

Department of Consumer Affairs
California State Athletic Commission

COMMISSION MEETING

October 17, 2017

Los Angeles, CA



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Commissioner John Frierson
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez
Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter
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COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Conclusion of Business

Location:

Hilton LAX

5711 West Century Blvd., Carmel Room
Los Angeles, CA 90045

ORDER OF ITEMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. Welcome - Chairman's Opening Remarks
3. Approval of the August 15, 2017, Commission Meeting Minutes
4.
 - a. Business and Professions Code section 18640.5 requires 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.
 - b. Recognition of Golden Boy Promotions for providing greater opportunities for CSAC licensees to participate in major professional boxing contests.
5. Executive Officer's Report
 - a. Budget Update for the Support Fund, the Neurological Fund, and Pension Program
 - b. Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations
 - Payment of Contestants (Amendment to Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 232.)
 - Headgear for Amateur Kickboxing (Amendment to Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 711.)
 - Examination of Boxer Applicants (Amendment to Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 280.)

- c. Status Update of Delegated Entities
 - California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organizations (CAMO)
 - USA Boxing (USA Boxing)
 - United States Fight League (USFL)
 - International Kickboxing Federation (IKF)
 - d. Update on C3 Logix Sports Concussion Management Program
 - e. Update on CSAC 10 Point Plan to address severe dehydration and weight cutting in MMA
 - f. Report on 2nd annual Regulating Combative Sports Conference
 - g. Upcoming Event Schedule and discussion regarding event activity
6. Pension Fund Subcommittee Report (Commissioners Lehman and Ayala)
 7. Discussion regarding allowing boxing judges use of monitors (when available) while judging bouts and/or using more judges to score the contest so that the scores for matches best reflect what happened in the match.
 8. Review and approval of Processing a Petition for "Change of Decision" Under 4 CCR § 368.
 9. Review and approval of Promoter application from Eric VanWagenen, Executive Producer and Brian Edwards, EVP of TV Operations for MGM.
 10. Public Comment on Items Not on The Agenda.
(The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting pursuant to Government Code §§ 11125, 11125.7(a))
 11. Next Meeting Scheduled for December 12, 2017, in Sacramento.
 12. ADJOURNMENT

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agenda except public comment.
Action may be taken on any item listed on

CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

10:00 a.m. - Conclusion of Business

Location:

*University of West Los Angeles
9800 South La Cienega Boulevard, 12th Floor
Inglewood, CA 90301*

Commissioners Present

Chair John Carvelli
Vice Chair Mary Lehman
Commissioner Vernon Williams, MD
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez
Commissioner Luis Ayala
Commissioner John Frierson

Staff Present

Andy Foster, Executive Officer
Gary Duke, Legal Counsel

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 1 – Call the meeting to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance/ Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Agenda Item 2 –Welcome –Chairman’s opening remarks

Chairman Carvelli welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr. Dean Grafilo, the recently appointed Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Department), as well as former Commissioner. Director Grafilo briefly explained his background with the Athletic Commission and commended Executive Officer (EO) Andy Foster on his efforts during his tenure. He further expressed his commitment to maintaining the mission of the Athletic Commission and encouraging coordination with the Department. Vice Chair Mary Lehman asked Director Grafilo to share some of his advice from his experience as a commissioner. He explained that although his time was short on the Commission, he tends to approach to issues that he is not an expert in is to seek out

the wisdom of experts in the field. Commissioner Frierson asked if he anticipates representatives from the Governor's Office attending commission meetings in the future. Commissioner Ayala congratulated Director Grafilo on his appointment. Chairman Carvelli expressed the concern of public participation and requested the Department's assistance on outreach with, among other things, the Boxer's Pension Fund. Director Grafilo stated that he has no hesitation in being a champion for the Commission in any way.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the May 16, 2017, Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Ayala motioned to approve the May 16, 2017, Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

Executive Officer (EO) Andy Foster presented the Commission with revisions submitted by Vice Chair Lehman.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Greg Patschull provided comments regarding the Executive Officer's Report, specific to the delegated entities, C3 Logix and Headgear.

