**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**MARCH 7, 2018**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

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

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

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

**2) MINUTES:**

B.D. moves to accept minutes as written. J.B. seconds, passed, all ayes. B.D. moves to approve financial report and to pay March bills and payroll; J.B. seconds, passed, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Steve Trumble, ex-fighter, applying for boxing promoter’s license

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Steve Trumble: Needs app. Also works with a guy out of NO gym. Cannot work as corner man if you are the promoter. License will be in his name. No felonies. J.S. reviews bond process, how to get one, fill out license and then come back for a hearing; need all insurances & proofs; financial statements. Derrick Stewart is owner of gym where he trains.

Wants a show for May. Has all his info except for the bond. J.S. reviews show reservation fee, application process, official’s fees process & costs; He completes his application and submits $500 cash. J.G. says we can approve tentative upon receipt of bond and so moves; T.F. seconds, passed, all ayes. He will send bond to J.G.

Donald Osborne from FL applying for manager’s license by mail; R.N. getting many calls for wrestling connected licenses.

**5) OLD BUSINESS**:

Chad Broussard and Brian Culotta were to attend this meeting about Chad’s past due amount he owes the commission. He called and cancelled; J.G. moves to defer issue until next meeting; B.D. seconds; issue tabled until next meeting

**6) NEW BUSINESS**:

 No discussion.

**7) PAST SHOWS**

Shane Desemeaux suspended for injury at a show; lost his vision for several minutes; has medical report for the doctor; did more than he was licensed to do and R.N. said he suspended him until he gets more training. Blood pressure was very high. T.F. reviews his medical report. R.N.’s opinion is he requires more training. 140/90 is good pressure to fight. Problem with fighters drinking caffeine drinks prior to physicals. Hospital said concussion and high blood pressure most probably caused loss of vision. He should be under suspension until cleared by his GP and stay clear of contact sports for at least 7 days. J.G. so moves; T.F. seconds; J.G. will send him a letter.

**9) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Wrestling/Wrestlemania: All little shows around Wrestlemania (23 or 24 shows) have all paid up. He only has two shows left that does not have a doctor. R.N. will email list to Addie to include in March minutes.

Motion made by J.G. to approve/accept all the shows, T.F. seconds; passed all ayes; shows approved.

Greg Hendricks MMA Event, tournament style event: J.S. spoke to him recently and he wants to do 2 - 5 minute round fights. Then 3 - 5 minutes rounds, etc. All pros. J.G. says B.E. wants to make sure no contestant fights more than 6 rounds. Guys that win and advance should be matched (i.e., don’t let a winner that fought for 30 seconds & won against someone who went the whole 5 or 6 rounds). J.G. would also prefer to have intermissions between fights; a forty-five minute intermission would be good. Either that or schedule another fight in between. Doctor will determine if winners can medically advance. Ricky N. makes other suggestions on rounds and schedule of rounds; J.S. says this will be a one-time event and see how it goes. J.G. suggests multiple weight classes so (one weight in 1st rounds, different in next to give 1 round winners time to recover) and so on. Just have to make sure all fighters are compatible throughout the group. OPEN DISCUSSION ON TOURNAMENT & SAFETY FOR CONTESTANTS. J.G. moves we approve this tournament format for the two fight rounds provided each contestant does not fight more than 5 minutes and are matched correctly; must be experienced professionals and all fighters must be approved by commission and have 45 minute minimum intermission and doctors must clear winners from first fight to advance to seconds; J.B. seconds; passed, all ayes. We still haven’t received any license application from this gentleman so all this may be moot.

5/18 & 19th in Bossier City; Legacy branch of UFC shows McMaynard (matchmaker for UFC). J.G. suggests we should entertain these gentlemen, crawfish boil or something in order to encourage more events in LA.

J.G. moves that he submit a budget & contact the officials visiting from UFC to invite them to a LSBWC hospitality event; R. Norris will look into venue, outdoor venue; J.G. Will boil crawfish for 5/18/2018 with tentative budget of $200.00; TF seconds, passed, all ayes.

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

 April 11 sounds good for all at Embassy Suites. J.G. moves to adjourn, T.F. seconds; meeting adjourned.