**LOUISIANA STATE**

**WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**March 21, 2024**

**L’AUBERGE HOTEL, BATON ROUGE, LA**

1. **ATTENDEES:**
RONALD RANTZ (R.R.) - CHAIRMAN
JIMMY POIRRIER (J.P.) – VICE-CHAIRMAN

JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.) – SECRETARY

JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.) - COMMISSIONER

MIKE HOLLANDER – (M.H.) – COMMISSIONER

WILLIAM “ALLEN” GRAY (A.G.) – COMMISSIONER

RICKY NORRIS – (R.N.) - COMMISSIONER (R.N.)

ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

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

J.S. moves to approve the minutes as written; J.P. seconds; all ayes. J.G. moves to accept the financial reports, pay the bills and payroll; J.S. seconds; passed, all ayes.

1. I**NTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Mr. Rantz introduces himself as Chairman and the newly appointed commissioners to the audience:

 Mr. Jimmy Poirrier as Vice-Chairman

 Mr. Mike Hollander, commissioner

 Mr. William “Allen” Gray, commissioner

 Mr. Ricky Norris, commissioner

Mr. Rantz thanks Buddy Embanato and the retiring commissioners for their years of service.

 Guests in Attendance:

 Michael Boudreaux – Class B Wrestling Promoter

 Casey McKenzie

 Michael Beadle – Wrestling Class B promoter

 Dennis Dufrene – Bout Time Brawling

 Chris Dupre

 Josh Newell – Class B Wrestling promoter

Kristin Newell

 Tracy Deruis – Referee license applicant

 Ronald Roberts

 John Scott

 Devin McGovern – Bonano Boxing promoter

 James Guagther […] – boxing coach

 Joe Ma… […] – Wrestling

 Sherri & Eddie Cedotal – Class B Wrestling promoter

 Kevin Allen – Referee license applicant

 Joe Ancona – Boxing/MTE promoter

 Myron Gaudet – Ring Official

 Jacob Landry – Boxing promoter

 Jessica Boudreaux

 Todd Singletary – Ring Official

 Elmo Boudreaux – Ring Official

 Terry Boudreaux – Ring Official

1. **RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Kevin Allen – Referee License applicant; lots of past boxing referee; has done seminars in NO, LA. J.G. moves to grant Mr. Allen a referee license at this time; J.S. seconds; Mr. Allen pays his fee for his license.

Tracy Deruis – Referee License applicant; 7-8 years’ experience with USA Boxing; J.G. says can’t grant today but do a show.

J.G. reviews all experience & training with applicants and suggests it’s time to have another training seminar for official’s training soon.

J.G. moves to license new promoter from (see Ricky) pending bond and financials: Real Deal Championship out of Hot Springs, AR.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:** No discussion
2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Sherri and Eddie Cedotal, Class B Wrestling promoters, have complained about Michael Boudreaux, Class B Wrestling promoter, advertising his shows without proper approval. There was a suspicion of a conflict of interest in that the new Chairman was “playing favorites” by letting M.B. get away with things. Mr. Rantz offered that, prior his appointment as Chairman for this commission, he was CEO of LSHOF when he approved a donation for an advertisement for 225 Pro Wrestling in 2023 with the HOF and the Rougarou logos on a new ring skirt. The skirt is expected to be used for 4-5 years. Other than that Mr. Rantz has no other business or personal ties to Mr. Boudreaux.

OPEN DISCUSSION: on process of paying show reservation fees; first come, first served; date not reserved officially until dollars are received; will be implementing a new online process that will help everyone see what dates are available, who has paid; this will solve a lot of the issues between promoters.

JG reviews rules change process. J.G. moves to update rope language for Class B Wrestling to allow through and over the rope throws. Class A also; Issue tabled until further review.

J.G. moves to authorize Chairman Rantz to find vendor to update and modernize the commission website.

1. **PAST SHOWS:** No discussion
2. **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

MTE: 4/14 AKA, Shreveport; BFC 4/20 in Denham Springs

Boxing: Chris Johnson – 4/6

Wrestling Class B: Josh Newell – Oak Grove – 4/7

Wrestling Class A: 3/23 Dannie Davis, Alex; 4/13 Mike Boudreaux, Albany High; 4/20 Matt Lancie, Crescent City; 5/1 Center Stage Midgets, Lake Charles; 5/4 Joey Comeaux, Lafayette; 5/5 Mike Beadle, Morgan City; 5/10 Michelle Mastinich, Bossier City.

Mike b (boudreaux or beadle?) show approved via motion by J.G., J.P. seconded 3/23 show.

J.G. moves to approve 6/2 Mike Beadle show in Opelousas.

J.G. moves to approve all of the above. J.P. seconds; all ayes.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**:

Pursuant to LRS 42:16 and 42:17.A., J.G. moves and J.P. seconds to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

1. **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:**

4/17 looks good for all here at L’auberge; formal notice will be sent to confirm pursuant to room availability and work obligations of all. J.S. moves to adjourn, passed all ayes.