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Public Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 28th, 2022

Time: 10:30 AM

Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM.

1. Roll Call

Commission Members Present:

Bryan Lambert – Chair

Oded Carmi –

Dave Riccio –

Brian O'Connell –

Staff Members Present:

Greer Spatz Croxford – Executive Director

Peter Kelley – Board Counsel

Guy Licciardi – Compliance Officer III

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Robert Clark – Legal Intern

Guests Present:

Mike Polvere – Cage Titans

Chair Bryan Lambert explained that he would now be serving as chair to the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission as Paul Karger, the former chair of the Commission is no longer serving as a commissioner.

2. Discuss Regulatory Review

**1. 523 CMR 13.00: WEIGHT CLASSES, WEIGH-INS, PRE- AND POST-FIGHT
PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS, AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

Section 13.02 was discussed in depth as a follow up to the changes that were made in the last regulation review meeting. A fulsome discussion was had with regards to the names



of weight classes and the allowable difference in the amount of weight within a weight class. It was determined that collaboration with the medical Advisory Board as well as further review of section 13.06 would need to occur to have a reasonable solution to all raised concerns.

As section 13.04 was brought up, Legal intern Robert Clark along with Board Counsel Peter Kelly reported on the weight cutting prevention practices utilized by other states with state athletic commissions. His chief recommendations were to abstain from requiring blood or urine tests not corroborated by a lab, and that the time frame to have weigh ins to prevent detrimental weight cutting should remain at least at its present point within the regulations and not be moved closer to the event time, however it may be reasonable to implement a secondary weigh in. Commission members inquired as to the possible unreliability of non-lab approved urine tests, And Mr. Clark indicated that anything other than a lab test may not be reliable enough to make decisions regarding fighter's safety.

at this point, Mike Polvere of Cage Titans indicated that he had done some independent research on the matter and determined that in his brief study the amount of weight cut prior to fights is only about 4.2% as an average, with the highest amounts moving towards 8.5%. He indicated he did not believe weight cutting was as much of an issue as it has been purported to be in the past. The Commission indicated that they would take his comment into consideration.

A brief discussion was had with Board Counsel where if requiring a urine test or additional weigh in would be appropriate to implement during these changes in the regulation. Board counsel indicated that this would be an appropriate time to implement those changes if they were to do so. Executive director Greer Spatz asked Mr. Clark clarifying questions as to how an unhealthy amount of weight cutting is calculated, and what should happen to fighters who exceed what would be considered a healthy amount. Chair Brian Lambert indicated he would like to include the medical Advisory Board in on that discussion as well.

The next regulation review meeting was also decided to occur on July 7, 2022 at 11:30 AM.

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

An e-mail was sent to Commissioner Oded Carmi the day prior to the current meeting from Scott Kent of Lionfight Promotions inquiring as to what to do with a police detail issue. After further elaboration on the matter, it was determined no action needed to be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM

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