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

2) **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.

3) **INTRODUCTION 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

4) **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.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:** No discussion

6) **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.

7) **PAST SHOWS:** No discussion

8) **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.

9) **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.

10) **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.