



**ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
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**Teleconference/Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2017  
Conference Room 1B  
Davy Crockett Tower**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission convened by conference and teleconference on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in the first floor conference room of the Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. Glenn Kopchak called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Hannah, Joe Smith (teleconference), and Chad Chilcutt (teleconference).

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tracy Miller-Davis and Donald Wynn

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Glenn Kopchak, Aisha Carney Sara Page, Elizabeth Goldstein, Anthony Glandorf.

**ROLL CALL/NOTICE OF MEETING**

Chairman Steve Hannah called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm. Director Kopchak took roll call and read the notice of the teleconference into the record, followed by the Statement of Necessity.

**AGENDA**

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Chad Chilcutt to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Steve Hannah and seconded by Chad Chilcutt to approve the minutes from the November meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

Director Kopchak provided a detailed accounting of budget revenue and expenditures, to include line item and trend analysis. Director Kopchak spent some time reviewing "Administrative Cost backs", in particular, which include the Commission share of the liquidation of all administrative cost backs from all the programs. Director Kopchak further detailed the total expenditures and revenues from FY 2017.

Director Kopchak noted that past anonymous complaints with no identifying information or those that lacked enough supporting information to warrant an investigation were never referred. Recently, it has been decided that each of those will be opened, and then closed if no corroborating information is provided. This will assist administration in tracking the volume. Steve Hannah motioned to authorize

support services the authority to close these complaints without bringing each to the Board. Chad Chilcutt seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

## LEGAL REPORT



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### MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Tennessee Athletic Commission

**FROM:** Legal Division

**DATE:** December 5, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Athletic Commission Legal Report

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1. **Case No.:** 2017067551  
**1<sup>st</sup> Licensed:** N/A  
**Expiration:** N/A  
**Type:** Promoter  
**History:** N/A

An out-of-state boxer filed a complaint in Michigan for a fight set up by Respondent in Michigan. The boxer claimed Respondent did not pay him. The event was out-of-state, but the Attorney General of Michigan sent us the complaint based on the fact that the Respondent's mailing address is in Tennessee.

Nothing seems to fall within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and it appears the bond company got involved and ensured payment, although Respondent claims payment was made originally.

**Recommendation:** Close.

**Commission Decision:** Concur.

2. **Case No.:** 2017067581, 201706761, 2017067651, 2017067671  
**1<sup>st</sup> Licensed:** N/A  
**Expiration:** N/A  
**Type:** Judges  
**History:** N/A

Complainant asks for reconsideration of a bout he lost on a split decision. All judges responded and gave their decision reasoning. All judges note that the boxers were fairly inexperienced, and it was a difficult bout to judge due to long pauses and little contact. A review of the video does seem to support the judges' comments and the close call and thoughtful review indicates the judges deserve deference.

**Recommendation: Close.**

**Commission Decision: Concur.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Matthew Young from Tri Star Boxing Promotion requested interpretation of 68-115-403(c) "(c) A professional combatant shall be subject to additional blood testing for infectious diseases if more than ninety (90) days have elapsed since the combatant's license was issued." Mr. Young requested clarification of the phrase "shall be subject". Does the phrase mean that they must be subject only, but not required, or does it mean that the combatant must have additional testing if within ninety (90) days of a bout? If it is determined that "shall be subject" means that the combatant is subject to additional testing but not required, then Mr. Young requested that the policy for additional testing be extended to one hundred eighty (180) days. Steve Hannah motioned to have the Legal Division provide an interpretation of the statute and to explore extending to one hundred eighty (180) days if the statute allows. Chad Chilcutt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Commission discussed a possible rule change to Rule 0145-05-.02 with the intent to further deregulate amateur MMA and amateur boxing events by the state. The Commission stated that they would like to take two tracts and treat boxing and MMA separately. Since USA Boxing is the sole sanctioning organization for boxing nationwide, it was the desire of the Commission in concert with other states to allow USA Boxing to regulate all amateur boxing without additional state requirements.

As for MMA, the Commission requested that the Legal Division provide amateur deregulation drafting language for a rule change that would include exemption options for various amateur events for a vote by the Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Steve Hannah motioned for the Legal Division to explore the possibilities for USA Boxing to regulate all amateur boxing without additional state requirements and for additional changes to Rule 0145-05-.02 and/or other rules in order to further deregulate many amateur MMA events as well. Chad Chilcutt seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Young previously requested a rule change for Rules 0145-01-.04 (e) & 0145-01-.05 (7) which requires medical insurance "in an amount of not less fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)". Steve Hannah motioned to adopt minimum medical insurance limits of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). Chad Chilcutt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

In response to the Commission's adoption of the \$20,000 medical insurance limits, Chief Counsel Anthony Glandorf read the Regulatory Flexibility Addendum into the record. Steve Hannah motioned to adopt the Regulatory Flexibility Addendum as read. Joe Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, Steve Hannah motioned to adjourn and Chad Chilcutt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.