

**Massachusetts State Athletic Commission
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

1000 Washington Street, Boston

PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: February 20, 2019

Location: Rm. 1C

Time: 10:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Dr. Peter Warinner, M.D.

Dr. Lou Durkin, M.D.

Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, M.D.

Kevin Scanlon, Chief Legal Counsel

Matthew Keigan, Executive Director of Licensing

Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III

Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III

Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dr. Edgar Ballenas, M.D., licensed Ringside Physician

Arianna Clark, President of the Rondell Clark Foundation

Mike Scott, Co-Director of the Rondell Clark Foundation

Steve Schuster, Board Member of the Rondell Clark Foundation

Meeting called to order by Chair Dr. Warinner at 10:15 AM.

1. Roll call

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2. Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2019

Dr. Durkin made a motion to approve the minutes from January 23, 2019, seconded by Dr. Lowney. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. Informed Consent for Amateur Boxers

• **Blood Requirement**

Chair Dr. Warinner presented a draft of the Informed Consent waiver form to the board for review. After the review, the word “permanent” was removed and it was agreed that USA Boxing will be the keeper of records for this form as it pertains to amateur boxers only.

Dr. Durkin made a motion to approve the form pending the change, seconded by Dr. Lowney. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The form will be recommended to the MSAC board at their next meeting.

4. Ringside Official Fee Schedule

The current fee schedule for the ringside physicians was addressed. Presently two doctors are scheduled and are paid \$500.00 each by the promoter. If pre-fight medicals are performed at the weigh-in, the doctor working will be paid \$600.00 and the other doctor working the event only will receive \$400.00. There has never been a raise for the doctors' services in over eight years. Therefore, the recommendation for a pay increase will be made to the MSAC board at their next meeting. The following pay increase will be proposed:

- \$625.00 each doctor at event from \$500.00
- \$250.00 for the doctor working the pre-fight medical evaluations at weigh-in

5. Rondell Clark Foundation

- **10-Point Plan**
- **One Championship Weight Management Program**

Arianna Clark, President of the Rondell Clark Foundation, Mike Scott, Co-Director of the Rondell Clark Foundation and Steve Schuster, Board Member of the Rondell Clark Foundation were present and addressed the board about their concerns for severe weight cutting as well as their mission to hopefully eliminate the practice. All three members asked the Medical Advisory Board to recommend the 10-Point Plan and One Championship's regulations to the MSAC board for adoption into 523 CMR. After discussion, Chair Dr. Warinner recommended that the participants be required to test for the sickle cell trait. Dr. Warinner stated that by confirming if one does carry the trait, the risks of serious health issues and or death is elevated if weight cutting is practiced. The members of the Rondell Clark Foundation agreed that this is a basic step toward saving lives. In addition, Chair Dr. Warinner stated that this requirement is accessible to the unarmed combatant and its cost is minimal.

Dr. Lowney made a motion to recommend required testing for the sickle cell trait, seconded by Dr. Durkin. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The recommendation will be made to the MSAC board at their next meeting.

6. Review of Pre and Post fight Medical Evaluation Form

The board reviewed the form and will return with language to the next meeting where the unarmed combatant attests to signing off on the pre-fight evaluation piece.

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

Chair Dr. Warinner requested to the members that Dr. Edgar Ballenas, M.D. return to the board as a member as Dr. Ballenas was the former chair and is active in the industry.

Chair Dr. Warinner made a motion to recommend to the MSAC board that Dr. Ballenas return to the Medical Advisory Board as a member, seconded by Dr. Lowney. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The recommendation will be made to the MSAC board at their next meeting.

Chair Dr. Warinner adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Board Exhibits:

Draft minutes from January 23, 2019

Draft Informed Consent Waiver for Amateur Boxers

Rondell Clark Foundation Presentation packet

Draft Pre/Post Fight Medical Form