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Minutes

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301
JANUARY 5, 2015, 2:00PM**

1. The meeting was called to order by acting Chair Joseph Krowski, Jr. at 2:10pm followed by roll call:

Board Members Present

Commissioner Guy Licciardi
Commissioner Gary Litchfield
Acting Chair Joseph Krowski, Jr.
Commissioner Quion T Riley

Board Members Absent

LaTeisha Adams Chair

Guests Present

Ronnie Drimer, DPS Program Coordinator
Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel
George Dahlquist, Chief Deputy
Paul Gonsalves, Professional Boxer

2. Approval of the Minutes from December 4, 2014
A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the minutes of December 4, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous decision. Attorney Hosler will review the regs regarding agenda item 10. Commissioner Licciardi will reach out to the ABC regarding the rules for agenda item 10.
3. Approval of Suspensions for December 13, 2014 and December 19, 2014

A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the suspensions for December 13, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous decision.

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the suspensions for December 19, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous decision.

4. Hearings for:

MMA Fighter Nico Byrd

Fighter Nico Byrd was not present for this meeting held due to Mr. Byrd's unsportsmanlike conduct including being over 3 hours late for a weigh-in on October 31, 2014, using profanity, disruptive and disrespectful behavior towards Chief Deputy George Dahlquist at that time. Also, at the fight on November 1, 2014 at Plymouth Memorial Hall engaging in behavior of the same manner. Chief Deputy testified at this hearing as well as Commissioner Licciardi who recused himself from any decisions as a Board member so he could testify. Commissioner Litchfield made a motion to suspend the fighter's license for the remainder of its term and a \$500 fine, Mr. Byrd must come before the Board before he can be relicensed, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed by unanimous decision.

Boxing Professional Paul Gonzales

Fighter Paul Gonzales was present for a disciplinary hearing on conduct unbecoming of a professional fighter towards Commissioner Licciardi at an event on October 30, 2014 at Plymouth Memorial Hall. After the bout Mr. Gonsalves went back to the dressing room and then came back to the ring very agitated and approached Commissioner Licciardi. He was told that it was not the time or place to talk about the results of the fight; Commissioners Krowski Jr, Litchfield and Riley were also present and witnessed his behavior. Mr. Gonzales explained to the Commission that he had not done anything like that before and was very apologetic. He also stated he works with troubled youth in conjunction with the police in his home town and brought an article from the Mashpee Enterprise that talked about his work in the community. Commissioner Krowski Jr made a motion to take no action on his license at this time, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous decision.

Boxing Professional Greg McCoy

Fighter Greg McCoy was not present for this hearing concerning his unprofessional behavior at the boxing event on October 30, 2014, at Plymouth Memorial Hall. Mr. McCoy shoved referee John Morrell at the end of the fight; this was witnessed by Ronnie Drimer. Commissioners Krowski Jr and Riley were also present at the event. A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to suspend the fighter's license for the remainder of it's term or until he comes before the Board, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

MMA Fighter Wayne Harnois

Fighter Wayne Harnois was not present for this hearing which was held as a result of his absence at the weigh-in on October 29, 2014 and at the event on October 30, 2014 at Plymouth Memorial Hall. Matchmaker Mark Vaz tried calling Mr. Harnois several times during the weigh-in. Mr. Harnois had not notified the promoter or matchmaker that he would not attend. He had signed a contract with the promotion company to fight. DPS staff did receive a receipt of delivery of the hearing letter signed by "Heather Smith". A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to suspend Mr. Harnois license for the remainder of its term and he must come before the Board before he can be relicensed and pay a \$100 fine, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

Application for MMA Referee Chris Burke

A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr to approve the application pending shadowing a minimum of 10 bouts and recommendation from Kevin MacDonald, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Application for Boxing Judge Allen Nace

A motion was made by Commissioner Litchfield to approve the application pending a reference from the New York Commission and shadowing, seconded by Commissioner Litchfield. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

6. Schedule next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2015 at 12:00pm.

7. Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 3:13pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this meeting

Suspension Lists for December 13, 2014 and December 19, 2014

Boxing Judge License Application - Allen Nace

MMA Referee Application - Chris Burke

Certified mail receipts for 4 hearings

Signature card receipts for 2 hearings

Article on Paul Gonsalves from the Mashpee Enterprise