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CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
10:00 a.m. - conclusion of business

Location:
State Capitol, Room 444
Sacramento, CA 95814

Commissioners Present
Chair John Carvelli
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez
Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter
Commissioner Vernon Williams, MD

Commissioners Absent
Vice-Chair Mary Lehman
Commissioner John Frierson Commissioner
Luis Ayala

Staff Present
Andy Foster, Executive Officer
Sophia Cornejo, Assistant Executive Officer
Gary Duke, Legal Counsel

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 asked for a moment of silence for Inspector Rose Saavedra.

Chairman Carvelli expressed best wishes to Commissioner John Frierson who is recovering.

Chairman Carvelli mentioned that he received a letter from an official on behalf of another official and clarified a recent policy he distributed regarding assignments of officials. He explained that the process of assigning officials is very dynamic. He stated that anyone who feels the need to approach this Commission with concerns is welcome to do so. Further, he acknowledged that any concerns brought to the Commission should not be done in a threatening manner.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the September 1, 2015, Commission Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the minutes; Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez suggested revisions to Agenda Items 10 and 11.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the minutes as revised; Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of September 30, 2015, Teleconference Commission Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the minutes; Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officers Report
a. Budget Update
Executive Officer (EO) Foster presented the Commission with an update on the budget for Fiscal Month (FM) 4. Chairman Carvelli inquired as to when the EO anticipates hitting a one-year reserve. The EO responded that he thinks it will possibly happen in about 18 months, of course depending on the number of events we regulate in 2016. The EO also gave an update on the Commission's expenditures. He feels that the Commission is in good financial health.

Commissioner Sauter inquired about how the industry as a whole is doing in California and its financial health. EO Foster responded that his observation is that the industry is doing quite well. Further, he explained that the Commission recently licensed a major East Coast promoter and explained that it shows how more promoters are coming to California to hold their large events. While the number of events may be steady, the type of events are larger and televised. EO Foster stated he is noticing boxing is doing better than MMA at this time. Commissioner Sauter stated that he thinks there should be an objective analysis as to how California is doing, compared to other states. Commissioner Sauter would like to know how many tickets have been sold in California and the dollar value of those tickets. This report should be included in the Commission's Annual Performance report. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that last year there was a Large Event Subcommittee and it may be beneficial to bring that back. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez worked hard on having one-on-one conversations with the Promoters to bring their business back to California. She stated that marketing to the athletes as well as the Promoters is also a good idea. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez will put together an action plan for the Large Event Subcommittee. Commissioner Sauter stated that we may want to have an employee that is dedicated to this endeavor.

Commissioner Sauter and Commissioner Shen-Urquidez volunteered to be on the Large Event Subcommittee.

EO Foster continued the budget update, presenting the Commissioners with an update to the Pension Fund.

b. Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations and Legislation
EO Foster and AEO Cornejo will start amendments on the Discrimination language and present at the next meeting. EO Foster gave an update of all completed and pending regulations.

c. Status Update of Delegated Entities
CAMO - Mr. JT Steele gave an update to the Commissioners on CAMO. The biggest change with CAMO is implementing the Minimum Weight Standards that will go into effect January 1, 2016. Mr. Steele gave a summary of the plan and how it will work. In addition to their normal physical examination, Athletes will need their doctor to determine their lean body mass; 7% is added and that will then be their "minimum weight." CAMO will start with the 7% and see how that will work and reevaluate later. CAMO does this by holding "licensing events" for athletes to attend to have this physical done where all of the necessary equipment is available. Commissioner Williams asked if there is any plan for educating these athletes as to why this change is happening. EO Foster responded that the Commission is holding a Weight Cutting Summit in Los Angeles next month, where this information will be evaluated. EO Foster commented that it is a universal agreement that there is a problem with weight cutting. He further stated that this is the most progressive step any Commission has taken regarding weight cutting. Mr. Steele mentioned that he doesn't want to make the licensing process so burdensome that athletes go to unregulated events. Chairman thanked Mr. Steele for mentioning that and stated that this is something CAMO and the Commission should pay close attention to, in order to get in front of the potential problem.

IKF - Mr. Steve Fossum gave an update to the Commission on IKF and presented his report from June through November 2015. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated IKF needs to comply with all requests for documentation, just as other delegations; these include, IKF financials which need to be provided to Commission office before the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez also stated that it would help if there was a database that was easily accessible to everyone. Mr. Fossum responded that they have contracted with a private company to maintain their database. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that IKF's web site is very difficult to navigate and she would like to see Mr. Fossum work on improving the web site so that other jurisdictions have access to suspensions, etc.

