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Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert – Chair

Oded Carmi

John Navien

Thomas Lacey

Staff

Andrew Bridges – Acting Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Public:

Kevin MacDonald – Referee

Rich Caldwell - Promoter

Chuck Shearns

Christopher Traietti

Michael Polvere - Cage Titans

2. Listening Session for State Championship Program

Members of the public were called on by the Chair to share their thoughts on the proposed Program.

Rich Caldwell (Combat FC) – Rich Caldwell indicated he believed a State Championship program is a good idea but will be difficult to implement for several reasons, including how it compares to existing titles, deciding where a fight could take place and who the promoter would be, and using name and likeness for fighters who may



have preexisting legal obligations regarding such matters.

Michael Polvere (Cage Titans) – Mike Polvere noted that 4 fights in a year is challenging for any fighter, and that the Commission has traditionally promoted safety and not taken on the role of promoter.

Christopher Traietti – Chris Traietti called the program a good idea for boxing but believes it would be difficult to organize, including because of deciding on rankings, and that there could be accusations of favoritism. His view is that only fighters who reside in Massachusetts should be eligible, and that this program would entice local fighters to compete in Massachusetts.

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

Review/Vote - Variance Request by Peter Czymbro – A request for variance to 523 CMR 14.08 allowing event to proceed with only one doctor was discussed among Commission members. A motion was made by Oded Carmi to approve the variance as submitted. The motion was seconded by John Navien to approve. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Oded Carmi. The motion was seconded by Thomas Lacey. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 PM