Public Minutes

**Date: Monday, November 21, 2022**

**Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**1000 Washington Street, Boston MA, 02118 Conference Room 1D**

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert

Oded Carmi

David Riccio

Brian O’Connell

Brett Miller

Staff:

Greer Spatz-Croxford – Executive Director

Peter Kelley – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Members of the Public:

Michael Mazzulli – Mohegan Sun

Michael Polvere – Cage Titans

1. **Review/ Vote** MSAC minutes for October 12, 2022, November 1, 2022 and November 9, 2022

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the October 12, 2022, meeting minutes. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made there Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the November 1, 2022, meeting minutes. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made there Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the November 9, 2022, meeting minutes. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made there Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Peter Kelley reported to the Commission that Deputy General Counsel Kristina Gasson adjusted the Commissioner in charge proposal, specifically that in matters related to decisions made at an event, Commissioners may not speak with the press, and seniority is based on the appointment date of the Commissioner. A new copy of the Commissioner in Charge Proposal will be provided to the Commission.

1. Executive Director Report

Executive Director Greer Spatz explained that the Executive Director Report will be a running item on the agenda and while there are no concerns to be reviewed, any in the future would be brought up with this agenda item.

1. Applications
   1. Review of Boxer’s Fund application for Chip Moraza-Pollard

Chair Bryan Lambert opened the discussion by inquiring which bills the payments from the Boxer’s Fund would go to as the documentation provided did not clearly explain where the payments need to go. As an aside, the Chair asked for the total amount in the Boxer’s Fund to be reported later in the meeting. After a further discussion on the application Michael Polvere, on behalf of the applicant, indicated that the applicant no longer needed his application reviewed as he had received payment assistance for his medical bills from another source, however hi did have other outstanding bills that the Commission encourage he provided documentation for to get assistance. The application was tabled for review at a future meeting.

At this point in the meeting, Commissioner Brett Miller joined.

* 1. Review of Boxer’s Fund application for Don Richard Shainis

After a brief discussion on missing documentation and what would be needed for the Commission to review his application, the application was tabled for a future meeting.

* 1. Review of Boxing Promoter’s Application for Charles Jerome Thomas

The Commission called Mr. Thomas via cell phone to review his application. After a review of the applicant’s application and a discussion of his history with Boxing, as well as any future promotions Mr. Thomas intends to hold, Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve Mr. Thomas’s application for Boxing Promoter. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made there Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES**, and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Review/Discuss** Boxer Fund Update

The Chair began the discussion inquiring of what the total amount available is for the Boxer’s Fund. Executive Director Greer Spatz Croxford read an email provided from Accounting containing an estimated total of approximately $180,000. The Chair indicated a concern where if the Commission wanted to provide the maximum amount of money out of the Boxer’s Fund, to remain compliant with other requirements in issuing an amount from the fund, they would need to know the total amount to make a proper decision. The Commission requested this exact figure be provided at a future meeting.

1. **Review/Discuss** Unlicensed unarmed combat events

The Commission voiced a concern regarding an increased amount of “smoker events” or unlicensed MMA, Boxing, or Muay Thai events. The Commission inquired if there was a form letter that could be sent to towns to inform their police departments that an unsanctioned event may be held in their town. Staff indicated there was not a letter, but one could be drafted for the board to review. The Commission requested that this draft letter be reviewed at a future meeting.

1. **Review/Vote** List of Commission approved agents to stop bleeding

After a brief review of some agents commonly used to stop bleeding, the Commission determined that the Medical Advisory Board would need to convene to weigh in on which agents should be included on a publicly available list of agents approved by the Commission to stop bleeding.

1. **Review/Vote** Proposed meeting dates list for 2023

The Commission reviewed the provided document of proposed meeting dates and requested that the first three months the Commission instead meet in person for the second Thursday of the month as opposed to the second Wednesday of the month. No other changes were made to the list. Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2023. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made there Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

1. **Review/Discuss** Training program for deputy commissioners

The Commission discussed implementing a training for Deputy Commissioners to attend to further their knowledge and skills. As deputies have a requirement to have the same level of understanding of the regulations as a Commissioner, a training session would be advantageous to educate the deputies on the current concerns they may face at an event. Michael Mazzulli from Mohegan Sun indicated he could provide a training deck which the Commission can edit for Massachusetts specific concerns at zero cost to the state. Oded Carmi voiced his approval of utilizing the training deck and suggested the training be considered an “Event” that the deputies can be compensated for attending.

1. **Discuss/Review** Upcoming Events

The list of upcoming licensed events was reviewed by the Commission. Michael Polvere indicated he had been discussing adding another event in January with MSAC staff.

1. **Review/Discuss** Bout contract language

An in depth discussion was had on the potential changes that could be made to bout contracts and to the bonds promoters are required to have for their license. Staff stressed to the Commission that any changes made can not be in conflict with any MGL. The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

1. **Discuss** Schedule the next Regulation Review Meeting

The next Regulation Review Meeting is to be scheduled at a future meeting.

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

No matters were presented to the Commission that were not reasonably anticipated in 48 hours. Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to adjourn. David Riccio **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was made there Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, David Riccio voted **YES**, Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

*Documents Used During Meeting:*

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