Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM

1. Roll Call

Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert - Chair

Oded Carmi – joined at 2:10 PM

John Navien

Brett Miller

Brian O’Connell

Staff:

Shaynah Munro – Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Guy Licciardi – Compliance Officer III

Members of the Public:

Edgar Bellenas

Jimmy Parella

Micheal Polvere

Ken Volvick

Brian Carr

1. **Review/Vote** MSAC minutes for July 12, 2023

A **Motion** was made by Brian O’Connell to approve the meeting minutes from July 12, 2023. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

1. Board Counsel Report

There are a few investigations currently under review by staff, but none are ready for review by the Commission for the current or upcoming meeting. Chair Bryan Lambert also inquired what the status of the regulations are as they currently are under review by the Division of Occupational Licensure’s Commissioner. Board Counsel indicated that there have been no further updates, however if there are any matters the Commissioner has concerns over with the proposed regulations, they would be brought to the attention of the Commissioners.

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

There have been no changes to the total Boxer’s Fund amount in the past month aside from the deposits made from sanctioned events in Massachusetts. No applications are anticipated to be reviewed at this time.

1. **Review/Vote** Variance request for USADA

A **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to approve the variance from USADA as written. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

1. Applications
   1. Review of Deputy Commissioner Application for Chris Palmquist

After a brief review of the applicant’s history and their application, a **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to deputize Chris Palmquist. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

* 1. Review of Deputy Commissioner Application for Peter Charnley

This application was tabled for a future meeting.

* 1. Review of Deputy Commissioner Application for Steven Charnley,

After a brief review of the applicant’s history and their application, a **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to deputize Steven Charnley. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

* 1. Review of MMA and Muay Thai Judge’s Application for Christopher Burke

After a brief review of the applicant’s history and their application, a **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to approve Christpher Burke’s Muay Thai Judge application pending the completion of attending 2 events as an official in training. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

After discussing Mr. Burke’s experience with MMA, a **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to approve Christpher Burke’s MMA Judge application pending the completion of attending 2 events as an official in training. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

* 1. Review of MMA Manager’s Application for Lars Borssen

After a brief review of the applicant’s history and their application, a **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to approve Lars Borssen’s MMA Manager application. Brian O’Connell **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

* 1. Review of MMA Promoter’s Application for Shannon Knapp

After a brief review of the applicant’s history and their application, a **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to approve Shannon Knapp’s MMA Promoter application. Brian O’Connell **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously.**

* 1. Review of MMA Promoter’s Application for Michael Herren

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

1. **Review/Vote** Trainer’s Application Forms

A brief discussion was had concerning final changes to be made to the application prior to approving the form. Staff and the Commission collaborated to make changes on the form. After this, a **Motion** was made by Brett Miller to approve the draft Trainer’s Application as amended during the meeting for use pending agency review. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

1. **Discuss/Vote** Second’s Application Forms

A brief discussion was had concerning final changes to be made to the application prior to approving the form. Staff and the Commission collaborated to make changes on the form. After this, a **Motion** was made by Brett Miller to approve the draft Second’s Application as amended during the meeting for use pending agency review. John Navien **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

1. **Discuss/Vote** Bout Card approval guidelines.

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

1. **Discuss** Officials in Training Procedures at Sanctioned MSAC Events

The Commission reminded those in attendance and noted for the minutes that the only individuals that should be on the floor or by the ring of MSAC sanctioned events are assigned MSAC officials/staff or officials in training assigned to work the event. Anyone who does not fit these criteria must purchase a ticket to the event to be allowed in the venue.

1. **Discuss** Status report from USA Boxing

A brief discussion was had between the Commissioner’s and USA Boxing representative Jimmy Parella regarding the submittal of events for recordkeeping purposes and for proper MSAC staffing at USA Boxing Events. The Commission requested that USA Boxing Representatives continue to notify the Commission of events they are looking to host no less than 30 days in advance to ensure proper procedures are followed by MSAC Staff. No action was taken on this item.

1. **Discuss** ABC Conference Updates

Chair Bryan Lambert gave a brief overview of some major points that were addressed and discussed at the ABC Conference, including some safety adjustments and bare-knuckle boxing receiving a rule set for adoption by states that wish to hold bare-knuckle boxing events. Oded Carmi also indicated that there is an informational database made by USA Boxing that Commission members and some staff can now have access to in assisting scheduling events.

1. **Discuss** Upcoming Events

The Commission reviewed the upcoming events for the rest of the 2023 calendar year. No action was taken on this item.

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

Ken Volvick requested that an agenda item be added for a future meeting to discuss a potential increase in compensation for Timekeepers at MSAC sanctioned events.

A **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to move to closed session and to then adjourn the meeting from closed session. Brett Miller **Seconded** the motion. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, John Navien voted **YES**, Brett Miller voted **YES** and Brian O’Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **unanimously**.

1. Quasi-judicial Session: Closed adjudicatory session pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 18, ¶ 5(d)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM