**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**MAY 19, 2022**

**EMBASSY SUITES, 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.) - ABSENT - MEDICAL

HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.)
ORAY ROGERS (O.R.) – VIA VIDEO

JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)

ELMO BOUDREAUX – DEP. COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

DANIEL REDMANN – LEGAL COUNSEL

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

J.S.: All have reviewed minutes and financial report; J.G. moves to approve minutes and financial report. J.B. seconds. Approved, all ayes.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Damon Arceneaux – Boxing Promoter License Applicant

Todd Singletary – MMA Official

1. **LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Damon Arceneaux: applying for Boxing promoter license; addresses commission on his qualifications; J.G. reviews rules on documents required, etc., Mr. Arceneaux has a felony record; J.G. moves to deny application until financials are delivered and felony record is verified/sorted out. J.B. seconds.

Justin LeBlanc wants to apply for a promoter’s license but is recovering from a car accident.

David Pitre and Herman Matherne would like to apply for Russell Naquin’s position as Deputy Commissioner for wrestling; J.G. moves to table until June meeting and will send request that they attend June meeting; H.W. seconds; motion passed, all ayes.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Waiting for Chad Broussard to submit his $500 license fee and pertinent documents; J.G. moves to approve show pending receipt of documents and fee; J.B. seconds, passed, all ayes.

Bare Knuckles issue set for June meeting.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

2 MMA event complaints on commission decisions; 1) 4/9 show contestant (S. Boyd? Need name) disqualified for illegal move; J.G. moves to send a letter about making an appeal and request a hearing but stress LSBWC does not repeal decisions. 2) 4/29 MMA show complaint on round confusion for a Pro contestant (Kendall Lewis) round in an amateur show; point moot as contestant would have lost anyway; J.G. also moves to send letter that he can request a hearing, etc. J.B. seconds both motions; passed, all ayes.

Mike Beadle: All his events are on hold until he appears before the commission about violations at his class B show in Thibodaux on 5/7; investigation uncovered dangerous moves; impromptu ex-wrestler entered the ring without bloodwork. B shows are getting out of control. We need his after show report; Daniel Redmann will review/report and go from there. We also need Michael Boudreaux to appear to review/explain his alleged violations. J.G. moves for above and J.B. seconds; passed, all ayes.

Addie has been contacted by LA auditor about our theft bond; J.G. believes it’s covered under our Risk Mgt policy; J.G. was correct; copy of bond retrieved from Risk Mgt and forwarded to auditor.

1. **PAST SHOWS:**

Joe Ancona will be notified that his 4/30 MMA show was entirely too long at 7 fights and 3.5 hours; too many people in the ring; unnecessary interviews between bouts. Ricky suggests quality of fights were too low to substantiate such elaborate/long interviews etc. J.G. moves that he will write him a letter; H.W. seconds; motion passed.

4/30 MMA Youngsville show by Tim Credeur at Community Center was a nice venue; good food; was concerned about a guy taping a show on a ladder that may have violated OSHA rules. Ricky will address.

1. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

MMA: 6/17 AKA in Lake Charles; 6/18 Joe Ancona in Denham Springs; 6/25 Justin Verdin in Houma; 6/26 Fury at the Alario Center on the Westbank, New Orleans.

Boxing: Bad Chad pending receipt of $$ and docs in Youngsville/Lafayette tentative date 6/24.

Wrestling: None approved.

J.G. moves to approve shows and Chad’s pending receipt of fee/documents; J.B. seconds. Shows approved, all ayes.

1. **ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING:**

Discussion on holding meeting in Lafayette and attend Chad’s boxing show on 6/24 or 6/25; will contact members on possibilities. J.G. moves to adjourn; J.B. seconds; meeting adjourned, all ayes.