**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**AUGUST 14, 2019**

**EMBASSY SUITES, 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:**

July minutes are reviewed; J.S. moves to accept minutes as written, T.F. seconds; minutes accepted. Addie reviews financial statement; T.F. moves to accept financial report and to pay bills and payroll; J.S. seconds; motion passed, all ayes.

**3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Alex Ackel, Promoter license applicant

Chase Dixon, Promoter license applicant

Kevin Allen & Dr. James Gilmore, Promoter license applicants for 2020

Adam Glenn, Manager

Audrey Voelker

Annie Irvin

Ali Carlisle

Martin Marino

Kimona Hogan, Attorney, House Commerce Committee

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Dixon and Ackel, Boxing Promoter license apps: J.S. reviews documents required for promoter licenses. They turns in lic app; J.S. reviews; all looks in order; will send in to J.G. for final approval. Promoter license will be in Mr. Ackel’s name. Reviews experience in promoting; has been involved in boxing clubs and has great support team: Dixon, Susanna Poulter are well versed in organizing. Adam Glenn (Mgr.) will also be helping out. Manages local fighters; great opportunity to build up local boxing fights. Venues: Howling Wolf 8/29 9/28 at a Jung hotel. Has cks for both shows today. Capacity 500 at wolf, 1200 at hotel. Awful quick turnaround but if they want to try it we’ll let them. J.S. moves to approve the license contingent upon J.G. approval of bond. T.F. seconds. Motion passed, all ayes. B.E. advises no advertisement of shows, etc. until J.G. gives approval. Then you’re good to go.

Two above show dates to approve: no conflicts on dates; J.S. moves to accept show dates; J.B. seconds; dates approved. J.S. will let you know when J.G. approves.

Kevin Allen & Dr. James Gilmore: new promoter license boxing applicants; plan events at Belle, Belle Noche & L’Auberge. Ex fighter champion. B.E. explains process for Jan 1 licenses won’t be taken until November. Reviews documents needed & bond info. J.S. reviews show reservation process. Will send in all docs/fees for Jan approval.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

Medical Contracts for doctors: one change to make on the form and getting that done tomorrow. Will email copies to Ricky & Russell. Cannot pay the Dr. without contract signed by doctor first.

Addie reviews ER/NOI schedule; will submit another Wrestling ER as current one expires 9/6. Must get NOI submitted at least by October or we must submit a third. Need to get FIS approved once language is solid.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

None.

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

Wrestling: 1 Class A & 1 Class B; Aug. had two B shows 8/3 & 9th; no problems.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Charity show requested cancelled in Shreveport. Battle of the Badges Saturday. Bad Chad has a show Saturday night in Opelousas at Evangeline Downs; already approved.

9/6 Boxing in NO, Voelkers want to review Swamp materials with commission. Audrey Voelker, promoter and partner Annie Irvin. Ms. Voelker reviews handout distributed on how the boxing show will be presented. Reviews floor plan for dressing rooms, etc. Reviews timeline of entertainment before & after event. Tribute to Patrick McGinity before fight starts w/singer Boyfriend. Then main event; J.S. moves to approve; T.F. seconds. Approved; J.S. reviews barricades & security.

MMA 8/23 at the Horseshoe; Bayou Fights in St. Gabriel 8/24 at soccer center.

Upcoming Wrestling Class B on 17th; WWE Bossier canceled; rescheduled for 3/22 next year; WWE on 8/24 in Lafayette also cancelled & rescheduled for Jan. Class A show in Cecilia; Class B show in MC & a show in Houma. T.F. moves to accept these dates; J.B. seconds.

**9) ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting 9/11/2019 at 10:30 good for all. J.S. moves to adjourn; T.F. seconds; meeting adjourned.