

Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 1000 Washington Street, Boston PUBLIC MINUTES – Emergency Meeting

Date: January 21, 2020

Location: 7th Floor Conference Room

Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
Paul Karger, Commissioner
David Riccio, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Cogliano, First Deputy Commissioner – *via telephone*
Clinton Dick, Deputy General Counsel of Enforcement
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Wilfred St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

COMMISSION AND STAFF MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Rod Walkey, Chair
Diane Symonds, Commissioner

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michael Polvere, Mixed Martial Arts Matchmaker

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to appoint Commissioner Lambert as Acting Chair as Commissioner Walkey was not present, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair Lambert at 11:10 AM.

1. Roll Call

Acting Chair, Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
Paul Karger, Commissioner
Michael Polvere, Mixed Martial Arts Matchmaker
Clinton Dick, Deputy General Counsel of Enforcement
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II
David Riccio, Commissioner

2. Variance Request – Michael Polvere

The board addressed each variance request as written by Michael Polvere. Mr. Polvere along with Promoter Michelle Polvere has scheduled a combination event of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) and South East Asian Kickboxing (SEAK) bouts to take place on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

SEAK Matches in a Cage – 523 CMR, Section 23.02 Requirements for Ring

Mr. Polvere asked to hold the SEAK bouts within the MMA cage. This variance request has been previously approved and occurred without issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the request for variance to allow SEAK bouts to take place within a cage, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Combine Required Rounds – 523 CMR, Section 10.05 Minimum Number of Rounds for Program

Mr. Polvere requested to schedule a minimum of 20 rounds total of combined SEAK and MMA rounds rather than schedule a minimum of 20 rounds for the MMA portion and a minimum of 28 rounds for the SEAK portion. This variance request has been previously approved and occurred without issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the request for variance to accommodate the number of scheduled total rounds, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Allow for 32 plus Participants - 523 CMR, Section 10.06 Maximum Number of Unarmed Combatants for Program

Mr. Polvere requested to schedule more than 32 unarmed combatants as his proposed fight card has a total of 23 fights; 46 participants. Mr. Polvere is looking to feature as many bouts as possible at his event. This variance request has been previously approved and occurred without issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the request for variance to allow for more than 32 participants, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

Via telephone, the Interim Executive Director of MSAC, Ron Cogliano asked the board to be mindful of the deadlines that promoters are required to meet during the event process as regulated by 523 CMR. Mr. Cogliano stated that the deadlines are not currently being met by some promoters and asked the board to memorialize their enforcement on the deadlines for staff and the promoters. Acting Chair Lambert suggested that this request go before a full board for review on the next available agenda.

Commissioner Karger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

Board Exhibits:

Variance Request – Michael Polvere

523 CMR, Sections 10.05, 10.06, and 23.02