

Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 1000 Washington Street, Boston PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: May 19, 2020

Location: Teleconference

Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Karger, Commissioner
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
David Ricco, Commissioner

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clinton Dick, General Counsel
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Wilfred St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Rod Walkey, Chair

GUESTS PRESENT:

Chuck Shearns, Boxing Promoter and Matchmaker
Sam Silverman, Rondell Clark Foundation

Commissioner Lambert made a motion for Commissioner Karger to act as Chair in Chair Walkey's absence, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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

1. Roll Call

Paul Karger, Acting Chair
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
David Riccio, Commissioner
Chuck Shearns
Clinton Dick, General 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

The minutes were not available for review; this item was tabled to the next board meeting.

3. Coronavirus and its Effects on Public Events

Acting Chair Karger stated that the State Athletic Commission will continue to follow the directive of Governor Baker and the guidance from the Center for Disease Control.

4. 523 CMR Regulation Review

General Counsel Clinton Dick presented the red-line draft to the board and began the review;

5.01: Definitions

The definitions of Knockout and Technical Knockout were revised to reflect the ABC standard.

6.01 (6): General Licensing Requirements

The length of the license would be extended from a one year to a two year license with the exception of Doctors and Fighters.

6.08: Application for Licensure

ADD a sub-section (5)

Shadow language was added to provide the Commission with the authority to request “shadowing” as a condition for licensure.

ADD New Section 6.14 Continuing Education and language

10.03: Multiple Requests for Event License on the Same Date

Language to allow the Commission to permit only one event.

12.07: Equipment of Chief Second

ADD; (2) to include prohibiting needles and or syringes at event.

12.09: Requirements for Mixed Martial Arts Ring or Fenced Area

ADD a sub-section (g)

Each door must have two locks.

13.02: Mixed Martial Arts Weight Classes

ADD; Super Middle, Light Heavy, Cruiser, and Heavy

13.04: Pre-Fight Weigh-in and Physical Examination

REMOVE from (4), any indication of hernia.

14.02: Proper Attire and Equipment of Unarmed Combatant

ADD (2); Proper attire shall not include attire with pockets, exposed zippers or exposed Velcro. Knee braces will be prohibited as well.

ADD (9); groin protections are prohibited

14.06: Conduct of Chief Second

ADD; The Chief Second will provide his name to the Referee and will be held responsible for the conduct of his or her corner.

16.04: Fouls Deduction of Points

ADD; (1) the Referee may penalize up to two points (Fouls)

ADD; but no more than two points may be deducted (Intentional Foul)

16.06: Results of Contests

ADD; (3) Knockout

23.08: Protective Equipment

ADD; elastic support anklets may be worn

23.10: Apparel

REMOVE; elastic support anklets

23.19: Illegal Techniques

REMOVE; elbowing in any part of the forearm

23.25: Injuries Sustained During Competition

(3) The Referee shall notify the scorekeeper to deduct "two points" from the contestant who committed the foul.

23.26: The Referee

ADD (5); For Amateurs, inspect elbow pads and shin guards

Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III addressed 523 CMR, Section 6.02 (2); regarding the medical requirements and the time frame allowed in which they can be used for licensure. General Counsel Clinton Dick and MSAC staff will discuss the medical requirements and the in-office license procedures and will make a recommendation to Acting Chair Paul Karger for review.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to approve the pending draft of 523 CMR with the exception of 6.02 (2) which will be discussed with Acting Chair Paul Karger and MSAC Staff, seconded Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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

Acting Chair Karger addressed the current pay of the Deputy Commissioners; confirming that the board is asking for the dollar amount of their set pay to be removed from the Statute. The Commission is asking to have the authority to set the pay fee as recruitment is a challenge.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.

Board Exhibits:

Red-Line Draft 523 CMR