.F. seconds; renewal granted, all ayes. Teddy Nall expressed his appreciation for all Russell's efforts.

 Tracy Broussard, Class A applicant: Has worked with Teddy Nall for 2 – 3 years; from Westlake, LA. Teddy will help oversee his first efforts; license needs to be in his name; working on bond, also under his name; needs financials & license fee; J.G. reviews all & asks if we should delay until all docs, etc. are received & come to next meeting; J.G. moves if all docs & license fee received, Teddy & Russell agree to oversee his event, we'll grant license and he won't need to appear next month; J.S. seconds

 Philip Istre: Attended November meeting to apply for Class B license; worked for Michael Giroir 2009 in New Iberia, Abbeville, Plaquemine, St. Martinville; did a lot of promoting at casinos. Had 3 shows in 2015; J.G. suggests we table until next month as we are only granting 5 licenses.

 August Creppel, Class A wrestling promoter applicant: previous wrestler & promoter; no suspensions or felonies; has docs but no bond yet; would like Mar. 18 show; Russell relays he has good reputation for 20+ years; J.G. moves to approve pending receipt of bond; can scan & email; T.F. seconds; license approved, all ayes.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

 On Rules: Addie reviews timeline for new Wrestling NOI; Boxing Chapter final on 1/20/19 and done; relays to J.G. to be on the lookout for any written inquiries into Wrestling NOI.

 David Pitre had made an agreement w/commission's attorney, Mr. Shea so the hearing was cancelled. He did not abide by agreement. See new business

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

 David Pitre had an unapproved show advertised in December where he sold tickets without a license. He didn't return dollars to spectators and made derogatory comments on a website about the commission. Attorney Shea is reviewing evidence for violations. Should we have a hearing in March? B.E. will check meeting room availability.

 Russell relays that several individuals are making threatening comments online about the rules and commissioners: Blake Lemaire/Lemoine? Brett Landry and Bryson Scott. J.G. wants their addresses so we can send them letters to appear before the commission; Landry was a licensed manager in 2018. J.G. moves that they appear before the commission before any new licenses are issued; H.W. seconds. Passed, all ayes.

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

 Wrestling: Oren Hawxhurst & Matt Lancie's Class B shows went well.

 Boxing: Ms. Bishop's show went well for first show;

 MMA: Ricky says one show in Jan, no problems.

 Files turned into J.G.: Teddy Nall & Matt Lancie; N.O. Boxing; Josh Newell Class B; Chad Broussard's boxing show; Bishop, boxing; Mike Beadle wrestling; 2 for Robert Greif, 2 for Alan Fonseca, WWE show in Bossier, 2 for Skylar Ward.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

 Wrestling: Sunset 1/25; Plaquemine 1/26; WWE on 2/16 – 2/19

 Boxing: Al Smith 2/9, postponed from Jan; may get postponed again; assistant not making good matches. Requested a "ramp on the ring". Not a good idea; make sure good guards are posted.

 MMA: this Friday in Lafayette by Joe Ancona; Saturday at Monroe Civic Center by Cuccinella;

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

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

 B.E. will check on room availability for Feb. 6 or 20th and contact members at a later date. J.S. moves to adjourn, T.F. seconds, meeting adjourned.