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Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Hybrid Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM.

1. Roll Call

Commissioners:

Bryan Lambert - Chair

Oded Carmi

Brett Miller

John Navien

Thomas Lacey – DOL Commissioner's Designee

Staff:

Andrew Bridges – Acting Executive Director

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Paige Brenner – Program Coordinator

Members of the Public:

Chris Traietti – Granite Chin

Michael Polvere - Cage Titans

Patrick Sullivan - ISKA

Panagiotis – Applicant

2. **Review/Vote** MSAC minutes for January 10, 2024

Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the MSAC minutes for January 10, 2024. Thomas Lacey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



3. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel had no matters to report, but noted that a closed Executive Session would take place later in the meeting.

4. Executive Director Report

1. Boxer's Fund Status

There is currently \$271,000 in the Boxer's Fund available, and one application is currently under staff review.

2. Regulation Review

The MSAC had a discussion with the Commissioner of DOL Sarah Wilkinson regarding potentially adjusting the regulations currently under review in promulgation. Commissioner Wilkinson confirmed that the request could be considered, and a future agenda item regarding updating the MASC Regulations under review should be added at a future date.

3. Meeting Dates/Times

After a brief discussion confirming MSAC Commissioner's availability, staff was directed to change the start time of monthly MSAC meetings to 1:30 PM going forward.

5. **Executive Session** CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation.

Thomas Lacey made a motion to move to Executive Session and to then return to the public portion of the meeting from Executive Session. Oded Carmi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Applications

1. Review of Muay Thai Judge's Application for Jennifer Deakins

After a brief discussion with Jennifer Deakins and reviewing the submitted application, Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the Muay Thai Judge's application for Jennifer Deakins and Brett Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Review of Deputy Commissioner Application for Panagiotis Athanasopoulos

After a brief discussion with Panagiotis Athanasopoulos and reviewing the submitted application, Oded Carmi made a motion to deputize Mr. Athanasopoulos, Thomas Lacey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review of Boxing Matchmaker's Application for Matthew Nolan

After a brief review of Matthew Nolan's application, Oded Carmi made a motion to approve the application and Thomas Lacey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Discuss** USA Boxing Monthly Report

As the representative for USA Boxing New England chapter was not in attendance at this meeting to provide an update on the USA Boxing Events, Oded Carmi made a motion to direct counsel to draft correspondence to Alexander Sepulveda and including the USA Boxing National branch if deemed appropriate. Thomas Lacey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discuss/Vote Variance Request from CES

After a discussion with the promoter and the matchmaker regarding the requested variance, the applicant indicated that it would submit a revised variance request.

9. Discuss Granite Chin Presentation for 5/11/2024.

Chris Traietti of the promotion Granite Chin presented to the commission his intent to host a sanctioned boxing event in a tournament style. The Commission discussed with him various safety and operational concerns. No formal action was taken.

10. Discuss/Vote ISKA Sanctioning

After a brief deliberation regarding ISKA's request to be approved as an amateur sanctioning organization pursuant to 523 CMR 19, Brett Miller made a motion to deny the request. Thomas Lacey seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was held where Bryan Lambert voted **YES**, Oded Carmi abstained, Brett Miller voted **YES**, John Navien was absent from the vote and did not participate, and Thomas Lacey voted **YES**. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discuss Shadowing Criteria

This agenda item was tabled. No formal action was taken.

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

No matters were raised that were not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Thomas Lacey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Oded Carmi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM