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CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 23, 2015
10:00 a.m. - conclusion of business

Location:
Ronald Regan Building - Auditorium
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Commissioners Present
Chair John Carvelli
Vice-Chair Mary Lehman
Commissioner John Frierson
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez
Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter
Commissioner Vernon Williams, MD
Commissioner Luis Ayala

Staff Present
Andy Foster, Executive Officer
Sophia Cornejo, Assistant Executive Officer
Gary Duke, Legal Counsel
Leslie Lopez, Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 1 – Call the meeting to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance
The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome - Chairman's Opening Remarks
Chairman Carvelli stated that Commission staff are limited and it is difficult to guarantee that all officials and licensees are notified personally of the meeting. He explained that all meeting notices and agendas are posted on the website (www.dca.ca.gov/csac) and it is the responsibility of the Commission to ensure that the public is aware of what is occurring with the Commission.

The Commission celebrated Mr. Marty Denkin's retirement at The Forum on May 16, 2015.

On July 3, 2015 the North American Boxing Federation will be holding their 2015 Convention in San Francisco, California. The Chairman and Executive Officer have both been invited to attend and present on behalf of the Commission.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the April 28, 2015, Commission Meeting Minutes
Vice-chair Mary Lehman mentioned that there are some typographical errors to be corrected and suggested that staff add the patch that was approved to the minutes so that the public can see.

Vice-chair Lehman motioned to approve the minutes as modified; Commissioner Ayala seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Review and approval of modifications to the Therapeutic Use Exemption proposed regulation language and Rule 303
Ms. Leslie Lopez gave a summary of the changes to the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) proposed language. Martha Shen-Urquidez gave background information on when the Commission began the process of proposing this regulation change. Gary Duke stated that the Article 14 should be changed to Article 12.5.

Vice-chair Lehman motioned to approve the modified TUE language and allow staff to make technical changes; Dr. Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 5 – Review and approval of modifications to the Transgender Athlete proposed regulation language and rule 201
Ms. Leslie Lopez gave a summary of the changes to the Transgender proposed language. Vice-chair Lehman gave background information on when the Commission started the process of proposing this regulation change.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the modifications to the Transgender language; Commissioner Ayala seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 6 – Appeal of license suspension and fine from Pablo Caesar Cano
The appeal hearing for Pablo Caesar Cano took place. Mr. Gary Duke gave background on the appeal and explained the procedures for the hearing with regard to the Deputy Attorney General's presence.

Commissioner John Frierson motioned to reduce the time of the suspension to 6 months and the fine stand at $2,500.00; Commissioner Luis Ayala seconded the motion.

The motion passed by 4-3 roll call vote.

Ayala – Yes; Dr. Williams – Yes; Frierson – Yes; Sauter – Yes; Shen-Urquidez – No; Lehman – No; Carvelli – No

Agenda Item 7 – Appeal of license suspension and fine from Alexander Shlemenko
The appeal hearing for Alexander Shlemenko took place – began at 11:43 a.m.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to uphold the Executive Officer's recommendation to uphold the 3 year suspension and $10,000 fine; Commissioner Frierson seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 10 – Discussion and possible action regarding the USA Boxing's request for a waiver of the mandatory head gear rule for the United States Olympic Trials in ~~August~~ December 2015

The Executive Officer (EO), Mr. Andy Foster, stated that the United States (U.S.) Olympic Trials will be held in December 2015, as opposed to August 2015 which was stated on the Commission meeting Agenda.

Mr. Mike Martino presented the Commissioners with his request for an exemption to allow amateur boxers to compete in the U.S. Olympic Trials in December 2015, without headgear. He further requested that the Commission table the issue since it is not urgent, and that he would like an opportunity to discuss further with the newly appointed Executive Director of the International Boxing Association (AIBA). He stated that he agrees that wearing headgear protects athletes, therefore, he would like the Commission to table the issue at this time.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that USA Boxing has been stating that they would provide medical documentation associated with headgear in amateur boxing, however they have not provided anything. She agrees that this matter should be tabled since it now appears that the empirical data from 2013 was premature. She suggested to Mr. Martino that when they are ready to present this matter again to the Commission, that they have the medical documentation ready for the Commission's review. Mr. Martino reiterated that USA Boxing agrees that headgear is beneficial for amateur boxing. With that being said, he stated that if the U.S. wants to compete internationally, the team is required to compete under AIBA's rules, which requires removal of the headgear.

Dr. Williams stated that he agrees that there needs to be additional data submitted for review before a decision can be made.

Commissioner Ayala agreed with Commissioners Shen-Urquidez and Dr. Williams. He further asked for clarification on whether or not USA Boxing needs to request, from each and every state, an exemption? Mr. Martino responded that yes, USA Boxing is required to do so.

The Commission decided to table this item.

Agenda Item 9 – Discussion, review and possible action regarding the status of current delegation to USA Boxing

The Commission decided to table this item.