Commissioner Ayala revised the motion to reflect the revisions. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion to include the revisions.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of the June 5, 2017, Commission Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Lehman motioned to approve the June 5, 2017, Commission Teleconference Meeting minutes, as is.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer's Report

a. Budget Update for the Support Fund, the Neurological Fund, and Pension Program

EO Foster reported that the Commission's budget through the end of Fiscal Year 16-17 (Fiscal Month 12) is \$1,559,728 in revenue and \$1,561,280 in expenditures. He further reported on the Commission's budget for the Boxers Pension Fund, stating that through the end of Fiscal Year 16-17 (Fiscal Month 12), the fund shows \$341,202.95 in revenue and transfers and \$100,827 in expenditures. Finally, EO Foster reported that the Commission's budget for the Neurological Examination Account through the end of Fiscal Year 16-17 is \$13,205.55 in revenue and \$50,199 in expenditures.

b. Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations and Legislation

EO Foster provided a summary of the pending regulations.

- Payment to Contestants – EO Foster reported that he has work with DCA Legal to ensure timely review and processing within their units. Additionally, an extension was granted from the Office of Administrative Law which will prevent the Commission from having to withdraw and start a new package, as well as allow for the Department to complete their review and finalize by the November 8, 2017, deadline.

- Headgear – EO Foster reported that OAL approved the file on July 18, 2017.
- Weighing Time, Time for Physical Examinations, and Dehydration and Rehydration – EO Foster reported that OAL approved the file on July 12, 2017.
- Examination of Boxer Applicants and Neurological Assessment – EO Foster explained that this will be discussed during the meeting as a separate item on the agenda.
- Headgear for Amateur Kickboxing – EO Foster explained that this will be discussed during the meeting as a separate item on the agenda as well.

c. Status Update of Delegated Entities

EO Foster discussed the USA Boxing report and mentioned that certain items of the report are premature to address at this meeting.

- **California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organization (CAMO)**

Mr. JT Steele, President, reported that CAMO has had a good, busy summer and are preparing for the slower season. He mentioned that the new website should be launching soon which will allow for quicker processing of licensees. Chairman Carvelli requested that Mr. Steele send an email to the Commissioners with an update on the progress and an estimate when the website is set to go live.

Mr. Steele further reported that to streamline the processing time and costs associated with sending equipment to athletes, he is considering the possibility of starting a relationship with Amazon Prime for purchasing and shipping all equipment to licensees. Chairman Carvelli asked about the timing on the roll out for this new process and logistics about making profit on sales. Vice Chair Lehman also expressed some concern with the concept of profiting on a requirement. Mr. Steele responded that he expects there to be some progress by the end of 2017. He also stated that he believes they won't have an issue with their status with receiving revenue on the sales.

With fewer events, Mr. Steele reported that the events are starting to consist of more bouts per show. If effect, he suggested that he is considering presenting the Commission with a fee revision proposal. He mentioned that there are many areas that can fluctuate to increase some areas and decrease in other areas. EO Foster expressed his concerns with increasing fees on amateur fighters and suggested that the work together on the proposal before it is presented to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez asked Mr. Steele about the new kind of events involving slapping and Brazilian Jujitsu that CAMO has been regulating and how they fit into CAMO's structure. Mr. Steele responded that the events are interesting because they are not exclusively Jujitsu or Mixed Martial Arts. However, since they are bordering a fine line, they reached out to CAMO to obtain sanctioning. He mentioned that he will report back to the Commission on those events after a few have occurred and he has a better feel of what exactly they are and if sanctioning should be necessary. He added that zero injuries or suspensions have occurred as a result of any contest.

- **International Kickboxing Federation (IKF)**

Vice Chair Lehman asked Mr. Steve Fossum, President of IKF, about his report – specifically about the medical suspensions which were not indicated on his written report.

She requested that, in future reports, Mr. Fossum provide a statement relevant to any suspensions and the nature of any injuries. Mr. Fossum responded that he will provide the requested information in future reports.

Mr. Fossum further reported on the amateur headgear requirement in kickboxing. He stated that no participant under the age of 18 year enters into a bout without headgear and that of those participants over the age of 18 years, there is an extensive vetting process that IKF completes to designate an athlete and their opponent's eligibility to compete without headgear.

- **United States Fight League (USFL)**

Mr. Jon Frank, President, reported to the Commission that since the last Commission Meeting, USFL has regulated 7 events. He mentioned that he has noticed a significant increase in the number of events requesting sanctioning. Mr. Frank reviewed the events' results, specifically as it related to injuries and suspensions. Of those 7 shows, he reported that there were 3 minor injuries and 1 injury resulting in a medical suspension for elbow hyper extension due to an arm bar.

