

**TENNESSEE
ATHLETIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

DATE: March 10, 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
R. Warne Fitch, M.D.
Tanika Pinn, M.D.
Scott White

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

ABSENT: Commission Members:
Melissa Bast
Chuck Clark
Jack Sammons
Joe Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hannah called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

ROLL CALL

Mr. Mullen called the roll. Five (5) Commission members were present and four (4) were absent. Mr. Mullen advised that two (2) of the members had planned to participate via teleconference but the equipment was not working properly.

RULE MAKING

A Rule Making Hearing was led by Ed Scudder, Assistant General Counsel to the Commission, as filed with the Secretary of State's Office. A copy of the court reporter's transcript will be requested for record keeping purposes. The rules were approved as outlined.

MINUTES

Ms. Mast made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. White. **MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Recent Combat Sport Events - Mr. Mullen gave an oral report regarding the pro and amateur events that occurred since the January 2011 meeting of the Athletic Commission.

Budget Report - Mr. Mullen also presented copies of the latest financial reports and advised that he is working with Steve Majchrzak, Assistant Commission of the Department's Fiscal Services and Regulatory Boards, to balance the Commission's budget and reduce expenditures. He advised that the Commission no longer uses full-time Commerce and Insurance employees as inspectors and now has part-time inspectors; per the Commission's approval, he is working on creating a full-time administrative position; and Mr. Majchrzak suggested that the Commission meet quarterly in lieu of bi-monthly to reduce travel costs. Mr. White made a motion for the Commission's meeting schedule to be changed to quarterly, seconded by Ms. Mast. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Mast asked Mr. Mullen to distribute a monthly report to the Commission members regarding any pertinent updates including event permits.

Mr. Mullen further advised that Mr. Majchrzak recommended that the Commission consider a legislative proposal for civil penalties imposed and received by retained by the Commission. Mr. White made a motion for Mr. Mullen to contact Ms. Bast and ask her to begin a dialogue on behalf of the Commission with Senator Curry Todd to determine if such a request could be added to his Caption Bill concerning the Commission. Mr. White's motion continued to state if Senator Todd agrees to the request that Mr. Scudder be authorized to draft the language to be included in the Bill. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mast. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Scudder advised that he did not have any pending complaints to or legal report to present at this time. However, he wanted to the Commission to be aware of House Bill 2053 that was recently introduced regarding Olympic bound programs to be treated as amateurs under the current statutes but must comply with Section 208 as written.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mullen reminded the Commission that Ms. Bast was scheduled to bring a list of venues for their review but she was unable to attend the meeting. He will reminder her and hopes to present them at the next meeting.

Per the Commission's request, Mr. Mullen reported that he spoke with some of the surrounding states regarding their insurance requirements for amateur events. He advised that Georgia and Kentucky do not allow blanket policies and if copies of the policies are not received directly from the insurance company, the agency calls to verify them before a permit is issued. The Commission instructed Mr. Mullen to begin a similar practice if feasible.

Mr. White presented a template for a financial summary for the Commission's review. After some discussion, he advised that he would make the changes requested and forwarded it to Mr. Mullen for completion.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mullen advised the Commission members to see him after the meeting to pick up their new identification cards and also reminded them to submit their signed Conflict of Interest Statements.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.