



THE TENNESSEE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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**Board Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2017
First Floor Conference Room 1-B
Davy Crockett Tower**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on June 12, 2017 in the first floor conference room of Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. Director Kopchak called the meeting to order at 02:00 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Steve Hannah, Donald Wynn, Chad Chilcutt and Joe Smith.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tracy Miller-Davis.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Kopchak, Matthew Reddish, Aisha Carney.

ROLL CALL/NOTICE OF MEETING

Director Kopchak read notice of the meeting into the record, as follows: "Notice of June 12, 2017 meeting of the Athletic Commission was posted to the website on June 7, 2017."

STATEMENT OF NECESSITY

Director Kopchak read the statement of necessity and stated the purpose of today's meeting with all members attending by teleconference is to discuss the items on the agenda.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Steve Hannah to approve the minutes from the March meeting.
Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Kopchak read the board's expenditures and projected budget into the record.

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

LEGAL REPORT



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MEMORANDUM

Privileged and Confidential Communication – Attorney Work Product

TO: Tennessee Athletic Commission

FROM: Legal Division

DATE: June 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Athletic Commission Legal Report

1. **Case No.:** 2017009551
1st Licensed: 06/09/2016
Expiration: 06/08/2018
Type: Ring Official (Referee)
History: N/A
- CaseNo.:** 2017009421
1st Licensed: 01/28/2016
Expiration: 01/27/2018
Type: Ring Official (Referee)
History: N/A

Complainant boxer alleged Respondent judge improperly disqualified Complainant for a punch to the back of the head of his opponent. Complainant alleges the punch landed to the side of the head and that his opponent was at fault for turning away from the punch in question. Accordingly, Complainant requests that the bout be declared a no-contest. Respondent referee states that he warned Complainant once earlier in the fight about punches to the back of his opponents head. In the opinion of Respondent referee, Complainant could have pulled the punch in question, therefore Respondent stands by his disqualification.

Recommendation: Close

2. **Case No.:** 2017020661
1st Licensed: 03/15/2017
Expiration: 03/15/2019
Type: Combatant (Professional Mixed Martial Artist)
History: N/A

Case No.: 2017019691
1st Licensed: 06/25/2015
Expiration: 06/24/2017
Type: Ring Official (Referee)
History: N/A

Complainants allege Respondent fighter improperly kned a fighter in the groin ultimately leading to Complainant's loss via submission. Accordingly, Complainants requests that the bout be declared a no-contest. Respondent states that the knee in question landed to Complainant's oblique and was never anywhere near the groin. Additionally, Respondent points out that the submission did not happen until two minutes after the alleged low blow. There is no information to indicate Respondent threw the knee with ill intent. The referee did not call a foul on strike in question. Respondent and Complainant have submitted conflicting images of the knee in question, however it is unclear from either photograph whether any contact with the groin is ever made.

Recommendation: Close

3. **Case No.:** 2017029031
1st Licensed: 12/02/2011
Expiration: 02/11/2018
Type: Promoter
History: N/A

Complaint opened following staff receiving information indicating Respondent held an amateur event without obtaining an event permit from the Commission. Respondent admits to his error and states he believed the Commission was not involved in amateur only events and therefore didn't realize a permit was needed. Respondent provided evidence showing event did have proper approved sanctioning organization and insurance.

Recommendation: Authorization of a civil in the amount of \$250 for holding an amateur event without Commission issued permit.

4. **Case No.:** 2017009571
1st Licensed: 01/28/2016
Expiration: 01/27/2018
Type: Ring Official (Referee)
History: N/A

Complainant boxer alleges Respondent judge improperly called the fight on a slip, because the other boxer never touched the Complainant. Respondent states he believes Complainant is referring to a stumble that occurred earlier in the fight. Respondent states Complainant was taking hard shots and not effectively countering. Respondent states Complainant was ruled a TKO after stopping the bout for a third time in Round 1 due to knockdowns. The stumble or slip was not what resulted in the TKO loss.

Recommendation: Close.

5. **Case No.:** 2017010311
1st Licensed: 01/28/2016
Expiration: 01/27/2018
Type: Ring Official (Referee)
History: N/A

Complainant manager alleges Respondent judge failed to end a bout after the third knockdown, resulting in his boxer receiving a Round 3 TKO victory rather than a Round 1 TKO victory. Respondent admits he lost count of the downs

during the contest, and acknowledges that pursuant to the three knockdown rule in place at the fight, the contest should have been terminated earlier.

Recommendation: Amend the boxer's record to reflect a TKO win in Round 1, and overturn the current record of a TKO win in Round 3.

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Chad Chilcutt for approval by the full board of the legal report. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Mr. Reddish invited the members to discuss and suggest any items that they would recommend be brought for review during the 2018 legislative session.

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Steve Hannah to submit a recommendation for legislative consideration regarding the withdrawal from the regulation of amateur boxing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

ALJ HEARINGS

Mr. Reddish discussed the possibility for reevaluating the current formal hearing process which requires the Commission in physical quorum serving as a judicial panel rendering decisions on complaints. An alternative to this process could be the assignment of an Administrative Law Judge who is an attorney serving as the arbitrator/judge of those cases whereby the Commission has transferred its authority. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

RECESS

The Commission took a brief recess. During this time, Steve Hannah withdrew from the teleconference, and Donald Wynn joined in Hannah's absence reestablishing quorum.

ABC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Commission granted authority to Assistant Commissioner Carter Lawrence and Staff Attorney Matt Reddish as the Commission's representative to vote on behalf of the Commission at the ABC National Conference.

Motion made by Donald Wynn and seconded by Joe Smith to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

2018 PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Chad Chilcutt to approve the list of dates suggested for next year's Athletic Commission meetings. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

LETTER TO USA BOXING

Due to the Commission's request at the previous meeting, Mr. Reddish drafted a letter to be forwarded to USA Boxing detailing the state's regulatory requirements for all amateur boxing events.

Motion made by Chad Chilcutt and seconded by Joe Smith to approve the letter as drafted. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

PROPOSED COMBATANT MEDICAL FORM

There was some indication at the previous meeting that there remains a lack of clarity regarding the current use of neurologist and neurosurgeon as the individual identified for conducting the combatant physical examination. It was determined that "Medical Doctor" better clarifies who the Commission has in mind. The form was changed to reflect Medical Doctor, not Neurologist or Neurosurgeon as the person who must conduct the examination.

Motion made by Chad Chilcutt and seconded by Joe Smith to approve the edit as drafted. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

EVENT PERMITS

It was further determined that there remains a lack of clarity regarding what period of time constitutes an event. The form was edited to reflect that an event is limited to a 24 hour period.

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Chad Chilcutt to approve the edit limiting an event to a 24 hour period. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

MEDLIC UPDATE

The Commission voted to approve use of MedLic services as our vendor for handling all the necessary combatant medical records needed for licensing.

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Chad Chilcutt to approve use of MedLic as the vendor for storing and collecting all medical records from and for the combatants. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no other new business, the Athletic Commission moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. with a motion by Joe Smith and seconded by Chad Chilcutt. Motion carried unanimously.