**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**MARCH 16, 2017**

**BATON ROUGE, LA**

1. **ATTENDEES:**
BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.)
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.)

JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)
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

1. **MINUTES:**

J.G. moves to approve minutes, pay bills and March payroll; B.E. seconds; minutes & bill payments approved all ayes. J.G. wants to look into other GL insurance and getting a private insurance due to overcharges on GL. Frivolous suits on our record for 3 years and estimated only $1000 in fees actually exhausted but $32k in fees billed to us.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Jude Noote – Elev8tion Promotions, LLC

Allan Fonseca - Elev8tion Promotions, LLC

Robert Greif – promoter applicant

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Robert Greif - wrestling promoter application from Plaquemines; submits bond to JG. been working with the two Mikes. J.G. reviews history with him; no criminal record, etc., looking at show at end of summer; waiting on building approval; R.N. has worked with him before and approves. J.G. moves to approve pending receipt of $$. T.F. seconds; license approved, all ayes. B.E. reviews show date, rules, etc.

Jude Noote & Allan Fonseca: wrestling promoter license application; submits paperwork to J.G.; Mr. Noote has promoted before under Pitre; R.N. says they’re good to go. Elev8tion Promotions LLC will be name on license; his guest was Allan Fonseca is also co-owner of LLC. B.E. explains show reservation system, etc., J.G. reviews history, criminal etc. Allan is reviewed also; no felonies; never licensed in other states, etc. Fees paid, bond looks good; T.F. moves to approve, J.S. seconds; license approved. All ayes.

Banner Promotions Inc. bond received; received cancellation of bond for Vengeance 2/8/17. R.N. provided J.G. with all license applications issued to WWE for 2017; previous chairman has prior year’s apps in his possession. J.G. will try to procure these from A.T.

JG also received boxing show files from Feb & Mar shows. R.N. turned in 14 wrestling show files. 11/16 - 2/4/17.

J.S. has wrestling app for fighter but R.N. asked him not to issue until he can be reviewed. Not through mail. R.N. likes to view novices before issuing licenses.

**5) NEW BUSINESS**:

Acadian Ambulance costs $600 for 3 hours. Keeps going up. Can we use fire station’s vehicle and their EMT? TF asks if local gov’t agencies will let their vehicles/EMT be used in that capacity? Do all fire stations have emergency vehicles? Is there a legal alternative to Acadian? BE advises RN to make presentation pro/con. Can TF check into that for us? What is an “ambulance” required to have to qualify it as such?

**6) OLD BUSINESS**:

J.G. advises actual promulgation & FIS work will be reimbursed to Addie; B.D. seconds; passed, all ayes.

Jordan Plaisance issue; father of victim is to correspond with J.G. What about Bruce issue? Did we check with AG about guns/permits for commission? J.S. will check on it.

J.G. reminds all the license applications MUST be filled out in full and clearly state what kind of license it is. They must be signed by whoever sold the license. J.S. advises he had one app that needs completion.

**7) PAST SHOWS:**

No trouble at wrestling shows per R.N. Boxing was great; good crowds; Belle ok. Gave Matt until July 1 to get new mat. No armed deputies; bare security; he wants 7/22 show. J.G: if security is not in place, then show should be halted just like if there’s no ambulance etc. Lucky crowd was light that night. R.N. did mention it to Matt and he went and got the security. The Casino thinks Matt is taking care of it but he’s not. B.E. suggests to Jimbo and R.N. that when Matt reserves show dates, he be told that he must have security in place and we will let the casino know if it is not. Jimbo will email him about mat due date & security issues to keep a paper trail

Chad’s show was good; decent crowd. Fights were good...Mason had a shoulder injury and had medical follow up.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

Boxing 4/8 B & B/Dumas but having problems matching fighters; new show J. Liberto in Gretna; had check from earlier postponed show; will transfer to new date but needs new bond; also wants July 8 at L’Auberge but all dependent on bond renewal. After 5/13, Matt McGovern and July 8, 7/22 WFC.

Wresting, Mansfield, Luling, New Orleans; 3/19 fight for life charity show. MTE show in Monroe 3/30; 3/30 midget wrestling in BR at Fred’s; they’re trying to fly under the radar for another show without a promoter. Ricky took care of getting fees for last under the radar show; Ricky will go over and talk to owner of venue for next under the radar show; Ricky will talk to fighters/midgets about it again. Or let show go on at Fred’s and then immediately suspend all their licenses. J.G. moves for Russell & Ricky to get together & coordinate issue. T.F. seconds; approved, all ayes. T.F. moves to approve these shows; B.D. seconds; shows approved, all ayes.

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

Next meeting 4/12/2017 same place, same time. J.S. moves to adjourn, J.B. seconds. Meeting adjourned.