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**Massachusetts State Athletic Commission**

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
1000 Washington Street, Boston  
Public Minutes**

Date: February 09, 2021

Location: Teleconference

Time: 11:00 AM

MINUTES OF THE MSAC MEETING February 09, 2022

1. Roll Call  
Paul Karger Chairman  
Bryan Lambert, Commissioner  
David Riccio, Commissioner  
Oded Carmi, Commissioner  
Brian O'Connell, Commissioner's Designee  
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel  
Greer Spatz, Executive Director  
Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III  
Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III
2. Table the January 12, 2022 MSAC meeting minutes.
3. Review of boxing Judges application for Kenneth J Ezzo: Review of Boxing Judge application for Kenneth J Ezzo: After review of the application and speaking with Mr. Ezzo, Bryan Lambert **Moved** to approve the application for licensing. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Oded Carmi. The motion passed **unanimously**.
4. Review of Boxing Matchmaker application for Cristopher J Traietti: After review of the application and speaking with Mr. Traietti, Bryan Lambert **Moved** to approve the application for licensing. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Oded Carmi. The motion passed **unanimously**.
5. Review of MMA Promoter application for Calvin Katter: After review of the application and speaking with Mr. Katter, Bryan Lambert **Moved** to approve the application for licensing. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Oded Carmi. The motion passed **unanimously**.



6. Review of MMA Matchmaker application for Jerome R Brashears: After review of the application and speaking with Mr. Brashears, Bryan Lambert **Moved** to approve the application for licensing. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Oded Carmi. The motion passed **unanimously**.
7. Review of Muay Thai Referee and Judge applications for Christopher Burke, after review of the applications and speaking with Mr. Burke, Bryan Lambert **Moved** to approve the applications for licensing, on the condition that Mr. Burke successfully practice under supervision for one event as a Judge and one event as a Referee. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Oded Carmi. The motion passed **unanimously**.
8. Review of Muay Thai Judge application for Nicholas P Mahmood, Mr. Mahmood was not in attendance. No action was taken on this application.
9. Review of Muay Thai Judge application for Mr. Matthew J Morse, Mr. Morse was not in attendance. No action was taken on this application.
10. Review of Muay Thai judge application for D. Roberts: after review of the application and speaking with Mr. Roberts, Bryan Lambert **Moved** to approve the application for licensing, on the condition that Mr. Roberts successfully practice under supervision for one event as a Judge and one event as a Referee. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Oded Carmi. The motion passed **unanimously**.
11. Michael Polvere for Cage Titans sought variances for an event titled "Combat Night III" which would showcase SEAK (Southeast Asian Kickboxing). The requested variances were for the following:
  1. SEAK matches in a cage as opposed to a ring (523 CMR 23.02)
  2. Allow the number of rounds required to be combined combat (SEAK and MMA) and use the current MMA requirement for amount of rounds (523 CMR 10.05)
  3. SEAK in MMA gloves (Gloves as it is currently written in the CMR 12.05 (5) for MMA – 4oz Pro/7oz AM) (523 CMR 23.09; 12.05(4)).

Commissioner Bryan Lambert made a **Motion** to approve the variances for the specific show requested to take place on **Friday, February 25, 2022 at Plymouth Memorial Hall**.

Commissioner Oded Carmi **seconded** the motion. The motion was allowed by a unanimous vote.

There was further discussion of Mr. Polvere's request that a variance for the number of fighters on the card (523 CMR 10.06) be an ongoing request that could be decided at a staff level. There was discussion that variances should only be granted as and when they were necessary.

Commissioner Bryan Lambert made a **Motion** to that variances should be reviewed by the Commission on an as needed basis, not prospectively. Commissioner Oded Carmi **seconded** the motion. The motion was allowed by a unanimous vote.

12. There was discussion of delegation of the Commission's authority to administrative staff for routine action between scheduled Commission meetings. Delegation of duties would be addressed in detail in a future meeting.

13. Coronavirus and its Effects on Public Events; It was suggested MSAC would follow the guidelines recommended by each city and town. This agenda item should remain on the agenda and keep updating when changes are suggested by cities or towns that hold events.
14. Upcoming Events:  
1: 02 12 2022 Vertex boxing event Moseley's on the Charles in Dedham start time: 6:00 pm  
2: 02 19 2022 Reyes Boxing event Melrose Memorial Hall Melrose start time 7:00 pm  
3: 02 25 2022 Cage Titans MMA event Plymouth Memorial Hall Plymouth start time 7:00 pm  
4: Chuck Shearns Boxing event Sheridan Framingham start time 7:00pm
15. Regulation Review: Peter Kelley advised that the regulations had been 'sent up' for further review to the Office of Consumer Affairs and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development and will advise with further updated information. Commissioner Paul Karger moved to table this item but keep it on the agenda, second by Oded Carmi. The motion passed unanimously.
16. **Motion** by Bryan Lambert at 11:30 a.m. to exit open session and to enter closed session for the purpose of conducting Investigatory Conferences pursuant to G. L. c. 112, § 65C. Seconded by Oded Carmi. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.  
During closed session, the Commission took the following actions:  
1. Belencia v. Ormsby: schedule hearing for March meeting;  
2. In re: Guy: forward to prosecutions; and  
3. Bout agreement issue: send to Office of Investigations once formal complaint opened.  
A motion to exit closed session and enter open session thereupon to adjourn was made by Bryan Lambert. Seconded by Paul Karger. Following a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

#### List of Documents Used in Meeting:

Kenneth J Ezzo Boxing Judge Application  
Cristopher J Traietti Boxing Matchmaker Application  
Calvin Katter MMA Promoter Application  
Jerome R Brashears MMA Matchmaker Application  
Christopher Burke Muay Thai Referee Application  
Nicholas P Mahmood Muay Thai Judge Application  
Matthew J Morse Muay Thai Judge Application  
D. Roberts Muay Thai Judge Application  
Mike Polvere Variance Request Form