Agenda Item 8 – Executive Officer's Report

a. Budget Update

The EO gave the budget update. He stated that the Commission will exceed revenue projections for this year and will be reverting money back. This year, due to settlements, it was important to be frugal.

b. Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations and Legislation

The EO gave an overview of pending regulations and legislation.

c. Traumatic Brain Injury Test Field Kits Update
EO stated that the brain scanners were ordered and received. The Commission and a few Ringside Physicians will be receiving training as well as utilizing them at the UFC Fight Night on July 15, 2015 in San Diego, CA.

d. Catastrophic Injury Incident Plan Update
Commissioner Sauter recommended that the Commission create a Catastrophic Injury Incident Plan. The EO, Chairman, Assistant EO and Dr. Paul Wallace worked on producing a plan. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez suggested possibly having a plan like this for the various venues – for emergency situations, allowing the Staff and Commissioners to know how to safely vacate larger venues.

Dr. Williams commented that this can be extended to certain kinds of messages (statements), or public relations (PR), drafted before each event. Have this message ready in case of an emergency. Chairman asked the EO to work with the Department of Consumer Affairs Office of Public Affairs, to draft press releases for various scenarios.

e. Status Update of Officials Training Subcommittee
The EO stated that there have been numerous conference calls on this topic. He stated that the Commission is conducting the Pod Index online scoring with 12 volunteers to test the training mechanism. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that CSAC officials will be required, throughout the year, to score a certain amount of practice rounds utilizing this tool. Boxing officials will be required to practice judge 100 rounds per year, 50 televised rounds, and 50 live* rounds. MMA officials will be required to practice judge 30 rounds per year, 15 televised rounds, and 15 live* rounds. *Live - Attending the event as a non-working official and practice judge.

The official will be required to maintain a certain percentage of accuracy in order to continue to receive assignments. The goal of this requirement is to ensure that all judges are trained, and continue their education. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that there will be two stakeholder meeting, one in Northern California and one in Southern California. She further mentioned that the Commission needs to create a test for the officials (4 for MMA& 4 for Boxing) that will be given at the ABC Convention in July 2015.

f. Status Update of Delegated Entities
The EO presented the reports provided by CAMO and IKF. Mr. JT Steele stated that he loves the idea of the emergency plan and that all delegated entities should be included in the emergency plan efforts.
g. Neurological Fund Update
The EO gave an update on the Neurological Fund. He stated that the spending authority has been cut.

h. Association of Boxing Commissions' San Diego Convention Update
The EO explained that the ABC Convention Agenda is in the Commission materials for review.

i. Update on Process to Monitor and Report Weight Gain from Weigh-In to Bout

The EO stated that there is a major concern regarding significant weight gain from the day of the weigh-in to the day of the event. The average weight gain at a recent MMA event was 19 pounds. He stated that current data has indicated that this concern is not as significant in boxing. However, the Commission is continuing to compile the data. The EO has ordered specific gravity strips to incorporate with the drug testing. These strips are utilized to tell if an athlete is dehydrated or over hydrated. It is possible to over hydrate and dilute urine samples which makes it difficult for the lab to test these samples. Nevada is currently working on a case where the first test was positive, however, the second test was negative. It appears that excessive hydration diluted the second sample, resulting in a negative finding.

Agenda Item 11 – Return to play discussion: Is a 45/30 day medical suspension requirement adequate?

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that she found on Dr. William' web site, a study regarding concussions. This study was regarding the difference between women and men recovering from concussions. The average recovery for women was 27 days and for men it was 67 days. She suggested that Commission consider modifying the mandatory medical suspension requirement. Dr. Williams stated that it would be a good idea to ask the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) to look at this matter further. Commissioner Frierson stated that he agrees this matter definitely be looked at.

Chair Carvelli requested that the EO relay this issue to the MAC for further research.
Dr. Williams offered to assist the MAC with this topic and circle back at the next Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 12 – Discussion regarding issues brought forth at the April 28, 2015 meeting, concerning International Kickboxing Federation's social media posts and unsanctioned events.

President of International Kickboxing Federation, Mr. Steve Fossum, was not in attendance at the meeting. The EO stated that Mr. Fossum said he confused the dates of the meeting.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez provided 3 hand-outs from IKF's web site of items still on the web site that the Commission has requested Mr. Fossum to remove the items 6 months ago. She further stated that IKF is required to follow CSAC's rules and reviewed many rules which do not appear to meet or exceed the corresponding CSAC rules.

Chair Carvelli recommends sending an official letter to Mr. Fossum noticing him that IKF has been placed on probation for 60 days.
Commissioner Frierson stated that he would have a difficult time making a decision on this without Mr. Fossum being present.

Chair Carvelli motioned to place IKF on probation until the next Commission meeting with a requirement that Mr. Fossum attend the next meeting to present his case to maintain the delegation; Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion. Sauter commented that we should state it's a continuation of this relationship.

The motion passed by 5-0 roll call vote.

Dr. Williams – Yes; Frierson – Yes; Sauter – Yes; Shen-Urquidez – Yes; Carvelli – Yes
Lehman – Absent; Ayala – Absent;

Agenda Item 13 – Public comment on items not on the agenda
There was no public comment.

Agenda Item 14 – Set Next Meeting and ADJOURNMENT
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2015, in Los Angeles, CA.

ADJOURNMENT