

Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 1000 Washington Street, Boston PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: July 21, 2020

Location: Teleconference

Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Walkey, Chair
Paul Karger, Commissioner
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
David Ricco, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristina Gasson, Board Counsel
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Wilfred St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michael Polvere, Matchmaker
Sam Silverman, Rondell Clark Foundation

The meeting was called to order by Chair Walkey at 11:02 AM.

1. Roll Call

Rod Walkey, Chair
Paul Karger, Commissioner
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
David Riccio, Commissioner
Kristina Gasson, Board Counsel
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

2. Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Karger to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Coronavirus and its Effects on Public Events

Jennifer Fraga, MSAC Program Coordinator addressed the board stating that at the present time there were no updates on events and that the standing action was to follow the directive of the Governor and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Matchmaker Michael Polvere expressed his concern for the unarmed combatants' lack of participation in matches during the COVID-19 pandemic within Massachusetts. Mr. Polvere asked if events without fans would be considered as his company, Cage Titans, focuses on not only event promotions but on promoting fighters' careers. Board Counsel, Kristina Gasson advised that she would seek information from Agency Management and would report back to the board at the next meeting.

Chair Walkey asked Michael Polvere to submit an outline to MSAC Staff on how he would plan to hold an event without fans, detailing COVID-19 safety protocols as a first step in discussing his request.

5. 523 CMR Regulation Review

Guest, Sam Silverman of the Rondell Clark Foundation, asked the board the status of the 523 CMR regulations review. Board Counsel Kristina Gasson explained the timeline of the process stating that upon board approval on the draft revisions, the public will have an opportunity to voice their comments and suggestions during an open and robust public hearing. After the hearing, the Board would discuss the proposed changes. In short, upon final board approval, the draft regulations would be forwarded to the Executive Office of Administration and Finance (ANF) and to the Secretary of State's Office for review and approval. Board Counsel stated that this process can be timely; however, it is moving along.

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

Matters not present on the agenda were not presented.

Commissioner Karger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 AM.

Board Exhibits:

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Draft Minutes – April 21, 2020

Draft Minutes – May 19, 2020