

**TENNESSEE
ATHLETIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

DATE: January 13, 2011

PLACE: Andrew Johnson Tower, 2nd Floor Conference Room
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee

PRESENT: Commission Members:
Steve Hannah, Chairman
Teri Mast, Vice-Chairman
Melissa Bast
R. Warne Fitch, M.D.
Tanika Pinn, M.D. (via teleconference)
Jack Sammons
Scott White

PRESENT: Staff Members:
Jeff Mullen, Executive Director
Ed Scudder, Assistant General Counsel
Susan Lockhart, Executive Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Commission Members:
Chuck Clark
Joe Smith

GUEST: Anthony Maness

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hannah called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

ROLL CALL

Mr. Mullen called the roll. Seven (7) Commission members were present and two (2) were absent.

MINUTES

Mr. Sammons made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Dr. Fitch.
Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Mullen gave an oral report regarding the pro and amateur events that occurred since the November 2010 meeting of the Athletic Commission. He also presented copies of the latest financial reports.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Scudder advised that the Notice of Rulemaking had been filed and is scheduled for the March 10, 2011 meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Andrew Johnson Building. He also announced that Julie Mix McPeak was recently named as the new Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance.

Mr. Scudder presented the following legal report:

1. L09-TAC-RBS-20090014181

This complaint alleged an unlicensed boxing contest which was sponsored by a Chattanooga nightclub. The nightclub planned boxing matching between female contestants with the ultimate prize of cosmetic surgery. The investigation indicated that the owner did plan such a contest and announced it on his website. However, after he was contacted by local police, and after telephoning another official in Nashville (whose name he could not recall), he decided not to hold the event. The investigators found no evidence to suggest that the event ever took place.

Recommendation: Close

Motion: Mr. White made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Mast.
MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

As requested at the previous meeting, Mr. Mullen presented a list of venues located in Tennessee for athletic events. Ms. Bast advised that she has an additional list of venues that she would provide to Mr. Mullen for consideration. Mr. Mullen will present an updated list at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ISKA - Anthony Maness appeared on the behalf of ISKA as requested by the commission to discuss the insurance verification process for amateur athletes and events. He advised that once

ISKA is notified of an event, the following information is requested: name, contact information, venue, date, event type (Amateur/Professional/Pro-Am), physician's name, physician's contact information, paramedic/ambulance service to be used, and proof of insurance (\$25,000 medical/accidental death for combatants and \$1 million liability for spectators). If the information provided meets the qualifications of ISKA, a sanction letter is issued to the promoter and copies are provided to the administrative office of the Tennessee Athletic Commission. He further advised that some policies are issued for a specific number of events and athletes can be added/removed for each event. Therefore, some promoters will co-promote an event so their blanket policy can be utilized. However, it is the responsibility of the policy holder to update the list of athletes to be covered by the policy with the insurance company.

Mr. Sammons asked Mr. Mullen to check with other states to determine if insurance such policies are being verified for legitimacy. Mr. White asked Mr. Scudder to speak with the Division of Insurance's attorneys to determine the legalities. Mr. Scudder advised that he previously discussed similar issues with Insurance's attorneys and they advised the practice was legitimate although they had not reviewed the specific policy being discussed at this meeting.

Legislative Changes – Current legislation regarding the commission was discussed.

Fee Structure - Ms. Bast inquired as to whether or not the commission felt that the current fees or any other issues should be addressed via legislation or rules. After some discussion, Mr. White advised the legislators and staff should be notified that projected revenues have not been as expected. Mr. White further advised that he would provide a list of categories that Mr. Mullen would need to get the number on for consideration.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.