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**Minutes**

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
**50 MAPLE STREET, MILFORD, MA 01757**  
**February 4, 2016, 11:00AM**

**1. Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 11:14am by Chair LaTeisha Adams followed by roll call:

**Board Members Present**

LaTeisha Adams  
Guy Licciardi  
Quion T. Riley  
Joseph Krowski Jr.

**Board Members Late to Meeting**

Gary Litchfield

**Guests Present**

Jen Cobis, DPS Office Support Specialist  
Stephen Carley, Assistant General Counsel  
Michael Martino, Executive Director for USA Boxing National  
Edward Santoro, President for USA Boxing New England  
Robert Russo, Executive Director for New England Golden Gloves  
Kevin Hope, Chief of Officials for USA Boxing New England  
George Dahlquist, Chief Deputy for Massachusetts State Athletic Commission  
Joseph Leonard, Journalist for Western Mass MMA.com  
Vinnie Carita, Professional Boxer  
Michael Polvere, Matchmaker for Cage Titans

2. Approval of Minutes from January 7, 2016  
A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the minutes from January 7, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. Commissioner Krowski Jr. abstained.
3. Approval of Suspensions from January 17, 2016  
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr. to approve the suspensions from January 17, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
4. Approval of Suspensions from January 30, 2016  
The approval of the January 30, 2016 suspensions were tabled to the next meeting as they were not ready for review.
5. Reappointment of Medical Advisory Board Members  
The discussion and reappointment of the Medical Advisory Board Members was tabled until the next meeting.
6. USA Boxing New England Sanction Fees and Medical Requirements for Amateur Boxers  
Michael Martino, Executive Director for USA Boxing National, Edward Santoro, President for USA Boxing New England, Robert Russo, Executive Director for New England Golden Gloves, and Kevin Hope, Chief of Officials for USA Boxing New England addressed the board regarding their concerns for the costs of medicals required for amateur boxers and the financial strain this would cause an amateur boxer. USA Boxing New England requested a variance from the medical requirements. It was stated by the board that the proper language for creating the variance would be reviewed at the next board meeting and USA Boxing New England would be notified when completed and approved.  
The board addressed the present representatives in attendance from USA Boxing on the sanction fees that were being charged to the club members. It was decided by the board that USA Boxing New England must not charge over Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) for third-party events.
7. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting  
Michael Polvere, Matchmaker for Cage Titans addressed the board regarding the cage door opening during an ongoing match incident at the January 30, 2016 event in Plymouth. He stated that after testing out the door at the event and contacting the cage manufacturer that he feels that it was very possible that one of our Athletic Commission Deputies may have neglected to secure the door properly but respectfully asked that the Athletic Commission review their standards of follow thru with securing the doors so that an incident such as this does not occur again and that he will do the same procedurally within his organization if in fact the cage door was faulty. Mr. Polvere also stated that he planned to do an internal investigation on the cage door as soon as possible.
8. Adjourn  
This meeting adjourned at 12:48pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this Meeting

Draft of Minutes, January 7, 2016

Suspensions from Results, January 17, 2016

USA Boxing New England Sanction Fees page from official website