He stated that, to date, they have completed 804 exposures and of those, there have been 14 injuries. All doctors at events have been operating under the direction of Dr. James Andrews and mentioned that although his team usually requires 1,000 exposures to start reports, they believe that they have enough information to get started now.

Mr. Frank reported that USFL provides oversight, on a volunteer basis, for grappling competitions for law enforcement and confirmed that all events of this nature utilize USFL's C-Class rules. He continued to report that USFL has begun affiliating with the International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF) and the United States Mixed Martial Arts Federation (UMMAF) as a recognized youth developmental league for the United States. He mentioned that such a youth development league is a requirement in presenting Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) to Sport Accord and the International Olympic Committee for inclusion to the Olympic program, which is something IMMAF is actively pursuing.

Vice Chair Lehman expressed concern with such an affiliation through USFL. She stated that USFL is a delegated entity for youth pankration and all parties have worked hard to collaborate in creating rules sets to distinguish youth pankration from youth MMA. She further stated to Mr. Frank that USFL does not have the authority to pursue affiliations without the Commission's approval. EO Foster explained that this they are in the very early stages and he will work with Mr. Frank on the process for requesting this kind of affiliation from the Commission. Chairman Carvelli cautioned Mr. Frank about any unapproved affiliations with youth MMA. Mr. Frank responded that they reached out to him as California has become the model for the rest of the United States and confirmed that he does not anticipate any rule changes resulting from the affiliation.

Chairman Carvelli inquired with Mr. Frank about what he attributes the increase of regulated youth pankration events. Mr. Frank responded that the partnership with CAMO has led to much of the increase in events and exposure of the sport. He mentioned that many promoters are warming up to the idea of adding some youth pankration to their amateur MMA events.

Mr. Frank completed his report with addressing the use of headgear which is required for USFL. He stated that there is one that is currently in the approval process which was originally developed for wrestling but appears to be acceptable for youth pankration. He

mentioned that he is currently waiting to receive samples and will update the Commission once he has received them and completed his determination.

Agenda Item 5 – EO Report suspended to complete agenda item 7.

Agenda Item 7 – Review and Possible Action of Petition to Change the Decision for Josh Thomson vs. Patricky Freire at the Bellator Event on February 17, 2017, in San Jose, CA

EO Foster explained that this item was on the May 16, 2017, CSAC Meeting Agenda and was heard by the Commission at that meeting, however, Mr. Thomson has since requested to appear personally in front of the Commission to provide testimony. Chairman Carvelli welcomed Mr. Josh Thomson to the meeting and explained that everyone is welcome at all public meetings especially when they are involved with any of the items on the agenda. He reiterated that more could have been done to alert the parties involved and as a result the Commission has agreed to hear this item again.

EO Foster reviewed the details of the appeal with the Commission and explained that he has not provided a recommendation and that was by design, that this decision should be made by the Commission. He further stated that at the previous Commission meeting, the Commission unanimously voted to uphold the referee's decision and uphold the decision of the bout as a win for Patricky Freire.

Mr. Thomson introduced himself and stated that he has the utmost respect for the California State Athletic Commission and Mr. John McCarthy, who was referee of the bout.

- Mr. Thomson asked Mr. McCarthy if he saw the headbutt at the time of the foul. Mr. McCarthy stated that he saw the athletes come together, a left-hand throw and that there was a possibility of a clash but he wasn't sure if it came from the left hand. He further stated that he could see from the video that it was from a clash of the heads.
- Mr. Thomson asked Mr. McCarthy if he had seen the headbutt, would he have stopped the fight or interfered. Mr. McCarthy responded that it depends on the situation, that if he sees a clash of heads, which he mentioned happens a lot in MMA, and neither of the athletes respond in a bad way, he would not stop the action and rather caution both athletes to watch the headbutts. If he sees that either athlete is affected negatively by the clash, he would stop the action and give the athlete time to adjust and recover to the illegal action even though there was no intention behind it.
- Mr. Thomson asked Mr. McCarthy if after review of the video footage, he saw the headbutt. Mr. McCarthy responded, yes, that he did see the headbutt in question. Mr. Thomson explained that after he was dropped from the headbutt, his experience has taught him to defend himself regardless of the situation, he mentioned that he trains not to cover his head, or roll over, that his instinct is to complete defense with technical ability. He further stated that there is nothing in the rules that says, 'you must notify the referee that you have been fouled'.

