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Public Meeting Minutes of the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Time: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Hybrid Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM

1. Roll Call

Commissioners

Bryan Lambert - Chair

John Navien

Thomas Lacey

Brett Miller

Staff

Jamie Dalton – Board Counsel

Andrew Bridges - Associate Deputy Commissioner, Acting as Executive Director

Jeffrey Williams – Program Coordinator I

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Meeting Minutes August 14, 2024

Thomas Lacey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 14, 2024. John Navien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Director Report

a. Boxers' Fund

The current balance is \$285,872.73. There are two applications in process; one will be reviewed by the Commission during this meeting, and the other is incomplete, and staff is working with the applicant to provide the required information.

b. Deputy Training

Because most deputies were unable to attend the September date for training, training will occur only on the November date instead. The agency has purchased hand wrapping materials and there will be a demonstration performed by two instructors. Staff will



directly work with individuals who are unable to attend the November training to schedule training for them.

Brett Miller joined the meeting already in progress.

c. **USA Boxing Update/Extension of delegation to staff of USA Boxing Licensure**

Associate Deputy Commissioner Bridges informed the Commission that only three amateur official applications have been received, and they are incomplete. Staff is working with the applicants to obtain the missing information so that the applications can move forward. The Commission discussed extending the delegation to staff to approve USA Boxing amateur license applications. Chairman Lambert raised concerns that some officials may be operating without licenses at amateur shows and stated that USA Boxing's compliance should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Chairman Lambert made a motion to extend for an additional 60 days the delegated authority for staff to approve amateur official licenses. The motion was seconded by Thomas Lacey. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Dalton reported back on a question asked at the prior meeting and stated that the Commission's Southeast Asian Kickboxing regulations are self-contained, and do not incorporate or refer to any other organization's rules. She also informed the Commission that a licensee has appealed to Superior Court the Commission's recent decision not to grant a hearing pursuant to 523 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 14.20.

5. Discussion

a. Applications

- i. **Alex Roman, Boxing Judge Application** - Alexander Roman was present at the meeting. After discussion with the applicant, Commissioner John Navien made a motion to approve the Boxing Judge Application contingent on completing shadowing requirements, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. **Patrick Mayombo, Boxing Manager Application** - Patrick Mayombo was present at the meeting. After discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the Boxing Manager application, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. The motion passed unanimously.
- iii. **John Callas, Boxing Referee Application** - John Callas was present at the meeting. After discussion with the applicant, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the Boxing Referee application, which was seconded by Commissioner Lacey.
- iv. **Joshua Beeman, Deputy Commissioner Application** - Joshua Beeman not present at the meeting. Commissioner Bryan Lambert determined that the Commission should have discussion with Mr. Beeman tabled his application.

- b. **Derek Martin, Boxer's Fund Application** - Derek Martin was not present at the meeting, but Michael Polvere was present and identified himself as Mr. Martin's representative. Commissioner Lambert determined that Mr. Martin should appear and discuss with the Commission his circumstances as they relate to the regulatory requirements for disbursements from the Boxers' Fund. Chairman Lambert tabled Mr. Martin's application and he will be invited to a future meeting.

c. Potential increase to physician pay

The Commission discussed potentially increasing the fee paid by a Promoter to a Ringside Physician when there is an approved variance to 523 CMR 14.08 allowing one doctor to work an event. Dr. Warinner, representing the Medical Advisory Board (MAB), noted that the pay scale is less than what doctors can earn doing other work, but that increasing the fees to \$500 for the weigh-in and \$750 for the event would feel more appropriate to the MAB. After discussion, including noting a desire to be fair to Promoters as well, Commissioner Miller made motion to approve the pay increase for Ringside Physician work to \$500 for weigh-in and \$750 each for two doctors, or \$1,500 for a single doctor, beginning on October 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Miller made a motion to extend the Commission's previous determination that a single physician working an event earns \$1250 until October 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacey. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Shadowing (tabled August 2024)

This item was tabled and may be addressed at the next meeting.

6. Hearing on C2-0144 (Respondent Jimmy Burchfield, Jr) to begin at 2:30 p.m.

The hearing on Docket C24-00144 considered whether the Respondent may be subject to discipline because of violation of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 147, Section 40, for failing to pay to the Commission two percent (2%) of the total gross receipts generated from the exploitation of broadcasting rights. Jimmy Burchfield, Jr. attended and provided evidence and testimony. Salvatore Ciulla, Jr, prosecutor, presented evidence of the alleged violations, including documentary exhibits. The Commission provided Mr. Burchfield the opportunity to submit a post-hearing brief or additional exhibits within seven days. No decision was issued on this matter during the meeting.

7. USA Boxing Monthly Report (August & September)

This item was tabled and may be addressed at the next meeting.

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

There were no matters not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Commissioner Carmi made a motion to adjourn the public session of meeting and to enter closed session and adjourn from there. Commissioner Navien seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 3:35 pm.

9. Investigatory Conference – CLOSED per M.G.L c. 112, § 65C

10. Quasi-Judicial Session - CLOSED per M.G.L c. 30A, § 18(d)

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