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Public Minutes

Thursday, May 5th, 2022

2:00 PM

Teleconference

* Due to a publication error, the Commission posted the incorrect public link to its last regularly scheduled virtual meeting of April 13, 2022. As a result, the Commission will review all items on the April 13, 2022 meeting notice that were not recorded.

**The minutes are reflected in the order in which they were addressed by the Commission, not the order in which they appear on the original agenda.*

1. Roll Call

Chair Paul Karger
Commissioner Bryan Lambert
Commissioner Oded Carmi
Commissioner David Riccio
Deputy Commissioner Brian O'Connell
Executive Director Greer Spatz Croxford
Board Counsel Peter Kelley
Compliance Officer Guy Liccardi
Compliance Officer Wilfred St. Hilaire
Program Coordinator I Paige Brenner

2. Review/ Vote MSAC minutes for February 9, 2022; March 9, 2022; and Public and Executive

Sessions of March 21, 2022

A **Motion** was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the February 9, 2022 minutes, **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

A **Motion** was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the March 9, 2022 minutes, **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

A **Motion** was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the March 21, 2022 Executive and Public minutes, **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. The motion passed **Unanimously**.



3. **Review/ Vote** Boxer Fund Application and Variance Request by Peter Anderson

Peter Anderson presented his variance request for access to the Boxer Fund for reimbursement of Funeral services for Christian Lubenga. The Commission discussed the merits of the variance and consoled the family for the loss. A **Motion** was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the variance to sections 2.01, 2.03, and 2.08 of the boxers' fund regulations for the Lubenga application. **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

Commissioner Lambert then moved to approve the Lubenga boxers' fund application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cardi. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

4. **Application(s) Review/ Vote**

1. Review of Bout Card for April 29th event at American International College, Promoter Jose Riviera (BXPR-000126) and Matchmaker AJ Riviera (BXMM-002823)

Staff advised the matter is now moot. No further action taken.

2. Review of Referee for Mixed Martial Arts application for Dale Hartt

After review of the application and speaking with Mr. Hartt, a **Motion** was made by Bryan Lambert to approve the application for licensing on the condition that he practice under the supervision of a licensed MMA referee for 3 events, and was **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

3. Review of Referee for Muay Thai application for Juan Santana

After review of the application for Mr. Santana, Bryan Lambert **Motioned** to approve the application for licensing. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Oded Carmi. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discuss** Potential delegations to staff

A discussion was had regarding the types of tasks delegated to staff, specifically licensing. The discussion moved to how the delegation of the types of licenses works and what way certain licenses can be brought to the commission for review and advisement. Chair Paul Karger suggested a memo be written up and provided to the commission to explain how different tasks are delegated and how the Commission can assist if presented by staff.

6. **Discuss** Proposed CORI review policy

Board Counsel Peter Kelley presented an overview on the proposed CORI policy. He indicated that he would like the policy to be looked over by the Commission and voted on next month. Oded Carmi asked if the decision for what CORI checks apply to be reviewed can be made exclusively by the Commission or if the Department has a say in the decision. Board Counsel Peter Kelley says that while the delegations to approve some types of prior convictions for

licensure would be made by the Commission, the overall requirement to have criminal background checks made on the applications are made by the department. Mr. Carmi then asked how reviewing the licenses would work. Board Counsel indicated that any license tied to an individual would have a CORI check, and those that need to be reviewed would be brought to the Commission meeting in executive session so that the information would be reviewed by the Commission with the applicant present. Mike Polvere, a representative from Cage Titans asked for clarification on if the out of state CORI checks would be needed for each applicant that comes from out of state. Discussion of requiring CORI checks for minors. Mr. Kelley will report back to the commission.

7. **Discuss** Medical Advisory Committee meeting date and topics to be discussed

No topics were mentioned for discussion as the next meeting date is unknown.

8. **Vote/ Review** in the matter of Demoura (MAAB-001161) vs. Vespaziano (MAAB-001162) re:

contest MSAC21-0709 at Plymouth Memorial Hall on February 5, 202

Executive Director Greer Spatz informed the Commission that the scorecard brought to the board contains incorrectly inputted numbers that were inaccurate to the fight. Board Counsel Peter Kelley also indicated that the scores were a result of an arithmetic error and that the additions of the scores were not correct. Oded Carmi made a **Motion** to approve the corrected scorecard and was **Seconded** by Bryan Lambert. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

9. **Review** Final Decision in the matter of: Marisa Messer-Belenchia (BXPB-003986)

petitioner re: contest MSAC19-0592 Worcester Palladium on February 28, 2020

After brief discussion, Bryan Lambert made a **Motion** to approve the final decision and was **Seconded** by Oded Carmi. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

10. Upcoming Events

The following events were mentioned as upcoming for the next month:

May 7th Bridgewater at 7:30

May 14th at Dedham at 6:30

It was suggested by Oded Carmi and Bryan Lambert that fight lists for the month should be provided to Commission members and posted on the website.

11. Other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting.

Guy Liccardi mentioned that there is often difficulty in getting officials to attend the fights that occur. Executive Director Greer Spatz Croxford emphasized that while DOL regulate the events

that occur, the department does not promote these events. Staff is meant to make sure that the events comply with the statutes. Commissioner Bryan Lambert suggested a recruiting element be implemented. Staff responded that while officials are needed to get events to occur, recruitment is not necessarily in the purview of the Department.

A **Motion** was made by Paul Karger to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 P.M. This was **Seconded** by Bryan Lambert. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

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