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MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
50 MAPLE STREET, MILFORD, MA 01757
October 6, 2016, 11:00AM

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:10am by Chair LeBretton followed by roll call:

Board Members Present

Matt LeBretton, Chair
Patrick Bradley
Guy Licciardi

Board Members Not Present

Paul Karger via telephone
Rod Walkey

Guests Present

Deirdre Hosler, Deputy General Counsel
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator
Jose Rivera, Applicant
Tom Baker, Boxing Promoter
Kevin MacDonald, Referee
Karyn Wesch, Mixed Martial Arts Promoter
Michael Polvere, Mixed Martial Arts Promoter

2. Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2016

Deputy General Counsel, Deirdre Hosler asked to have Item 3 *Board Handbooks and Training from DPS Legal* show correction to the item minutes by removing the following, "under Executive Order 562 by Governor Baker". She also asked we keep Item 8 on the coming Agenda *Alan Lau Presentation for Proposed Certification Curriculum for Kickboxing Officials* as the Board did not set a date to attend the course before approval. A motion was made by Chair LeBretton to approve the minutes from September 1, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. Request for Variance for Amateur Boxing Event from Promoter Tom Baker

A request for variance from 523 CMR sections 6.02 and 12.05 was made by Tom Baker to hold an amateur boxing event with the following criteria: individuals with no boxing experience will be trained under licensed Trainer Shawn Graham to participate in a boxing match with an equal opponent wearing 16 oz. gloves and head gear, rounds will be 1 minute with 1.5 minute rests, licensed officials will officiate and be chosen by the MSAC administration, and each fighter will submit a fit-to-physical prior to the event. A motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the variance, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion was passed 3-0; Commissioner Karger abstained.

A second motion was made by Commissioner Bradley requesting to limit the corner involvement to 6 corner licenses granted as all seconds must be licensed through MSAC, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion was approved 3-0, Commissioner Karger abstained.

A third motion was made by Commissioner Licciardi to approve the event with a location of the Raynham Dog Track in Raynham and a date to be decided, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion was passed 3-0, Commissioner Karger abstained.

4. Sal Bartolo Jr. – Boxing Promoter Application

Sal Bartolo Jr. submitted a Boxing Promoter application and was denied approval based on insufficient proof of financial documentation. A motion was made to table the application by Commissioner Licciardi until additional documentation is provided, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion was passed 3-0, Commissioner Karger abstained.

5. Jose Rivera – Boxing Promoter Application

Jose Rivera submitted a Boxing Promotion application. Mr. Rivera stated through his financial documents that he could finance a professional show as he had obtained an investor. A motion was made by Commissioner Bradley to approve the application pending Mr. Rivera can produce a notarized letter of commitment from his financial investor, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed 3-0, Commissioner Karger abstained.

*Note for the record by Chair LeBretton. Chair LeBretton asked the board to recognize that there are new members to the board and due to the history of some of the Agenda items that these items be heard by a full board at the next meeting with the intention of entertaining some discussion on possible decisions.

6. Continued Use of USA Boxing N. E. as the Amateur Boxing Sanction Organization

After some discussion regarding a letter that may have been distributed to USA Boxing Club members; Commissioner Licciardi made a motion for Deputy Counsel to send out a letter requesting the presence of an authorized representative to appear before the Board to discuss their role as an amateur sanction organization in Massachusetts, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion was passed 3-0, Commissioner Karger abstained.

7. ABC Changes to Mixed Martial Arts Scoring Criteria

Referee Kevin MacDonald was present to review the revised scoring criteria made by the ABC. Mixed Martial Arts Promoters, Karyn Wesch and Michael Polvere who were present at the meeting engaged in conversation regarding the change in criteria. A motion was made by Chair LeBretton to table this item to be heard in front of a full board at a later date, seconded by Commissioner Bradley. Motion passed 3-0, Commissioner Karger abstained.

8. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting
Referee Kevin MacDonald reminded the Board that many of our licensed officials have not or may need to and should take a Judge and Referee Training Program instructed under the ABC.
9. Adjourn
Commissioner Bradley made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Licciardi.
This meeting adjourned at 1:26pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits used at this Meeting

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Email Proposal for Request for Variance by Tom Baker

Boxing Promoter Application, Jose Rivera

Boxing Promoter Application, Sal Bartolo Jr.

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