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TENNESSEE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
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**Thursday, July 9, 2009**

**Call to order** at 1:14 p.m.

**Roll Call** - Present: Chairman Jack Sammons, Commissioners Scott White, Joe Smith, Neal Frauwirth, M.D., Teri Mast, Chuck Clark, Executive Director Jeff Mullen, Assistant Commission Steve Majchrzak, Assistant General Counsel Ed Scudder.

Absent - Stuart Howard, Steve Hannah, Kurt Spindler. M.D.

**Review and approval of minutes** from May 14, 2009. Motion to approve by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Mast. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive director update** including review of past fights and upcoming schedule of events.

Numerous amateur fights scheduled for end of July/August. Executive Director Mullen also announced that a fight between Rashad Evans and Quinton "Rampage" Jackson is scheduled for December 12, 2009, PPV, at FedEx Forum.

**Staff Reports/Update**

The part-time inspector paperwork has been submitted to get the positions unfrozen in preparation for hiring.

Total revenue (unofficial) through June: \$185,251. Total expenditures: \$61,059.76. Final fiscal year financials will be presented in September.

**New Business**

At the June 20 show, the promoter was not aware it was only supposed to give out 2% of the number of seats as comp tickets. However, FedEx forum for comp tickets exceeding 2% to compensate for suites and boxes in the arena, per their terms. Another show in August will be the same situation.) Commissioner Frauwirth suggested warning the

promoter this time and asking them to request permission next time. Commissioner Mast moved to give promoter retrospective permission and written authorization relative to comp tickets mandated by FedEx forum for the June 20 event, and advance permission for the August 8 event. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner White moved that the executive director has authority to approve distribution of comp tickets at an event at his discretion when such a request is made by a promoter. Commissioner Clark seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The ABC convention is coming up in New Orleans. Executive Director Mullen would like permission from the commission to attend. Chairman Sammons suggested that Commissioner Smith attend as well. It is Tuesday thru Saturday, July 28 thru August 1, 2009. There is a \$175 registration cost, with the total cost of trip standing at \$1200. The Commission agreed without objection for both to attend.

### **Amateur MMA**

After discussion of an injury at a recent amateur MMA event, Commissioner Frauwirth made a motion to add as a requirement that sanctioning organizations require their combatants to produce negative results of hep-b, hep-c and HIV tests, tested no more than six months prior to fight. Commissioner Smith seconded. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Howard moved that professional event permit language be amended to include language that informs promoter that all combatants will be required to have proof of negative tests (hep-b, hep-c, and HIV) not older than six months old on file with commission. Commissioner Frauwirth seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Without objection, the Commission decided that October 1<sup>st</sup> will be the start date of that requirement.

There were no legal complaints to discuss, per Mr. Scudder.

**Adjourned 3:00 p.m.**