USFL - EO Foster presented the report provided by USFL. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez would like the injury report provided confidentially for anyone under 18.

d. Neurological Fund Update
The information on the Neuro Fund was covered by EO Foster in his budget update. No additional information was available at this time.

e. Updated on implementation of Specific Gravity Strips
EO Foster gave the Commissioners an overview of how the Specific Gravity Strips are used and what the Commission is looking for in utilizing them. He explained that the Commission will be using them at the Dragon House event on November 21, 2015. All of the Inspectors will be trained on how to use them. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that she is

concerned that if the test is given at the event, the fighter may have already IV rehydrated. EO Foster stated that although this is possible, at least the fighter is safe to fight; however, they have beaten the test. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez asked that if there is a test available to determine if someone has rehydrated by IV. EO Foster responded that there is a way to test for that however, it is not 100% accurate - it is also very costly as it is a blood test.

f. Stakeholder Meeting to address dehydration and excessive weight cutting
EO Foster stated that a Stakeholder Meeting will be held on December 17, 2015, and presented to the Commission the entities that will be in attendance.

g. Report on Association of Ringside Physicians Annual Conference
EO Foster gave a summary of the conference and further stated that a major area discussed was adding TB testing as a requirement of athletes. This was also discussed at the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting. He further stated that another issue discussed at this conference was the major differences between males and females in combat sports. The Commissioners agreed that women's issues to be included in the action plan for the Large Event Subcommittee.

h. Update on Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards
EO Foster stated that the MAC meeting was held on November 7, 2015. All MAC members were present. EO Foster stated that he felt it was an extraordinary meeting regarding the Neurological Regulation Language. The MAC had great recommendations for the proposed language.

Commissioner Williams stated that the MAC also talked about the general foundation of how the MAC should work and the purpose of the Committee. He stated that the MAC had to prioritize the agenda items because it was a lengthy agenda. There was activity related to TB testing and the eye examination requirements. Williams stated that he is looking forward to working more with the MAC in the future.

EO Foster closed by thanking DCA for approving his Out-of-State Travel to attend the Association of Ringside Physicians conference. It was extremely beneficial to the Commission.

Agenda Item 6 – Discussion, review and possible action regarding the status of current delegation to USA Boxing
EO Foster presented the materials provided by USA Boxing and further stated that there are concerns regarding USA Boxing's Rule Book and that some of the rules do not meet or exceed the Commission's rules, as required. He further stated that the head gear has to be a requirement for amateur boxers and that the Commission can propose emergency regulation stating this requirement. Legal counsel Gary Duke gave the Commissioners a summary of the emergency regulation process.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez commented that if California promulgates regulations to require head gear for all amateur boxers, the Olympic Trials will not hold any competitions in California. She further stated that we have a policy to require head gear, therefore she feels

we are required to proceed with regulations. Commissioner Williams was in agreement with Commissioner Shen-Urquidez. Commissioner Sauter inquired as to what the Olympic people do once these regulations are passed. EO Foster stated that he does not anticipate them to do anything. California boxers can still go to other states to get into the Olympics. Commissioner Sauter agrees that the Commission should proceed with regulations, but also need to be ready for questions that are received regarding the proposed rule and what the impact will be. Commissioner Sauter stated that he thinks the response may be that California boxers cannot compete in the Olympics, and although this may not be an accurate statement, the Commission needs to be ready to respond.

Legal Counsel Gary Duke stated that he and EO Foster will continue to work on going through all of USA Boxing's Rules to ensure all of their rules meet or exceed the Commission's rules.

Chairman Carvelli requested Mr. Duke and EO Foster to work on draft language for emergency regulations.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that the Commission is still unaware of USA Boxing's licensing fees in California. She would also like to know how much of the licensing fees are actually spent on health and safety on an International and/or National level. She further stated that this has been requested more than once and that the Commission has yet to receive this information.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez pointed out many areas in the USA Boxing Rulebook that need to be discussed further and modified and/or removed.

Agenda Item 10 – Posthumous Certificate of Appreciation for Rebecca Alvarez
Chairman Carvelli presented a Posthumous Certificate of Appreciation for Rebecca Alvarez.

Agenda Item 7 – Review and approval of proposed changes to section 232, of Article 3, of Division 2, of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations - "Payment of Contestants"
EO Foster presented the Commissioners the agenda item regarding amending section 232, Payment to Contestants. Mr. Duke expressed his concerns that there may be issues with our statutory authority. He stated that the Commission can proceed with regulations and if the Office of Administrative Law denies the regulation change, the Commission can seek legislation for the authority.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the proposed changes to section 232 with the additional changes discussed and authorize Commission staff to proceed with the rulemaking process; Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 8 – Review and approval of second modified language to California Code of Regulations sections 201.5, 303, 424, 425, 426, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837 regarding "Definitions, Prohibited Substances and Methods, Therapeutic Use Exemptions, Transgender Athletes."
AEO Cornejo presented the Commission with a summary of this agenda item and recommended to the Commission the approval of the 3rd modified text.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the proposed changes and authorize Commission staff to proceed with the rule making process; Commissioner Sauter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 9 – Business and Professions Code section 18640.5 allows the Commission to invite stakeholder testimony at Commission meetings in order to identify actions that may lead to greater opportunities for licensees to participate in major professional boxing contests.
There was no comment for this Agenda Item.

Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
Mr. Steve Fossum stated that Fight Sport Insider was appointed by the Association of Boxing Commissions to be the official entity to oversee a database for Kickboxing (KB) and Muay Thai (MT). However it is not a requirement for all commissions to report the results to them. He also stated that he is hearing feedback from industry that they would like to see IKF help out with the professional regulation of KB and MT and help build the sports.

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Agenda Item 12 – Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1) the Commission will conduct an annual review of the Executive Officer
N/A

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Agenda Item 13 – Next Meeting Scheduled for February 2, 2015, in Los Angeles, CA

ADJOURNMENT