LOUISIANA STATE
WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION
MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2024
L'AUBERGE HOTEL, BATON ROUGE, LA

1) RONALD RANTZ (R.R.) - CHAIRMAN
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WILLIAM "ALLEN" GRAY (A.G.) – COMMISSIONER
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CHRIS DUPRE – (C.D.) – DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
TODD SINGLERARY (T.S.) – DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG – VIA ZOOM

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**
J.S. moves to approve minutes as written; A.G. seconds. Approved, all ayes. J.S. moves to accept financial report and pay the bills; A.G. seconds, passed, all ayes.

3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**
Eddie and Sherri Cedotal – for show reservation & other questions
Elmo Boudreaux
Joey Comeaux
Chris Johnson – new Boxing promoter applicant – documents – reserve show date

4) **RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**
Chris Johnson - new Boxing promoter applicant - brought his bond to complete his application; license approved last month pending receipt of his bond. Bond accepted. Also for show reservation request.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**
J.G. moves that Addie submit new ER/NOI for review; A.G. seconds. Addie reviews process. Open discussion on rules processing. J.S: Meeting w/Auditor Waguesback on what we can do on statutes/rules; financial things have to go through processes. Rules we can change; what qualifies as an Emergency Rule. J.G. reviews permit statute... Elmo: rules on A or B licenses in wrestling; sees problems? Objects to new ring rules; shows on same night in same town...mileage for guys?

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**
Questions: should we define "combat sports"; will class B pay $500 per event (250 for review & 250 for show reservation? had R.R. received his cert/resolution? Addie needs an appointing authority to sign civil service docs for Todd and Chris. Who is doing the federal IDs?

Open discussion on federal ids...who will do them etc., get invoice to R.R. for new federal ID printer...J.G. will arrange to get stuff out of storage unit. R.N. will go to the unit and inventory.

Eddie Cedotal has questions: who to contact for wrestling? Allen Gray will oversee wrestling. Eddie may want to switch from Class A to Class B shows...pros vs. cons of different licenses...change to C and not have to wait for rule promulgation. Will remain Class A for now.

July 1st we'll have new website for licenses, show reservations; until then do it the old way; get in touch with the deputy commissioner for your sport.

7) **PAST SHOWS:**

A.G. said we irregular elements to 3/28 event . Had contracts but no shows; pro boxing show mixed with charity show with politicos; 28 round event to for St. Jude but they didn't write the ck to St. Jude; write ck to us and we send it.

Difficult event; was event approved by prior admin? Didn't know if it was sanctioned by comm. Reached out to J,G; approved it via email; At event, A.G. said event had already started and was active earlier than agreed. It disrupted pre fight instructions; didn't address A.G. requests. Promoter had to provide what commission official A.G. asks for. A.G. requests that next fight have strict oversight...A.G. would have cancelled the show if not for the St. Jude angle. We need to avoid that mess next time. Must abide by rules for charity shows...provide documents...etc. we approved 3 fights, gloves, etc., and nothing was followed. It was a mix of boxing and Class B wrestling together. Not supposed to happen...never again.

J.G.: we can't mix charity events with regular events. The big guy fighting the midgets was totally wrong. Promoter was not prepared with correct gloves, etc.

R.R. thinks promoter took advantage of the situation. New members commissioners; were told not to do things and did it anyway; this cannot happen again. Deputies or A.G. should feel free to call on R.R. or J.G. to claritf things ; A.G. wants his email address corrected on website to globalfighting@yahoo.com. Contact Brian Avara.

Any charity show must approved by the board with proper documentation etc.

No other complaints on past shows.

8) **UPCOMING SHOWS:**

8/17show approved for boxing 28 rounds min. J.S. moves to accept under conditions that A.G. closely supervise; J.G. adds to make sure that all of your rules are followed. AG seconds.

5/25 Youngsville DFC; Todd was looking verification of show reservation fees were paid.

J.S. moves to adjourn AG seconds...

9) **EXECUTIVE SESSION**:

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

10) **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:**

Next meeting date will be sent by R.R. when venue is confirmed; J.S. moves to adjourn; A.G. seconds; passed, all ayes; meeting adjourned.