**LOUISIANA STATE**

**BOXING & WRESTLING COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

**September 18, 2015**

**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

1. **Attendees:**

Alvin Topham (A.T.)

Buddy Embanato (B.E.)

John Green, Jr. (J.G)

Patrick McGinity (P.M.) – Absent – work obligations

Dr. Thomas Ferguson (T.F.)

Harold Williams (H.W.)

Bobby Dupre (B.D.) Absent – work obligations

Russell Naquin (R.N.)

Addie Fields (A.F.) – Absent- work obligations

**2) Minutes:** Minutes from August 2015, B.E. moves to accept – H.W. seconds – all agree to accept the minutes. Expenses are deferred; Paycheck payment deferred; J.G. motions to pay salaries, H.W. seconds, passed

B.E. votes to pay the monthly charges to Quicken for the preparation of paychecks, H.W. seconds, passed

**3) Introduction of Guests:**

Michael Rodgers – boxer applying for Judge’s license; 2122 Pinewood Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

Ray Quintanilla – “The Undercard”, 4739 Maple Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75219.

Larry Berger in attendance.

**4) License renewals/applications:**

Michael Rodgers –applying for Judge’s license; will start out as a judge – application – come to fights and judge. He has to appear at his cost and practice judging, then “maybe” we could use him; no fee paid.

**5) New Business:**

“The Undercard” – Ray Parker– A.T. advises of issue with past due taxes; secretary – says they sent the check last week – we still don’t’ have it. Ray admits it is their fault. J.G. recites the statute.

Discussed T.V. cameras with announcers – satellite – present at shows. Ray confirmed they are taping, but only for a biography which may show on T.V. late at night –free. Taping for a local to station in Dallas – Channel 33 – reality T.V. show – nothing paid

Ray - no money made from the show. Rhett, past employee, terminated him – he was responsible for not paying the taxes.

Verbeek – Barry Mendelson

Forfeits – license forfeited – reinstated immediately. Petroleum Club in Shreveport, Louisiana

“The Undercard” forfeited license – we reinstate him with no new fee. Fined $500.00 he agrees to the fine.

Ray Quintanilla “The Undercard” agrees to forfeit existing license and agrees to pay $500.00 fine.

New license #052177 – Boxing Promoter’s license issued. Ordered the payment of fine within 30 days; $500.00 fine –paid the fine immediately.

A.T. – State of Louisiana prison fights – discontinued its fights – all prisons allowing them to do it.

State systems – doing these fights – say so. We vote they are outside of the scope of the LSBWC – as an amateur event promoted. – Not attended or supervised or regulating any licensing fights in the prison system. J.G. motions – T.F. seconds – all ayes.

Witch Hunt – The ABC is claiming B.E. Did something wrong with the money we contributed to the ABC convention. They are trying to say that the money was a donation. NOT SO. We agreed to help defray the expenses and– we agreed to let B.E. pay expenses. Money paid to defray expenses at B.E.’s discretion. He is answerable to us as to the funds spent. Not their money and never was their money – letter from them.

J.G. moves H.L. seconds, we will send a letter to the ABC clarifying our position.

Blake Franklin Fight: at the racetrack in Opelousas. Larry Berger refereeing co- main event. Blake Franklin got hit, turned to Larry Berger and told Larry Berger he was head-butted. Larry Berger said “fight” and Blake Franklin told Larry Berger, “F\*#k” you. Larry Berger disqualified Blake Franklin. B.E. ordered Blake Franklin to get out of the ring and he refused. B.E. had to yell at him.

Larry Berger: Blake Franklin knocked down during second round. Fourth round he was hit in the eye, took a knee and started counting – got up at 4 and screamed he had a head-butt – Larry Berger looked at the judge – judge said “fist”, Berger concurred called it a punch, and Blake Franklin got in Larry Berger’s face and yelled, “f\*#k you.” When Larry Berger turned around, Blake Franklin spit on him. Blake Franklin went to scoring table and was directly in Larry Berger’s face. Larry Berger explained the ruling.

Larry Berger told Blake Franklin to get out of the ring – he was screaming and yelling that he had been cheated, etc.

B.E. got up and told Blake Franklin to get out of the ring. Blake Franklin did not get out immediately.

T.F. and R.N. saw Blake Franklin spit on Larry Berger when he turned to the scorer’s table. Ten people saw Blake Franklin spit on Larry Berger.

Larry Berger is ok with 60 day (suspension) for Blake Franklin and he has to take an anger management course.

After the spitting incident, Larry Berger was backing up and Blake Franklin very angrily approached Larry Berger. Larry Berger had fears for his personal safety. Larry Berger says that is the 1st time he has been afraid or concerned.

Behind on the cards (26-30) and made a fuss to get the fight stopped and refused to listen to Larry.

Jimmy Franklin came up and asked B.E. what was going on and was Blake Franklin disqualified and started to put a hand on B.E. Jimmy Franklin went off on a tangent saying, “You never let my son fight anybody. I am going to sue you. I have enough on you to sue you.” Jimmy Franklin said, “I don’t give a damn if you suspend him for 50 years.” B.E. said, “No one saw a head-butt.”

T.F. was sitting at the scorer’s table and saw the movement, but not the spit. Wally Avara saw it and R.N. saw the motion. Larry Berger does not need a subpoena. B.E. did not see Blake Franklin spit, but heard him yell, “F\*#k you” loud enough. Blake Franklin was placed on 60 days suspension – administrative suspension.

In the dressing room they were not Argument in the room, “You don’t like me,” tempers were raised. All agree that suspension is not sufficient – will send a letter to Blake Franklin notifying him to be at the next meeting. J.G. and H.L second ayes

J.G. motions to suspend Blake Franklin until we have a hearing; T.F. second, all ayes

A) Hearing

B) Authorize prosecutor – A.T. and J.G. will work on this.

**6) Old Business:**

ISKA - JG makes a Motion to accept the ISKA as a sanctioning authority – for professional kickboxing. They will be using local officials and all of our rules. H.W. seconds, all ayes.

**7) Past Shows:**

8/22/15 – Belle of Baton Rouge – MTE – Matt McGovern

9/8/15 – Standup MMA in Opelousas – fight stopped because of doctor - last 2 fights cancelled. Alvin Jordan (promoter)

9/8/15 – Bad Chad – B.E. does not remember “CRS” good fights – Chad is a good matchmaker.

**8) Upcoming Shows**

10/16/15 – Ricco Impasto in New Orleans

10/29/15 – Thibodaux

10/30/15 – U.N.O.

10/31/15 – Halloween in Baton Rouge

11/5/15 – Thursday at Evangeline Downs – Chad

11/11/15 – Legacy at Golden Nugget in Lake Charles

12/4/15 – Legacy at Diamond Jacks in Shreveport

**9) Meeting date and adjournment:**

Next meeting will be 10/22/15; B.E. adjourns meeting – J.G. seconds – all ayes.

10/24/15 and 10/25/15 – Association of ringside physicians – notices