The video of the bout was presented to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Williams explained that his view of the fight remains, that following the clash of the heads, Mr. Thomson completed an aggressive offensive move. He continued with stating that to him, doesn't sound like the kind of activity he would expect from someone who was hurt or concussed. He reiterated one of Mr. McCarthy's statements during the questioning with regard to his experience in situations where there have been headbutts where if it doesn't look like there are injuries associated with the clash, he may not stop the bout or even call a doctor in if he does stop

the bout. Commissioner Williams confirmed that it is not necessary true that a physician is required to assess, nor is it the case that in football they will stop a play.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez explained that as great as Mr. McCarthy is, he is still human and sometimes will miss things. She further explained that if the situation were to be different and Mr. McCarthy did see the headbutt, he still made the determination that Mr. Thomson was ok and actively participating in the fight.

Chairman Carvelli asked EO Foster what he thought about the need for the referee to stop the bout and have an athlete checked out directly following an unintentional headbutt. EO Foster responded that such a protocol would be a departure from the way things have been done historically, however he does think it is a good idea to consider for the sport.

Vice Chair Lehman acknowledged that albeit a foul, there is no rule that says a doctor is required to enter the cage and evaluate an athlete unless the referee determines it to be necessary.

Commissioner Frierson asked Mr. Thomson if, in his 20 years of experience, he can point to a time where a bout result has been overturned based on an unintentional foul. Mr. Thomson, responded 'no' and that he had never paid that closed of attention to it.

Commissioner Ayala acknowledged the rule which suggests that the referee has the option to stop the fight, or not – depending on the situation. Mr. McCarthy clarified that there was not in fact a 'headbutt' that what occurred in the bout was a 'clash of the heads' which is unintentional on the part of both fighters. He explained that from his view, it looked like the left-hand punch occurred which resulted in the knockdown. Later, after review of the video footage, he said he did see that there was a clash of the heads and stated that had that been what he saw that night, he would've stopped the action. Commissioner Ayala expressed concern with what precedence overturning this bout could create.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez stated that although the practice of stopping a bout at the time of a headbutt to examine athletes would be optimal, that is just not where the rules stand.

Commissioner Williams reviewed California Code of Regulations (CC&R) section 519 and acknowledged each point of the rule was in fact was sufficiently covered by the actions of the Mr. McCarthy.

Vice Chair Lehman mentioned that although Mr. Thomson has been very articulate in his arguments, the rules, as they stand, put the discretion and deference to the referee – even when they make mistakes. Commissioner Ayala stated that he is not inclined to overturn the decision and mentioned that he agrees with Commissioner Williams' interpretation of the CC&R 519.

Chairman Carvelli requested EO Foster's opinion on the matter. EO Foster mentioned that where his hold-up is on the issue, stems from Mr. Thomson's argument where he stated '... paused to look at the referee for direction.' He stated that he has reviewed the video numerous times, and cannot identify where that happened. He further stated that if the evidence had shown that occurrence or had Mr. Thomson done anything to signify a clash other than keep fighting – it would be a different situation.

EO Foster acknowledged that there was in fact a clash of the heads and has intentions of working with the official database to reflect on Mr. Thomson's record, a narrative as to what happened in the fight.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to not overturn the decision of the bout, and direct the EO to draft a narrative of the bout to include in Mr. Thomson's official record.

Vice Chair Lehman seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Chairman Carvelli requested that the record reflect that he has no problem with looking at each incidence and the details of the testimony to decide without being worried about the consequences of each determination because, he states, Mr. Thomson was correct when he said that the Commission is supposed to be protecting the health and safety of the athletes.

c. Status Update of Delegated Entities (Continued)

• **USA Boxing**

Mr. Joe Zanders, President of USA Boxing's Southern California Association and representative for USA Boxing, reported that USA Boxing has a lot of events coming up and mentioned that with school starting back up the season will start to die down.

Vice Chair Lehman asked Mr. Zanders' thoughts of ways to get people to attend the Commission Meetings. Mr. Zanders mentioned that previous Commission were not as open to having representatives appear, so they are open to it now that this Commission has been more welcoming.

