Public Meeting Minutes

**Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

**Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert

Oded Carmi

Brian O’Connell

Brett Miller

Staff:

Greer Spatz-Croxford

Peter Kelley

Paige Brenner

Members of the Public:

Christopher Traietti

Michael Reyes

Michael Polvere

Chuck Sherns

1. Listening Session for Officials’ Pay Adjustment

Massachusetts State Athletic Commission chair Brian Lambert opened public comment with a brief overview of procedure and an explanation of what the intent behind the requested public comment is. He re-iterated that the goal of the Commission was not make any changes in this meeting, but instead to listen to the opinions of stakeholders in the community and determine what an appropriate adjustment would be if any were to be made.

Public Comment:

Michael Reyes, a promoter, led to the public comment indicating a belief that higher paying states comes from TV or steaming events, and subsequently states that do not have televised events do not have the issue of requiring promoters to provide a higher payment to their officials for their events.

Christopher Triaetti stated that there are other costs with promoting an event that may inhibit the ability for promoters to provide a higher salary to officials. He addressed that Muay Thai and MMA may have a higher number of bouts per event, but boxing typically has a lower amount of bouts, and as such these events do not bring in as much income as other disciplines. He suggested that there be a raise provided over a number of years, and that there be differences in pay for officials who staff different disciplines of events. Also suggested that a bonus amount being paid to officials that work a certain number of bouts over the maximum typically had in the discipline.

Michael Polvere indicated there hadn't been a raise for judges or referees in almost ten years and that events in boxing are based off sponsored events. He suggested that there should be a staggered increase for official pay over a set of years, or a proportionate amount based on the number of bouts at an event.

Chair Brian Lambert inquired if there were any other public comments, and after determining there were not any, closed public comment, and reiterated that additional comments would be accepted via email through October 11, 2022

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

No matters were brought to the Commission that were not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours the meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM