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MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
50 MAPLE STREET, MILFORD, MA 01757
March 3, 2016, 11:00AM

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:15am by Chair LaTeisha Adams followed by roll call:

Board Members Present

LaTeisha Adams

Guy Licciardi

Quion T. Riley

Joseph Krowski Jr.

Gary Litchfield

Guests Present

Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist

Joseph Lake, Applicant for Promoter's License

David Haggerty, Applicant for Matchmaker's License

Mark Porter, Applicant for Amateur Boxing Event Variance

Michael Polvere, Matchmaker for Cage Titans

2. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the minutes from February 4, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield pending the correction referencing Commissioner Litchfield's late arrival to the February 4, 2016 MSAC meeting. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Suspensions from January 30, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the suspensions from January 30, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Approval of Suspensions from February 13, 2016
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the suspensions from February 13, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
5. Approval of Suspensions from February 20, 2016
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the suspensions from February 20, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
6. Medical Advisory Board
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to appoint the following Medical Physicians to the Medical Advisory Board pending their acceptance, a fifth physician will be chosen at a later date; seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The appointed members that were chosen are Chair; Dr. Peter Warinner, Dr. Louis Durkin, Dr. Ryan Shea, and Dr. Jeremiah Lowney.
7. USA Boxing New England Variance
This issue was tabled until the language for the requested variance has been created and reviewed.
8. Application for MMA Promoter, Joseph Lake
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the application for MMA Promoter's license for Joseph Lake, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
9. Application for MMA Matchmaker, David Haggerty
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the application for MMA Matchmaker's license for David Haggerty, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
10. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting
Grievance and Complaint, Matthew Mitrione
UFC Fighter, Matthew Mitrione submitted a grievance for change of decision and complaint against Referee Gary Forman regarding his match against Travis Browne on January 17, 2016. After review of the grievance and complaint, the board agreed that both the grievance and complaint warranted a hearing. Commissioner Krowski Jr. asked that Chair Adams recognize that he plans to disclose to Mr. Mitrione that he was a volunteer consultant for a few promotional organizations including Cage FX which is owned by Referee Gary Forman's wife, Linda Shields; prior to his appointment as Commissioner. A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to schedule a formal hearing; seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Request for Variance, Mark Porter
A request for variance from the required medical requirements for boxers was put forth by Mark Porter. A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to grant the variance based on the same stipulations set from past events promoted by Mark Porter; seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. It was agreed that all boxers would submit a "fit-to-fight" physical clearing each boxer to participate along with pre-and post fight evaluations performed by a licensed medical physician, fighter insurance, police and EMT detail as stated in the regulations, and a deputy from the Athletic Commission to be present.

Fighter Danny Phippen and Trainer Clifford Phippen

The board was notified of the recent actions taken by both Fighter Danny Phippen and his trainer Clifford Phippen during the weekend of the February 13, 2016 boxing card that Danny was scheduled to participate on. Danny Phippen did not show up for the match as he stated to Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist via telephone a few hours before the fight that he fell in his driveway and had to go to the emergency room. That morning, Clifford Phippen called Jen Cobis and stated that the match between his brother Danny and Vinnie Carita would not happen that he would in fact “rush the ring”. Jen Cobis also stated that the opponent, Vinnie Carita called her and stated that Clifford Phippen tried to extort money from him by stating that if he wanted the fight to happen, the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) be paid to him direct. The board agreed that the brothers would have to come before the board if Danny plans to fight again.

“Cutting Weight”

The issue of cutting weight was brought up by Michael Polvere, Matchmaker for Cage Titans. The Board agreed that this issue would be brought before the Medical Advisory Board for review.

11. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 12:08pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this Meeting

Draft of Minutes, February 4, 2016

Suspensions from Results, January 30, 2016

Suspensions from Results, February 13, 2016

Suspension from Results, February 20, 2016

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Application for MMA Matchmaker, David Haggerty

Grievance and Complaint, Matthew Mitrione