

**Massachusetts State Athletic Commission
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

1000 Washington Street, Boston

PUBLIC MINUTES

Date: July 16, 2018

Location: Rm. 1D

Time: 11:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Rod Walkey

Natasha Belizaire, Deputy General Counsel

Commissioner Charles Borstel

Matthew Keigan, Executive Director of Licensing

Commissioner Bryan Lambert

Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III

Commissioner Paul Karger

Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III

Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

GUESTS PRESENT:

Joseph Leonard, writer

Meeting called to order by Chair Rod Walkey at 11:02 AM.

1. Roll call

Rod Walkey, Chair

Paul Karger, Commissioner

Charles Borstel, Commissioner Division of Professional Licensure

Bryan Lambert, Commissioner

Jennifer Fraga, Program Coordinator II

Wilfrid St-Hilaire, Compliance Officer III

Guy Licciardi, Compliance Officer III

Natasha Belizaire, Deputy General Counsel

Matthew Keigan, Executive Director of Licensing

2. Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2018 and May 25, 2018

Commissioner Karger made a motion to approve the minutes from May 21, 2018 and May 25, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

3. Application for Promoter –Yvonne Grealish

Applicant Yvonne Grealish detailed her experience as a boxing gym owner and previously licensed boxing promoter over the last 30 years. Mrs. Grealish is looking to provide events for her boxers to participate on; her proposed venue is the Dorchester Armory. Commissioner Karger made a motion to approve the application for promoter, seconded by Commissioner Borstel. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

4. Application for Judge –Ernest Forte

Applicant Ernest Forte detailed his experience as a boxing judge under the jurisdiction of USA Boxing New England over the last 25 years as well as a former Deputy Commissioner for the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission. Commissioner Borstel made a motion to approve the application for judge, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Application for Referee –Daniel J. Miragliotta III

Applicant Daniel J. Miragliotta III detailed his experience as a mixed martial arts and muay thai referee throughout the country. Commissioner Borstel made a motion to approve the application for referee, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

6. Approval of “Amateur Unarmed Combatant Medical Waiver/Informed Consent” Form

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to accept the “Amateur Unarmed Combatant Medical Waiver/Informed Consent” Form as written, seconded by Commissioner Karger. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

7. Fee schedule for alternate Ringside Physician at weigh-in

Matthew Keigan, Executive Director of Licensing presented an adjustment to the 60/40 fee schedule set for Ringside Physicians working the events and weigh-ins. Most Recently, either doctor set to work an event were both unable to work the weigh-in; MSAC staff scheduled an alternate physician to staff the weigh-in and divided the fee schedule three ways. The two physicians working the event received \$400.00 each while the alternate doctor working the weigh-in received \$200.00; keeping within the \$1,000.00 fee schedule. This resolution was presented to the board for approval for further instances when the two scheduled physicians are not available to work the weigh-in. Commissioner Borstel made a motion to accept the adjustment in the fee schedule, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

8. Review of MSAC Applications

MSAC staff presented the newly revised program applications to the board for review and approval.

Professional Fighter Application

Commissioner Borstel made a motion to approve the professional fighter application pending the addition of language regarding the acceptance of medicals from other jurisdictions, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Amateur Fighter Application

Commissioner Karger made a motion to approve the amateur fighter application pending the addition of language regarding the acceptance of medicals from other jurisdictions, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

The board called to break at 11:55 AM. The meeting resumed at 11:58 AM.

Pro debut Fighter Application

Commissioner Borstel made a motion to approve the pro debut fighter application pending the addition of language regarding the acceptance of medicals from other jurisdictions, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Promoter Application

Commissioner Borstel made a motion to approve the promoter application pending further research from legal counsel on the good moral character clause and how it can be incorporated into the application as well as if the program can run criminal backgrounds on the applicants, seconded by Commissioner Karger. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Matchmaker Application

Commissioner Borstel made a motion to accept the matchmaker application as written, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Manager Application

Commissioner Borstel made a motion to accept the manager application as written, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Ringside Physician Application

Commissioner Lambert made a motion to accept the ringside physician application as written, seconded by Commissioner Karger. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Borstel made a motion to amend the approval of the professional fighter application to include a question regarding the training regimen of the fighter, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Borstel made a motion to table the remaining applications until the next board meeting in the interest of time, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

9. Upcoming MSAC Event Schedule/2018 MSAC Board Meetings

The board reviewed the upcoming schedules.

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

N/A

11. Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112 §65C

Commissioner Karger made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Lambert. Motion was passed by unanimous vote. The meeting closed at 12:30 PM.

Board Exhibits:

-Board packet contents

Draft minutes –May 21, 2018 and May 25, 2018

Promoter application –Yvonne Grealish

Judge application –Ernest Forte

Referee application – Daniel J. Miragliotta III

Draft -“Amateur Unarmed Combatant Medical Waiver/Informed Consent” Form

Fee schedule –Ringside Physicians

Draft MSAC applications –amateur fighter, pro-debut, professional fighter, promoter, matchmaker, manager, trainer, second, referee, judge, time keeper, *to include 523 CMR 6.03 through 6.09 for reference*

Upcoming MSAC events and meetings schedule