**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 8, 2020**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

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

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

HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.) – ABSENT MEDICAL  
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.)

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) – ACCTG

DANIEL REDMANN – S/A

**2) MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

J.S. moves to accept November 2019 minutes as written; B.D. seconds; minutes accepted. J.S. moves to accept financial report for November; J.G. seconds; financial report accepted, all ayes.

Addie requests all to get W9s for officials for 1099s as soon as possible.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Oren (Luke) Hawxhurst, Wrestling promoter renewal

Matthew Lancie, Wrestling promoter renewal

Eddie L. Cedotal, Jr., Promoter applicant

Michael Foreman, Wrestler renewal

Michael Whitaker, Wrestler renewal

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Oren Hawxhurst Class A wrestling renewal...no problems with his shows. J.S. moves to renew. In Feb. would like to run a show in Esplanade mall for free. Bring some business. No one is being paid; exhibition then. B.E. says fill out show reservation form for an exhibition. J.G. says we need something from City of Kenner saying describing what the show is going to be about. O.H. can get the city to email him. Do we need insurance? B.E. suggests letter from city, approved, etc., insurance was renewed in Nov. He will get all that to Russell. Planning 2/9 on a Sunday. J.G. says maybe we can waive the show reservation fee but he will pay $300 to event coordinator. B.D. seconds to renew license. J.G. moves to approve pending receipt of docs, waive show reservation, and pmt. to Russell by O.H. J.B seconds, approved by all.

O.H. says he helps WWE procure talent and WWE wants all licenses issued before the shows, not issued day of.

Matt Lancie Class B wrestling, renewal. Russell says all ok with his shows. J.G. moves to renew his promoter license; B.D. seconds, passed, all ayes.

Eddie L. Cedotal, Jr. Wrestling, new promoter; has bond submitted to J.G.; need application filled; bond looks good. Worked with Mustang, Southern University with wild thing Michael Beadle and Michael Boudreaux. Russel has no issues He’s been around a good while. Asks why he needs to turn in financials; because we have to ensure he has financial capabilities to meet responsibilities. J.G. reviews his history. J.G. moves to accept pending financial statement; bank statement, etc., & bond is reviewed & verified; J.S. seconds, passed, all ayes.

Michael Whitaker & Michael Foreman: wrestlers who were suspended for 8 months for submitting fraudulent blood work in 2019. They testified against Robert Greif and took their licks. J.G. moves to remove suspension and renew their licenses; B.D. seconds; passed, all ayes. Russel informs them they can go through LabCorp or LifeShares to get free blood work done. Someone suggest perhaps a blood drive at capital. Will look into it.

Russel turns into J.G. 138 internet licenses from website.

**5) OLD BUSINESS:**

On Emergency Rule & NOI: J.G. moves to resubmit ER that expires 3/19; J.S. seconds. Addie will resubmit for March publication.

On Commission Computers: J.G. moves for all to purchase external hard drives to secure their information and submit for reimbursement to Addie; J.S. seconds; approved, all ayes.

Unknown October Deposits: Addie still looking for 6 deposits to Operating account statement that she has no records of to where to post and who from; all will search their records.

Kickboxing events requested by Joe Ancona last meeting: J.S. says Joe will get with us next meeting; Ricky has kickboxing rules; will forward to all. J.S. moves Kickboxing issue tabled until next meeting; J.B. seconds, passed, all ayes.

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

J.S. says Bruce McDaniel, who resigned as an official last year, has made a request to work “the big shows” only. All agree this is not fair to other officials. J.S. will let him know.

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

Wrestling: Michael Beadle show in December all good

12/6 MMA no problems.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Wrestling: Cecilia on 1/11; WWE in Lafayette on 1/17; Mustand in New Iberia on 1/24; 1/24 Sport;

Chalmette on 1/25.

MMA: 1/17 in Lafayette; 1/25 in N.O. at Filmore; 1/25 at the Paragon

Boxing: 1/31 Sport; 1/31 by Banner in Bush

Bad Chad’s requested a 2/8 date but we’ve received no docs yet; Amber B. needs her license renewed.

J.G. moves to accept all show dates, except Bad Chad’s; B.D. seconds; approved, all ayes.

**9) ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

Next meeting: 2/19 sounds good for all; J.S. moves to adjourn; B.D. seconds, meeting adjourned.