



THE TENNESSEE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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**Board Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2017
First Floor Conference Room 1-B
Davy Crockett Tower**

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on March 13, 2017 in the first floor conference room of Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. Director Kopchak called the meeting to order at 02:05 p.m. and the following business was transacted:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Hannah (teleconference), Donald Wynn (teleconference), 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 the March 13, 2017 meeting of the Athletic Commission was posted to the Athletic Commission's website on March 3, 2017."

STATEMENT OF NECESSITY

Mr. Reddish read the statement of necessity and stated the purpose of today's meeting with some members attending by teleconference is to discuss the previous agenda.

AGENDA

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

DIRECTORS REPORT

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

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

NEW SANCTION BODY

World Kickboxing Association submitted a request to be recognized by the TN Athletic Commission as a professional sanctioning body. Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Chad Chilcutt to approve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

LEGAL REPORT

Case No.: 2016057271

Complaint alleges Respondent was previously a professionally licensed MMA combatant, however, in September of 2016 Respondent fought as an amateur at an MMA event. Investigation was conducted, wherein it was confirmed Respondent has fought three (3) professional contests. Respondent admitted to the facts of the case to the Investigator and stated he did not realize what he did was improper since he was no longer licensed and has not fought in two (2) years. Respondent also asserted his professional past was common knowledge at the event.

Recommendation: Close with a letter of warning.

Decision: Approved

Case No.: 2016062141

Respondent asserted on his application that he was under no suspension from another Commission and that he did not suffer from any shortness of breath. After the contest it was discovered that Respondent was suspended by the Kentucky Commission due to being knocked out in 6 consecutive fights and having a career record of 0-9-1. Respondent's physical indicated he has asthma.

Recommendation: Revocation of Respondent's Combatant License for engaging in fraud or deceit in obtaining a license under this chapter (68-115-209(8)), to be settled by consent order of formal hearing.

Decision: Approved

Case No.: 2016067821, 2016067822

Complaint alleges Respondents set a professional kick boxing contest for 5-minute rounds, however the rules only allow for 3-minute rounds. Respondent asserts the fight was set for 3-minute rounds however time keeper was having problem with his stop watch which resulted in the knockout being listed at "3:23." Legal has reviewed the video and confirms that the bout was announced as three three-minute rounds however the time keeper allowed the round to exceed three minutes.

Recommendation: Close with a letter of warning for potential violation of 0145-03-.13.

Decision: Approved

Case No.: 2016071071

Complaint opened upon receipt of information indicating an Amateur MMA event occurred without a permit from the Commission. Information received in complaint indicates the event did occur.

Recommendation: Authorization of a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 for unlicensed activity, to be settled by consent order or formal hearing.

Decision: Approved

Case No.: 2016076721

Complaint filed by a fighter alleging Respondent has failed to honor the terms of their contract because Respondent has not paid Complainant amounts due. Complainant also alleges Respondent is in violation of federal conflict of interest laws because he is both a promoter and a manager of fighters in the promotion. A review of the documents we have do not show Roy King acting as a manager in any official/contractual capacity.

Recommendation: Close

Decision: Approved

Case No.: 2017003141, 2017003142, 2017003143

Complaint filed by a manager who wished to contest the judge's decision in a contest. Complainant failed to state any particular grounds for overturning the decision and did not provide any video of the contest. Legal is unable to identify any potential violations.

Recommendation: Close

Decision: Approved

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

WEIGHT CLASSIFICATIONS RULE MAKING

Mr. Reddish read the proposed rules on weight classifications with the required Regulatory Flexibility Addendum and Impact Statement.

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Steve Hannah for approval by the full board of the Weight Classifications and addendums. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

NEW GATE FEE FORM

Motion made by Chad Chilcutt and seconded by Joe Smith to approve the new gate fee form. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

UFC

Approve requested for official Commission Representatives to attend UFC event on April 22, 2017

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Steve Hannah for approval by the full board that Chad Chilcutt (abstained) be permitted to attend. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

Motion made by Joe Smith and seconded by Chad Chilcutt for approval by the full board that Steve Hannah (abstained) be permitted to attend. Motion carried unanimously by roll call.

MULTIPLE EVENTS

Deputy Commissioner Brian T. McCormack discussed with the Commission the possibility of developing a criterion for avoiding multiple events scheduled on a weekend which is creating a strain on inspection resources. The Commission wanted to discuss further when a criterion becomes available.

MULTIPLE COMBATANT BOUTS

Mr. Oxendine requested consideration for single bouts that contain more than two combatants. The Commission stated that legislation would need to be proposed to permit what Mr. Oxendine is proposing as such an arrangement is not yet permitted in current laws.

AMATEUR BOXING

Christy Halbert from Boxing Resource requested an amateur waiver from professional boxing regulations, such as the ambulance service requirement. It was determined that such a request would require an exemption and change in legislation. The Legal Department was directed to write a letter articulating the ambulance requirements at all Amateur boxing events to be forwarded to USA Boxing.

MEDICAL FORMS

Matthew Young expressed concerns that the medical forms were too ambiguous regarding neurological exams. It was request that the form clearly articulate that a doctor, not a neurologists, be permitted to

conduct the neurological exam. Mr. Young further noted that regulation parity with surrounding states would also be helpful for promoters who are interested in scheduling fights in Tennessee.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no other new business, Steve Hannah moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 p.m. with a motion by Joe Smith and seconded by Chad Chilcutt. Motion carried unanimously.