Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING 1000 Washington Street, Boston PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: February 10, 2021 Location: Teleconference Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rod Walkey, Chair
David Riccio, Commissioner
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
Brian O'Connell, DPL Comm'r designee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter M. Kelley, Board Counsel
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III
Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

COMMISSION NOT PRESENT:

Paul Karger, Commissioner

The meeting was called to order by Chair Walkey at 11:05 AM.

1. Roll Call

Rod Walkey, Chair
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner
David Riccio, Commissioner
Brian O'Connell, DPL Comm'r designee
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2. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2021

The minutes were not available for approval and would be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

3. Sub-Committee - Boxers Fund

Commissioner Lambert led the discussion by presenting the draft Boxers Fund application for review and approval. Secondly, Commissioner Lambert spoke of the email address that was created for the submittal of Boxer Fund applications; boxersfund@mass.gov.

The board discussed what the review and approval process would look like for the Boxers Fund applicants and the idea of the Sub-Committee having the ability to deny or request further information from the applicant if needed.

Board Counsel Peter Kelley added that if the board were inclined to delegate that ability to the Sub-Committee that they should either vote on expanding the Sub-Committee's scope or create a new one. Counsel also advised that only members of the appointing board may have voting rights on any subcommittee, per DPL policy.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to accept the application as drafted, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to expand the scope of duties of the Sub-Committee to include the ability to review and request further information from the applicant before submittal to the board, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Coronavirus and its Effects on Public Events

Program Coordinator Jennifer Fraga notified the board that engaging in unarmed combat events is presently inactive due to the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings. Ms. Fraga stated that there are no updates on holding events at this time.

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

Compliance Officer Guy Licciardi informed the board of an issue MSAC Staff is having with regaining access to the ABC's MMA Registry. Commissioner Lambert volunteered to reach out to the President of the ABC for assistance.

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Riccio. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.

Board Exhibits:

Posted Meeting Notice and Agenda Draft Application – Boxers Fund