LOUISIANA STATE
WRESTLING & BOXING COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 10, 2024
L'AUBERGE HOTEL, BATON ROUGE, LA

1) RONALD RANTZ (R.R.) - CHAIRMAN
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JESSICA BARRERO (J.B.) - ACCTG

2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**
The minutes from May 15, 2024, and June meetings were presented for approval. The motion to approve minutes was passed unanimously. The financial for June and July were presented for approval including various expenses and bank balances. The motion to approve financial reports and pay bills was passed unanimously.

3) I**NTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**
Tyron Morrison – Discussed his application for a boxing promoter's license. Tyron provided details about his background, his trainer and plans for promoting boxing events. Tyrone Morrison to provide a personal financial statement and bond. Event coordinators review fighters and fights for new promoters.

Denis Dufrene

4) **RENEWALS/APPLICATIONS:**
Tern Morrison – Discussion on granting a probational promoter's license pending receipt of his surety bond, promoter's license payment and financial statement. Advice given to Tern Morrison to be cautious about associations and financial decisions in the boxing business. Follow up with Tern Morrison after he completes the required conditions for his license.

Electronic Approval System – Discussion on transitioning to an electric for approving event and licenses.

5) **OLD BUSINESS:**
Pregnant Fighter Incident - Discussion about a fighter who found out she was pregnant before a fight at a CWC show.

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

Matchmaking and Fighter Approval – Discussion on the importance of proper matchmaking and the process for approving fighters, especially new promoters.

Event Coordination and Oversight – The commission discussed the need for event coordinators to review fights and fighters, and the importance of communication between promoters and coordinators.

The commission outlined the requirements for obtaining a promoter's license, including providing a bond, financial statements, and ensuring proper matchmaking.

New promoters: Must ensure fighters are properly vetted, and the commission may require additional oversight for first-time events.
New promoters will have their requirements accelerated and their licenses will be probational.

7) **PAST SHOWS:**

8) **UPCOMING SHOWS APPROVAL:**

Approval of upcoming shows including events in Lake Chales, Baton Rouge and Paragon.

Rally Fighting Show on July 27, 2024 – Concerns about the rally fighting show and need for commissioners to attend to ensure smooth operations.

Wrestling "B" Shows – Approval of three Wrestling "B" shows for Josh Newell in West Monroe and Spring Hill. Motion passes to grant license with conditions.

Several commissioners volunteered to attend.

Motion passed to accept and approve the shows.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to LRS 42:16 and 42:17.A., go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

ABC Involvement
Discussion about involving the ABC for training materials and possibly bringing in an ABC trainer.
Organizing and planning for upcoming events and training sessions.
ABC Trip and Training - Discussion about the ABC trip, including travel arrangements, training schedule and expenses. Specifics about who is attending and reimbursement process for flights and rooms were covered.
Motion to authorize the trip and related expenses, estimated $3,000.00, was approved.

Training will be held in Baton Rouge, with a classroom session followed by shadowing during an event. A call will be made to ABD to inquire about training materials and potential trainers.

Training Sessions in August

Discussion about organizing training sessions for boxing and MMA judging in August. Considerations included location, dates and logistics.
Allen will send an e-mail with potential dates in August for the training sessions.

Training Environment – Debate on the best environment for training sessions, considering the practicality of conducting training on the same day as the event.

Website Update - Discussion about the new website and its associated costs.
Motion to approve $6,000.00, for the new website and support was seconded and approved.

Official Shirts – Discussion about ordering official shirts for the commission members. Sizes and quantities will be collected and sent to the person responsible for ordering.

9) **NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT:**
Next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. be sent by R.R. when venue is confirmed; J.S. moves to adjourn; A.G. seconds; passed, all ayes; meeting adjourned.