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CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday September 20, 2010

9:15 A.M. – 2:18 P.M.

Junipero Serra State Building | Carmel Room
 320 West Fourth Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90013

Commissioners Present:

Chairman John Frierson
 Commissioner Dr. Van Lemons
 Commissioner Eugene Hernandez

Vice-Chairman Dr. Christopher Giza
 Commissioner Steve Alexander

Commissioner(s) Not Present:

Commissioner DeWayne Zinkin

Staff Present:

George Dodd, Executive Officer
 Dale Chessey, Asst. Executive Officer
 Che Guevara, Assistant Chief Athletic Inspector

Karen Chappelle, Deputy Attorney General
 Gil DeLuna, Dept. Consumer Affairs (DCA)
 Spencer Walker, Legal Counsel

The minutes reflect the order in which the agenda items were heard.

AGENDA ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. Commissioners present and accounted for: Chairman Frierson, Vice-Chairman Giza, Commissioner Lemons, Commissioner Alexander, and Commissioner Hernandez. Commissioner(s), not present: Commissioner Zinkin.

AGENDA ITEM 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2010 AND AUGUST 18, 2010

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the meetings held on July 26, 2010 and August 18, 2010, pending minor changes.

AGENDA ITEM 3. CHAIRMAN REMARKS

Chairman Frierson made no opening statements

AGENDA ITEM 4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT – GEORGE DODD

Status of the Office

Executive Officer Dodd opened the meeting by giving a yearly briefing (Calendar year January 2009 – December 2009). He explained that overtime for inspectors has been cut until a budget is in place, and that an exemption has been submitted.

Personnel Update

Executive Officer Dodd informed that, when the budget is passed, he intends to hire a Chief Athletic Inspector, and a part-time employee for the El Monte office in Southern California. Mr. Dodd introduced the new Assistant Executive Officer, Dale Chessey.

Status of Information Technology Projects

Executive Officer Dodd explained the new licensing database and stated that it is set to go live online in the beginning of 2011.

Budget Update

Executive Officer Dodd mentioned that, to date, a budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 was not in place. He also pointed out that, without a budget in place, travel expense claims will not be issued, however all contractors are still honoring standing contracts.

Physician/Officials Training

Executive Officer Dodd informed the commission that the officials/physicians training for both Northern and Southern California have been conducted.

Event Cancellations

Executive Officer Dodd stressed to the promoters, the impact that canceling on short notice has on the officials and office staff. He also pointed out that there will be future repercussions on any promoter that tends to have this type of pattern with regard to the scheduling of their events.

Executive Officer Dodd announced that the Muay Thai sub-committee meeting will be held on October 18, 2010 at the Van Nuys state building from 2:00 P.M to 5:00 P.M. He also recommended to the commissioners that another sub-committee be formed to evaluate the pension plan and look into the possibilities of including Mixed Martial Arts (MMA).

AGENDA ITEM 5. DCA DIRECTORS REPORT

Gil DeLuna, on behalf of the Department of Consumer Affairs' Director Brian Stiger, briefed the commission on the current standing of the hiring freeze within the state. He informed the Commission that the new online licensing database for the department, BreEZe, is on target for completion in February 2014.

AGENDA ITEM 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marty Denkin recommended to the commission that they implement Rule 279 for use with officials evaluations.

Andrew Madigan briefed the commission on a new organization called the World Series of Boxing.

Jeremiah Williamson requested the reinstatement of his license. Action cannot be taken on any item in the public comment section, therefore Mr. Williamson must work with EO Dodd to be placed on a future agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 7. APPLICANTS FOR REFEREE AND JUDGE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMISSIONBill Oseguera

Executive Officer Dodd gave his recommendation to deny Bill Oseguera's license at this time as a Boxing Judge, and suggests that he enroll into a mentorship program to gain experience in the professional rankings.

John Newburg

Executive Officer Dodd gave a verbal recommendation to approve John Newburg with a Professional Mixed Martial Arts Judge license. Moved, seconded and carried to approve Mr. Newburg's license.

AGENDA ITEM 8. NEW PROMOTER APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Lords of Combat

Moved, seconded and carried to approve a professional promoter's license to Anwar Elmahrek with Lords of Combat after a recommendation from Executive Officer Dodd.

The following promoter licenses have been denied pending appearance in front of commission:
Brian Manna, Pongsan Vivo, Israel Montes – Battle of the Badges, and Tuff Promotions.

AGENDA ITEM 9. LICENSE REINSTATEMENT

Danny Batchelder – Drugs of Abuse

After a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to deny Mr. Batchelder a professional athlete license.

AGENDA ITEM 10. LICENSE APPEAL

Rickey Funez – Seconds license

After testimonies from Inspector Mark Relyea, Event Supervisor Sid Segovia, and Boxing Judge Marty Denkin, as well as extensive discussion, there was a motion made, seconded and passed (4-1) to deny the appeal and increase the fine to the maximum amount of \$2,500. Mr. Funez will be eligible to reapply in January 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Muay Thai Subcommittee

Vice-Chairman Giza reiterated the Muay Thai sub-committee meeting and location as previously announced by Executive Officer Dodd.

[Lunch Break – 12:05 PM to 1:00 PM]

AGENDA ITEM 12. APPROVAL OF DRAFTED REGULATOR LANGUAGE

Moved, seconded and carried to commence the regulatory process pending minor changes to language.

AGENDA ITEM 13. PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Executive Officer Dodd briefed the Commission on the proposed legislation to authorize limiting the number of officials being licensed. Moved, seconded and carried to proceed with legislation.

AGENDA ITEM 14. SUNSET REVIEW

Assistant Executive Officer Dale Chessey presented the sunset review report, discussed some historic and current areas of interest and answered questions. Moved, seconded and carried to approve the sunset review document to be sent to the Legislature.

AGENDA ITEM 15. NEUROLOGICAL/BOXERS PENSION FUND REPORT TO LEGISLATION

Vice-Chairman Giza and commissioner Lemons requested to give recommendations on the language to be sent to legislation. Moved, seconded and carried to proceed with the legislation process.

AGENDA ITEM 16. STRATEGIC PLAN - UPDATE

After a brief discussion and minor changes, a motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the strategic plan pending minor changes.

AGENDA ITEM 17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Marty Denkin requested Rule 368, 373, 371 and 379 to be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

2. Commissioner Lemons referenced an article on mortality rates of head injuries in professional boxing be included in the meeting package and requested it to be placed on a future agenda for further discussion, and the possibility of having two doctors present their research and article material with regard to head trauma and the sport of boxing.
3. Fair Political Practice ruling regarding tickets for Commissioners.
4. Badges for Commission members and representatives.

Future Dates

- Commission meeting in Sacramento on December 2, 2010 at 9:30 A.M.
- Commission meeting in Los Angeles on February 1, 2010 at 9:30 A.M.

AGENDA ITEM 19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 P.M. on September 20, 2010.