Vice Chair Lehman suggested that USA Boxing highlight a coach or comparable in their report to the Commission. Mr. Zanders agreed and stated that they will be sure to include that in the report. Additionally, he said that USA Boxing has a Coach of The Year Award and that if the Commission would be interested in collaborating, he suggested they could create a statewide Coach of The Year. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez mentioned that Mr. John Paul DeJoria has a movie out called 'Good Fortune' and would like to make the movie available to kids and schools free of charge and suggested that the Commission coordinate efforts to get the movie out to the delegated entities and associated schools. Mr. Zanders stated a lot of what the youth activity league does during the summer is watch movies with the kids and mentioned that he would appreciate that very much.

Chairman Carvelli suggested that it would be a great idea to extend the idea of the coach's award to the other delegations as well.

Mr. Zanders expressed his concerns with USA Boxing's new fee schedule and suggested that the amount of the increase is going to put a huge burden on a lot of the programs. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez expressed concerns with USA Boxing's letter to the Police and Fire Olympics which is done through the police academy, alerting them that it was an illegal competition. EO Foster clarified that their letter was specific to saying that if an athlete competes in a non-USA Boxing sanctioned event, they may be disqualified from USA Boxing competitions.

Vice Chair Lehman expressed to Mr. Zanders that the Commission is here for the delegated entities and if there are any issues about fee increases, illegal events, exemptions or otherwise – to reach out to the Commission or EO Foster to obtain resolution.

Commissioner Williams suggested that there needs to change in the way that combat sports is framed in terms of the perception of the sport. He suggested highlighting the benefits of the sports and establishing that the those benefits far outweigh the risk of not having a safe outlet for kids to turn to. He agreed what Mr. Zanders mentioned regarding the program's goals are about saving kids and giving them opportunities that they would otherwise not have.

d. Update on C3 Logix Sports Concussion Management Program

EO Foster reported that the Commission finalized written procedures for C3 Logix Neurological testing and continues to perform baseline examinations on many fighters throughout the state. He mentioned that approximately 20 units have been distributed to Lead Inspectors and that the Commission has tested about 300 athletes and maintain the goal of 500-600 by year-end.

e. Update on CSAC 10-Point Plan to Address Severe Dehydration and Weight Cutting in MMA

EO Foster reported that the 10-Point Plan to address severe dehydration in mixed martial arts is in effect and was recently used at UFC 214. He also mentioned that at a recent event in Northern California, an athlete was transported to the hospital due to dehydration. The athlete's weight gain from weigh-in to fight day was approximately 18 pounds. Consequently, this athlete who was previously in the Lightweight division scheduled to fight at 155 pounds, has been moved to a higher weight class utilizing the 10-point plan protocol.

Commissioner Ayala requested clarification on the process for an athlete to get themselves back to their previous weight class after being moved up. EO Foster responded that they can consult a physician with which they will develop a plan to safely get their bodies to a lower walking weight.

f. Upcoming Event Schedule and Discussion Regarding Event Activity

EO Foster presented the Commission with the updated event schedule and directed their attention to the following shows:

- August 26, 2017, Golden Boy at the Stub Hub Center
 - Cotto vs. Kamegai broadcast on HBO
- September 9, 2017, K2 Promotions at the Stub Hub Center
 - Rungvisai vs. Chocolatito 2 on HBO
- September 23, 2017, Bellator 183 at the SAP Center
 - Henderson vs. Pitbull on Spike TV
- September 23, 2017, Golden Boy at the LA Forum – on HBO

EO Foster further reported that for the period between January 1, 2017, through August 1, 2017, the Commission has regulated 86 professional combat sports events.

g. Update on the July 22-26, 2017, Association of Boxing Commissions and Association of Ringside Physicians Annual Conference

EO Foster reported on the Association of Ringside Physicians (ARP) and Association of Boxing Commissions annual conferences which were combined this year at the Mohegan Sun Casino and Resort in Uncasville, CT.

He further reported that at the Association of Boxing Commissions (ABC) meeting, he and Commissioner Shen-Urquidez presented the "Mixed Martial Arts Severity Index" (MMASI). He explained that the MMASI is a unique formula inspired by the currently used "Boxing Severity Index" (BSI) which will help regulators and matchmakers assess safer fights based on a large amount of historical data. He further explained that the MMASI assigns a score to each athlete based on various criteria and they are expecting by year-end that a score will be added to athlete's profile on the official MMA database for regulators to view.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez mentioned that it was interesting to see the data and believes it will make a huge difference in the matchmaking practices.

