

**Massachusetts State Athletic Commission
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

1000 Washington Street, Boston

PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: January 23, 2019

Location: Rm. 1C

Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Dr. Peter Warinner, M.D.

Kevin Scanlon, Chief Legal Counsel

Dr. Lou Durkin, M.D.

Matthew Keigan, Executive Director of Licensing

Dr. Jeremiah Lowney, M.D.

Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III

Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mike McAtee, Executive Director of USA Boxing National

Dr. Deb Light, M.D., Medical Board Member for USA Boxing National

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

Michael Polvere, licensed Mixed Martial Arts Matchmaker

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 11:05 AM.

1. Roll call

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2. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2018 and April 20, 2018

Dr. Durkin made note of a typo within the minutes of April 20, 2018; he asked that the abbreviation IRA be changed to IBA within the last paragraph. Dr. Durkin made a motion to approve the minutes from both March 23, 2018 and April 20, 2018 pending the change, seconded by Dr. Lowney. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

-combined agenda items 2. And 3.

3. Discuss Medical Test Requirement for amateur Unarmed Combatants

- **Blood Test Requirement for Amateur Unarmed Combatants**
- **Age Discussion Regarding Informed Consent Waiver**

Matthew Keigan, Executive Director of Licensing asked the board to continue its dialogue with USA Boxing regarding the blood test requirement for amateur unarmed combatants as the variance granted by the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission (MSAC) is set to end in April of 2019. Mike McAtee, Executive Director of USA Boxing and Dr. Deb Light, M.D., Medical Advisor for USA Boxing were present. Both guests suggested an Informed Consent Form such like the one recently adopted by MSAC giving the amateur unarmed combatants the ability to opt out of the blood requirement. Both the board and USA Boxing representatives discussed the risks of the participants and the mechanisms in place used by the USA Boxing referees to prevent blood transmission during a bout. As well as the use of headgear and the potential protection it also can provide. Chair Dr. Warinner will submit a draft of the consent form for review.

4. Review of Pre and Post Fight Medical Evaluation Form

The board reviewed the current form and added a signature line for the unarmed combatant on the front acknowledging that he or she has been evaluated and has been informed of the results. MSAC staff will revise and bring back for review at the next meeting for approval. In addition, Dr. Durkin will draft a form in which the doctor performing pre-fight medical evaluations can transfer medical documentation to the working ringside doctor.

The board would also like to review their current fee schedule at the next meeting.

5. Use of Adrenaline 1-1000/ Epinephrine and Thrombin

The board reviewed the use of coagulants ringside and deferred to the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) panel when determining what is prohibited. The board unanimously agreed that needles or syringes are prohibited.

6. Update on Weight Cutting Issues

The board has been reviewing the issues around the practice of weight cutting. Members of the Rondell Clark Foundation were present. Mike Scott, Co-Director of the Rondell Clark Foundation and Steve Schuster, Board Member of the Rondell Clark Foundation asked the board to consider implementing strict guidelines on weight management to prevent the practice of severe weight cutting. The foundation will present their case before the board at the next meeting.

7. Begin Discussion of Position Statement Regarding Management of Head Injuries

This item was tabled.

8. Medical forms for Use of fighter Licensure

This item was tabled.

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

N/A

Chair Dr. Warinner adjourned the meeting at 12:40 PM.

Board Exhibits:

Draft minutes from March 23, and April 20, 2018

Minutes from September 17, 2018 for reference

Amateur Unarmed Combatant Waiver Form (Complete fighter application)

Pre/Post Fight Medical Form

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Minutes from January 12, 2017

WADA Prohibited 2018 Listing

Ringside Medical Forms