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Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners

Bryan Lambert – Chair

Oded Carmi

Brett Miller

Thomas Lacey

Staff

Andrew Bridges – Acting Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator I

Guy Licciardi – Compliance Officer III

Benjamin Donovan – Compliance Officer III

Members of Public

Michael Polvere – Cage Titans

Alex Sepulveda – President, USA Boxing New England Region

Mike McAtee – Executive Director, USA Boxing

Kevin MacDonald – Licensed Officials

Cory Schafer – ISKA

Jerry Thomas – Rough and Rowdy

2. **Review/Vote** MSAC minutes for December 13, 2023

Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the MSAC minutes for December 13, 2023. Brett Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



3. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Jamie Dalton informed the Commission that the Commonwealth cannot provide conference space or other resources for outside organization's events. She also noted that that staff would review scheduling opportunities for Deputy Commissioner training.

4. Executive Director Report

1. Boxer's Fund Status

Total in the Boxer's Fund as of December 31, 2023, was \$270,625.24. There were no applications currently under review.

2. Website Updates

Acting Executive Director Andrew Bridges reviewed website changes including new and upcoming changes to all aimed at making them easier for the public to use. The Commission reached a decision that because upcoming licensed events are now easily reviewed online, this item need not appear monthly on the Commission's public meeting agenda.

3. Regulation Review

Board Counsel informed the Commission that the regulations that were voted to be promulgated are still under review by the Commissioner of DOL, and once that is complete, an update will be provided to the Commission.

4. Fiscal Review 2023/2024

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

5. Applications

1. Review of MMA Judge's License for Richard Pontz

This application was tabled for a future meeting.

2. Review of Promoter's and Matchmaker's License for Richard Cappiello

This application was tabled for a future meeting.

3. Review of Boxing Promoter's and Matchmaker's License for Alexander Sepulveda

After a review of Mr. Sepulveda's application and experience with Boxing, Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the Boxing Promoter's application for Alexander Sepulveda pending receipt of a bond. Brett Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Oded Carmi then made a motion to approve the Boxing Matchmaker's application for Alexander Sepulveda. Brett Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review of Matthew Nolan

Brett Miller made a motion to approve the promoter's application for Matthew Nolan pending submission of a signed application. Thomas Lacey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Oded Carmi abstaining from the motion.

6. Discuss ISKA Sanctioning

ISKA and the Commission discussed ISKA's request for approval as an amateur sanctioning organization pursuant to 523 CMR 19. Board Counsel was asked to analyze whether ISKA's practice of compensating some fighters for promotional efforts conflicts with any Commission statute or regulations. .

7. Discuss USA Boxing Monthly Report

Chair Bryan Lambert discussed what the Commission would like to see from the USA Boxing Group with newly elected USA Boxing New England President Alexander Sepulveda and USA Boxing Executive Director Michael McAtee. No action was taken on this item.

8. Discuss Shadowing Criteria

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

9. Discuss Listening Session for State Championship Program Update

The Listening Session for the State Championship Program is scheduled to be held February 15, 2024, at 2 p.m..

10. Discuss Upcoming Events

The Upcoming Events for the month were reviewed, and the Commission directed that this item be removed from future agendas.

11. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Two variance requests were reviewed as items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting. The two requestors were advised to submit their future requests in well in advance of the meeting even if the event does not end up needing the variance request implemented.

Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the application for variance for Combat FC, regarding licensing additional fighters and matches in case of last-minute unavailability, as written in the submitted variance. BM seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Lacey made a motion to approve the application for variance regarding the "clinch," for NoBoundary for the January 20, 2024 event as written in the submitted variance request. Oded Carmi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 4:30 PM