EO Foster further reported that along with Commissioner Shen-Urquidez, Mr. Cory Schafer, Mr. Blake Grice, presented the Unified Rules of Kickboxing. He mentioned that Mr. Cory Schafer was able to get widespread industry support, all parties are working to collaborate and educate other Commissions on the rules. He stated that the rules passed unanimously with one minor clarification.

Last, EO Foster reported that he presented the 10-Point Plan to address severe weight cutting in mixed martial arts that was passed by the Commission on May 16, 2017. He explained that part of the 10-point plan, additional weight classes were needed to be authorized by the Association of Boxing Commissions for inclusion in the Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts. Those weight classes of 165, 175, 195, and 225 were added to the Unified Rules of MMA by unanimous vote.

h. Update on the July 27, 2017, CSAC Stakeholder Meeting

EO Foster reported that Chairman Carvelli led a stakeholder meeting on July 27, 2017, at the Sheraton in Cerritos. He mentioned that Chairman Carvelli thanked everyone for coming and asked for audience participation and feedback. He explained that Dr. Josh Kamins from UCLA BrainSport gave a presentation on Concussions in Combat Sports.

He further reported that he and Mr. John McCarthy discussed the 10-point scoring system, the difference between a 10-9 round and a 10-8 round in mixed martial arts as well as the changes to the Unified Rules of Mixed Martial Arts and scoring.

Chairman Carvelli mentioned that one of the trainers suggested an idea of providing information that can be handed out at gyms to raise awareness of concussion protocol. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez suggested that the Commission consider enlisting help to create some outreach capable by ways of mobile phone.

It was further discussed that the Commission consider bringing back the idea of a California Title. EO Foster recommended that the Commission further consider pursuing this, especially with the new weight classes.

Agenda Item 6 – Pension Fund Subcommittee Report

EO Foster reported that the subcommittee continues to work with the partners to try to get boxers their distributions. Commissioner Ayala suggested utilizing the Commissioners create press events where checks are given to the boxers from the Commissioners themselves. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez mentioned that there are potentially more boxers who are eligible for their pension but stated that it appears if they didn't sign up for the program, they are not included. She expressed concern with that process and suggested that something needs to be done to help those boxers. EO Foster explained that the processing could be easy to do that and he will wait for direction from the Commission.

Agenda Item 8 – Discussion of an Action Plan Outlining Instructions/Procedures for Contesting CSAC Decisions

Chairman Carvelli and Vice Chair Lehman gave background on the appeal process and explained the need for outlining instructions and procedures for appeals. She explained that it is important for the Commission's stakeholders to have a clear appeal process so they are

aware of when and where the meetings are, what is necessary for processing an appeal and promotes inclusion for affected parties.

She detailed the following proposed "Action Plan to Develop Guidelines and Procedures to Assist Those Seeking Review of CSAC Decisions."

- Create and distribute a handout that includes the procedures on how to seek a review; about the process; and a timeline of events including citations to applicable regulations and statutes.
- Petition to Change Decision Form (suggested but not mandatory) to be used when seeking review of a decision.
- Make provisions for translators when necessary and requested (likely telephonically through DCA).
- Determine and make available a list of (volunteer) attorneys to represent those needing assistance and cannot afford representation.
- All information available online and in Spanish.

Mr. Gary Duke offered his assistance in creating such a process and confirmed that as the plan stands, there would not be a need for regulatory action however he cautioned moving into the underground regulation area. He suggested that the Commission consider examining the language of CC&R 389 at some point, although the plan appears to work for now.

Commissioner Ayala motioned to provide EO Foster with direction to move forward with creating and implementing a plan.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 9 – Review and Possible Approval of Proposed Changes to Section 711, of Article 2, of Division 2, of Title 4 of The California Code of Regulations – Consideration of Requiring Headgear for Amateur Kickboxing Athletes

EO Foster provided the Commission with background on the need for amateur kickboxing participants under the age of 18 years to wear headgear.

