Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Virtual Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert - Chair

Oded Carmi

John Navien

Brett Miller

Staff:

Shaynah Munro – Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Ben Donovan – Compliance Officer III

Guy Licciardi – Compliance Officer III

Members of the Public:

Tasha Moise

Alexa Marie Halsell

Michael Polvere

1. **Review/Vote** MSAC minutes for August 9, 2023, and August 15, 2023

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

1. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton reminded the Commission and members of the public that any matters that may require a variance from the Commission should be brought to staff as soon as possible, and that a variance request can be cancelled if it turns out not to be needed.

1. Executive Director Report
   1. Boxer’s Fund Status

Executive Director Shaynah Munro informed the Commission that the current balance as of the meeting date is $266,863.02.

No applications are under review by staff. The Chair asked if staff could put together a communication to licensees to inform them of the Boxer’s Fund and what the program offers and staff agreed to look into this request.

* 1. Website and Email Updates

The Commission was informed that DOL policy is to not provide emails to Commission or Board members. Staff are also currently working on updating the website with the new fight card and guidelines, and looking into whether it is possible to post a schedule of upcoming events to the website.

1. Applications
   1. Review of MMA Referee’s Application for Alexa Marie Halsell

After a review of Alexa Marie Halsell’s experience with MMA, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the MMA Referee’s application, and John Navien **Seconded** the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

* 1. Review of Boxing Manager’s Application for Tasha Moise

This application was tabled for a future meeting.

* 1. Review of Boxing Manager’s Application for Artie DePinho

This application was tabled for a future meeting.

1. **Discuss** State Championship Program in 523 CMR 22.00

The Commission reviewed 523 CMR 22.00 and discussed if there was a desire by the community to create a panel for a Championship program. Staff was directed to determine whether listening session could be held on this topic.

1. **Discuss** Upcoming Events

The Commission briefly reviewed the Upcoming Events for the next few months. No action was taken on this item.

1. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

The Commission reviewed a variance request from Cage Titans that arose shortly before the meeting, requesting that Muay Thai combatants be permitted to wear MMA-style gloves in the November 11, 2023 event, and after a brief discussion, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request as written. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission next reviewed a variance request from Invicta that arose shortly before the meeting, requesting that an October 27, 2023 event be permitted to go forward with one doctor present, and after a brief discussion regarding the circumstances of the event that necessitated the requested variance, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the variance request as written. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 PM