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1000 Washington Street, Suite 710 Boston, Massachusetts 02118

Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 8th, 2022

Time: 11:00 AM

1000 Washington Street, Boston MA, 02118 Conference Room 1D

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM

1. Roll Call

Commission: Paul Karger – Chairman Bryan Lambert – Commissioner Oded Carmi – Commissioner David Riccio – Commissioner Brian O'Connell-- DOL Comm'r designee

Staff: Greer Spatz Croxford – Executive Director Peter Kelley – Board Counsel Guy Licciardi – Compliance Officer III Wilfred St. Hilaire – Compliance Officer III Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Members of the Public: Michael Reyes – Reyes Boxing

A **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to have Bryan Lambert made as acting Chair as Chair Paul Karger would be participating over the phone. The motion was **Seconded** by David Riccio. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

2. Review/ Vote MSAC minutes for June 2, 2022

A **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to approve the June 2, 2022 meeting minutes (Exhibit A) and was **Seconded** by Dave Riccio. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Paul Karger voted **YES**, Bryan

EDWARD A. PALLESCHI UNDERSECRETARY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS REGULATION

LAYLA R. D'EMILIA COMMISSIONER, DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE Lambert voted YES, Oded Carmi voted YES, David Riccio voted YES, and Brian O'Connell voted YES. The motion passed Unanimously.

3. Applications

1. Review of Manager for MMA application for Christopher Chambers.

Mr. Chambers was not available for comment in reviewing his application. A call was placed to him at his provided number, but he did not pick up nor call back. A vote was not taken on this application.

2. Review of Manager for Boxing application for Albert Arcand

A call was placed to Mr. Arcane as he was not present in person at the meeting. He did not pick up initially but called back a minute later. After a brief discussion of Mr. Arcand's qualifications and history with Boxing over the phone, Commissioners inquired related to Mr. Arcand's familiarity with 523 CMR Section 9, related to managers. The applicant indicated he had not reviewed that part of the regulations. The application was tabled to the 7/20 MSAC Meeting.

While waiting on a call from Mr. Zerr to review his application, a discussion was had regarding Mr. Kent's Lion Fight promoter's license. Matters concerning the latest date the completed application can be processed were discussed. Mr. Zerr called back during the conversation, and the discussion was tabled to the end of the meeting.

3. Review of Matchmaker for Muay Thai application for Scott Zerr.

After a brief discussion of Mr. Zerr's qualifications (Exhibit B) and history with Muay Thai over the phone, a **Motion** was made by Oded Carmi to approve the application and **Seconded** by Dave Riccio. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Paul Karger voted **YES**, Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **YES**, Dave Riccio voted **YES**, and Brian O'Connell voted **YES**. The motion passed **Unanimously**.

4. Upcoming Events

A list of Upcoming Events (Exhibit C) was provided to the Commission where the following events are anticipated:

Fri June 17, 2022	MMA Event- Shriners- Wilmington, MA
Sat June 25, 2022	Boxing Granite Chin- Sheraton Hotel Framingham, MA
Sat July 2, 2022	MMA Cage Titans- Memorial Hall Plymouth, MA
Fri July 8, 2022	Lion Fight Promo Muay Thai House of Blues Boston, MA

Fri July 15, 2022	Rivera Boxing- Palladium Worcester, MA
Sat July 16, 2022	Reyes Boxing Braintree High School Gym
Sat July 23, 2022	Reyes Boxing 1 Patriot Place Gillette Stadium
Sat July 30, 2022	Vertex Boxing Mosley's Dedham, MA

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

Michael Reyes presented his variance requests for the 7/9 A Fighting Chance Inc Bout (Exhibit D). As the variances were not in a format that directly requested the specific relief from specific regulation requirements the Commission allowed Mr. Reyes to resubmit his variance requests in the proper manner via email to staff and be reviewed/voted on at the 6/13 MSAC Meeting that will be held via Teams.

A discussion of the authority the MSAC Commission members have when attending sanctioned fights was begun. The Commission asked staff to elaborate on the roles and responsibilities of individual Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and compliance officers at events and exhibitions. There was a suggestion to create an inspector license to assist in monitoring events along with the Deputy Commissioners, Commissioners, and Staff that attend the events to mitigate staffing issues and provide more flexibility in addressing matters as they come up at events.

Regarding Mr. Kent's application, The Commission determined the application was incomplete by not having an executed bond. A **Motion** was made by Brian O'Connell to table the Lion Fight application for consideration on the 6/13 MSAC meeting. **Seconded** by Dave Riccio. A **Roll Call** vote was taken where Paul Karger voted **YES**, Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi voted **NO**, Dave Riccio voted **YES**, and Brian O'Connell voted **YES**. The motion **Passed** 4/1.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM

Exhibit List:

- Exhibit A June 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Exhibit B Zerr Muay Thai Application
- Exhibit C 6/6 List of Upcoming Events
- Exhibit D A Fighting Chance Inc. Variance Requests