LOUISIANA STATE
WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 12, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

1) **ATTENDEES:**
RONALD RANTZ (R.R.)
DARRELL POIRIER (D.P.)
JOHN GREEN, JR. (J.G.) Via Zoom
JAMES (JIMBO) STEVENSON (J.S.)
RICKY NORRIS (R.N.)
MIKE HOLLANDER (M.H.)
WILLIAM GRAY (W.G.)
TODD SINGLETARY (T.S.)
CHRISTOPHER DUPRE (C.D.)

2) **MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORT:**

May Minutes deferred to June 10, 2024.

Financial statement, monthly bills and salaries presented, Darrell Poirier moves to pay bills and salaries, and William Gray seconds. All vote in favor.

3) **LIST OF GUESTS:**

Casey McKenzie with Fighting Combat – Observing only.

Dennis Dufrene – Observing only.

Devin McGovern – Renew federal I.D. for boxer.

Sherry Cedotal with PWA – Inaudible. July 1, - They will approve it. Not a problem before your August event.

James and Lashonda Georgetown – Observing only.

4) **LICENSE RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**

Discussion regarding Matt McGovern and his license request. No other renewals or applications.

5) **MEETING MOVES INTO EXECUTIION SESSION:**

John Green, Jr., moves and Jimbo Stevenson seconds to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

6) **DISCUSSION:**

Discussion on Addie's Replacement – John Green, Jr., advised that he advertised on Indeed produced at least 25-30, narrowed down to 5 applicants and Ronnie Rantz will review. Salary offered was $12 - $15 per hour. Would like that person in place within 3 weeks.

RR states that the replacement will be more of an accountant/bookkeeper and agrees to pay the new hire $800.00, per month which is more than fair and is what Addie is being paid. RR wants the new hire on call for the commission. JG advised that he pulled 3 resumes with paralegal and accounting experience and explained that this is a temporary job and not a full-time job.

Discussion on Capital One Account – John Green, Jr., e-mailed the lady at the bank. LSBWC is classified as a non-profit. We are not and can never be. We will switch to a proper account classification at Capital One, add Ronnie Rantz and other people who can write checks. Will set up a joint meeting to be scheduled with Capital One before June 20, 2024.

Discussion on New Website – Jermey Niser out of California is the creator of the website. The website is 85% complete and we are pushing him for June 25, 2024. Jeremy will provide a tutorial and video for the commissioners. On the website you will be able to apply for a license (license still has to be approved by the Commission), manually license fighters at event through the website, show reservation, view upcoming events, see results, meeting dates, minutes, licenses all of which will be visible to the public.
Discussion on 1 vs 2 forms of identification. One form of a government recognized I.D.
Ability to put training sessions on the website and the date drops off after the date has passed the information falls off.

Discussion on Officials – Officials must be licensed. The title for a judge, referee or timekeeper will now be official. This will prevent these guys from having to purchase several licenses, as most of the guys multi-task in these positions. The decision will be left up to the event coordinator.

Discussion of Sparring brought up by Jimbo Stevenson, taking place on June 15, 2024, at Pallets Gym, LLC. The owner is Troy Brown. Had trouble with him in the past and his LLC is revoked. Jimbo has pictures of 2 guys fighting each other in Ponchatoula. They charged and they had an outcome. Per John Green, Jr., you can spar and not be sanctioned by the Amateur Boxing Association that is something we regulate. Jimbo to shut him down. Call the club owner, if no response call law enforcement and speak with a supervisor.

Discussion on Licenses brought up by John Green, Jr. – The actual license needs to be completed and signed with a waiver attached to it.

Discussion on adopting Rally Combat Rules – Chris discussed looking at rules from Oklahoma, West Viginia, Ohio and Missouri and took the best rules from each state. Gave Commissioners rules.
Ricky Norris moves to accept rules. John Green, Jr., and Jimbo Stevenson vote nay all others vote yes.

Discussion of Adopting Rules for Slap Fighting. Chris Dupre and Ricky Norris discuss. Chris provided copy of the rules to review. Ricky Norris moves to accept. All ayes.

7) **OLD BUSINESS**:
Over 40-year old fighters rule, we are implementing other rules and will have those rules through the process with the State, per John Green, Jr. and approved by the end of July.

Anything unrelated to money questions, put on official letterhead to any organization who may be wondering if we made those changes.

8) **PAST SHOWS:**

9) UPCOMING SHOWS:

WRESTLING

June 22, 2024 – Josh Newell, Springhill, Class "B"
July 20, 2024 – Shawn Dunn, Abbeville, Class "A"
July 27, 2024 – Matt Lancie, New Orleans, Class "A"
July 12, 2024 – Dannie Davis, Marksville, Class "A"

Todd Singletary presents a list of upcoming wrestling shows for approval. Ricky Norris moves to accept, William Poirier seconds. All vote in favor.

MMA
July 12, 2024 – AKA/MMA, Samstown Casino, Bossier City
July 27, 2024 – AKA/MMA, Paragon, Marksville

Ricky Norris presents a list of upcoming MMA shows for approval. Ricky Norris moves to accept, John Green, Jr., seconds. All vote in favor.

10) NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting scheduled for July 10, 2024, informed meeting at 12:00 p.m.

William Gray moves to adjourn, Jimbo Stevens seconds, all vote in favor.