LOUISIANA STATE
WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 12, 2023
EMBASSY SUITES, BATON ROUGE, LA

1) **ATTENDEES:**
BUDDY EMBANATO (B.E.)
JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.) – ABSENT – WORK OBLIGATIONS
DR. THOMAS FERGUSON (T.F.) – ABSENT - MEDICAL
HAROLD WILLIAMS (H.W.)
ORAY ROGERS (O.R.) – ABSENT - MEDICAL
JAMES BRENNAN (J.B.)
ELMO BOUDREAUX – DEP. COMMISSIONER (E.B.)
RICKY NORRIS – DEP. COMMISSIONER (R.N.)
ADDIE FIELDS (A.F.) - ACCTG

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**
H.W. moves to approve June minutes, J.B. seconds. J.B. moves to approve financial report and pay bills, H.W. seconds. All ayes, motions approved.

3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**
Joe Ancona – MMA promoter
Jacoby Landry
David Hardy, Jr.
Joseph LaPez
LaShon Georgetown
Devon McGovern
Derrick Gary

4) **RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**
Joe Ancona: Joe wants a boxing license; sept show; already has MMA so only owes $250 for boxing. Longtime well known promoter. Already has bond and proper paperwork. Will be under the same name as MMA licenses. J.S. moves to accept; H.W. seconds; license granted. B.E. says to get with J.G. later to make sure all is kosher.

Joseph Lopez - wants MMA promoter license; current fighter; J.S. reviews requirements: bond, financial statement, fees etc. R.N. will give him proper application. B.E. suggests get help from someone who has promoted before to get started; Reviews show reservation process. H.W. concerned about his experience; father-in-law is known and will help; Memorial Gym will be primary venue. R.N. knows a promoter to help him out and get started. H.W. moves license to be granted based on receipt of docs fees bond etc. J.S. seconds; license granted.

Jacoby Landry - Breaux Bridge - Boxing promoter license; approved at June meeting; turned in docs to J.G.

Devon McGovern: Devin McGovern wants to put on an amateur boxing set before a pro fight; already talked to USA boxing & paid fees to have it overseen by them. We don't usually approve Pro/Am fights. B.E. reviews why they're not workable and/or profitable. Devin says he thinks things have changed and would like to try it anyway. Joe Ancona says he thinks we ought to try and give Devin a chance to see if it can work. J.B. says it's a tough situation. Good fighters turn pro at 16; have the amateur show early? Pro later in night? We'll have to pass it by J.G. USA will use their refs, judges etc. J.S. moves to table issue until he talks to USA. J.B. seconds; issue tabled until J.G. can review. J.S. says otherwise, be careful about advertising. J.B. wants to know how old is the little fighter? He says 9. Oomph.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**
Addie says no good accounting programs that cost less. Also working on FIS and NOI for London Ring Fighting.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**
No discussion.

7) **PAST SHOWS:**
Wrestling: B.E. says he heard about someone jumping from top of the cage. Very dangerous. Will table until J.G. is present. Open discussion on Smoothies King show's problems; no changes in ref's decisions.
MMA: R.N. says a guy got kicked but not hurt.
Boxing: No issues.

8) **UPCOMING SHOWS**
7/15 Eddie Cedotal in Plaquemine, Class A; 7/22 Matt Lancie Class A at John Curtis; 7/28 WWE at Smoothie King 7/28; 7/29 Mike Boudreaux Class B in Denham Springs; 7/29 Class A Dannie Davis in Bastrop; 8/12 Class A Mike Beadle in New Iberia; 8/12 Melvin Davis Boxing in N.O.; 8/19 Mike Boudreaux in Houma Class B; 8/19 Josh Newell Class B in Oak Grove; 8/26 Eddie Cedotal Class A in Plaquemine; 9/8 Boxing in N.O. by Joe Ancona; 9/9 Class B by Josh Newell in West Monroe; 9/17 Class A by Mike Beadle in Port Barre; 9/30 Eddie Cedotal Class A in Plaquemine. MMA in Lafayette on 8/12 and 8/19. PER ELMO: 9/15 Class A by Mike Boudreaux in Houma, 9/22 Midgets by Leonard Panaro in Nachitoches and 9/23 Midgets also by Leonard Panaro in DeRidder.

9) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
Pursuant to LRS 42:16 and 42:17.A., J.B., moves and H.W. seconds to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

10) **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:**
Aug 9 looks good. Will get with J.G., etc...10th might be better; B.E. will advise of confirmed date and place. J.B. moves to adjourn meeting; J.S. seconds; meeting adjourned.