**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 11, 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.)   
BOBBY DUPRE (B.D.) - ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

RUSSELL NAQUIN – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER - ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

1. **MINUTES:**

No quorum for April meeting; no minutes to review; T.F. moves to pay May bills & payroll, H.W. seconds; passed, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

None.

**4) LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Ricky Norris gave J.G. an application from John and Amberly Bishops to promote MMA shows; sent ck. and filled out applications; bond but no show date. Make note that they need to appear since they’ve never been licensed before; J.G. will hold until they appear; we don’t issue promoter licenses to unknown/inexperienced persons. B.E. suggests J.G. send them a letter outlining rules and ask them to appear. Russell says Ring of Honor wants a promoter’s license for one fight. Need to go through same system.

No other applications.

**5) NEW BUSINESS**:

BE: B.R. event on 4/28 at Bogie’s wasn’t approved by the commission. B.E. found out and that qualifies as a tough man show. J.B. said state police told him to call city police; talked to supervisor. B.E. wants to start with bar owner, find out who the promoter is, and the 2 lawyers they bragged about, school them on statutes regarding unapproved events. R.N. will try and find the name of the bar owner and go from there. H.W. will also see what he can find out. J.G. will then send a letter to have these fellows come before the commission for the June meeting and ask him questions.

T.F. got a call from Tom Cockerham. He was doing a show in N.O. and he put a 30 day suspension on a fighter. But Dr. Cockerham was not the official doctor for that show. We don’t use Dr. Cockerham any longer. Fighter’s name was Devillier. B.E. will call Ricky and find out if there's anything to Cockerham’s story.

**6) OLD BUSINESS**:

On Rules Review: Addie will delete all references to “non-declared fighter” that she missed; J.G. will review, confirm and get back to her. Addie will contact Mrs. Brindley at LAR to see if we can set the new rules to be effective January 1, 2018. This would allow time for interested persons to review and for the commission to receive their input before finalizing final rules.

On Physician Contracts: J.G. will continue to research and compose a contract for commission review.

On Bad Chad: Chad has not paid up; J.G. sent him a letter with amounts. What to do? No date reservation or monies owed...J.S. will get on him.

**7) PAST SHOWS:**

No discussion.

**8) UPCOMING SHOWS:**

7/22/17 - Matt McGovern in BR; 7/8/17 boxing show at L’Auberge in BR; let them know if anyone wants to attend, we’ll get rooms. 7/18 Terry Daigle in Alex; need app and cks; no show reservation paid yet.

Wrestling: one in Amelia on 5/20, Lake Charles 5/27...Midget on 30th of June at Rax in Lake Charles.

T.F. moves to approve these shows, H.W. seconds; passed all ayes.

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

June meeting at Capital on the 22nd. J.S. moves to adjourn, J.B. seconds. Meeting adjourned.