Commissioner Ayala motioned to approve the proposed changes to Section 711, of Article 2, of Division 2, of Title 4 of the CC&R "Headgear" language and authorize Commission staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 10 – Consideration of Proposed Changes Detailing Specific Medical Examination Procedures Including and Additional Neurological Examination Assessment

EO Foster explained that the Commission submitted a completed rulemaking package to the Department of Consumer Affairs for review and approval. He further explained that shortly after, the Commission staff recommended significant changes to the neurological assessment section 280 (h) of the proposed language. The proposed changes were a result of the recent implementation of the C3 Logix Program, as well as the change in the Commission's appropriation of the Neurological Fund. He detailed that Commission staff drafted proposed language to section 280 that will appropriately reflect the correct Neurological Assessment that is to be collected.

He recommended the Commission consider approving the proposed changes to section 280, of Article 6, of Division 2, of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations regarding medical examination procedures including an additional Neurological Examination Assessment and authorize Commission staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the proposed changes to section 280, of Article 6, of Division 2, of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations regarding medical examination procedures including an additional Neurological Examination Assessment and authorize Commission staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 11 – Public Comment on Items Not on The Agenda

Mr. Roy Englebrecht, CSAC Licensed Promoter, suggested that the Commission consider creating a requirement for all licensed promoters to attend one public commission meeting per calendar year.

Agenda Item 12 – Business and Professions Code section 18640.5 requires 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 were no comments for this item.

Agenda Item 12 – Next Meeting Scheduled for October 17, 2017

Proposed meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, in Los Angeles, CA.

Agenda Item 13 – ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 17, 2017
TO	Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item # 4b – Recognition of Golden Boy Promotions for providing greater opportunities for CSAC licensees to participate in major professional boxing contests.

Golden Boy Promotions, a Los Angeles based boxing promoter licensed by the California State Athletic Commission, promotes many high profile boxers. Golden Boy Promotions frequently and repeatedly holds major boxing events in the Los Angeles area that are televised worldwide and have brought credit to the State while making a positive economic impact to the California economy. These events have allowed greater opportunities for California licensees to participate in major professional boxing contests in California.

Accordingly, to show our (CSAC's) appreciation to Golden Boy Promotions for holding their events in California and in the spirit of Business and Professions Code 18640.5, Chairman Carvelli has requested that the Commission recognize Golden Boy Promotions.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 17, 2017
TO	Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda item #5 - Executive Officer's Report

A. Budget Update for the Support Fund, the Neurological Fund, and Pension program.

The Commission's revenue from July 1, 2017 to October 5th 2017 is \$613,484.07 to the Support Fund, \$474.88 to the Neurological Examination Account, and \$9,523.68 to the Boxers Pension Fund.

B. Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations

- **Payment of Contestants** (Amendment to Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 232.) – submitted final rulemaking package to DCA Legal on 10/31/16.
- **Headgear for Amateur Kickboxing** (Amendment to Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 711.) – Submitted a Section 100 change to OAL on 9/20/17. CCR 711 is inconsistent with Business and Professions Code Section 18766 which states that every contestant in an amateur kickboxing or MMA contest under the age of 18 **shall** wear protective headgear approved by the commission. CCR 711 states every contestant under the age of 18 years **may** wear a headgear approved by the Amateur Boxing Federation or equivalent organization. Because of this inconsistency, this regulatory change falls within the Section 100 changes, which is a simple procedure for "changes without regulatory effect."
- **Examination of Boxer Applicants** (Amendment to Title 4, California Code of Regulations section 280.) Submitted to DCA for review and approval on 8/29/17.

C. Status Update on Delegated Entities

- CAMO Report – please see attached report.
- USA Boxing Report – please see attached report.

- USFL Report – please see attached report.
- IKF Report – please see attached report.

D. Update on C3 Logix Sports Concussion Management Program

The Commission continues to test athletes both at the gyms and at the weigh ins. As of this writing, the Commission has uploaded 315 C3 exams.

E. Update on CSAC 10-Point Plan to Address Severe Dehydration and Weight Cutting in MMA.

The 10 Point plan continues to yield success in addressing severe weight cutting in mixed martial arts. I am pleased to report that all 40 athletes that participated in the recent Bellator 183 card in San Jose made weight and no one was asked to move up a weight class. Several Commission's have reached out to get further information on the plan.

F. Report on 2nd annual Regulating Combative Sports Conference at the Chickasaw Nation's Winstar Casino in Thackerville, Oklahoma

On October 4th and 5th, I attended as an invited guest and speaker the 2nd annual Regulating Combative Sports Conference in Thackerville, Oklahoma. This event was hosted and sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Athletic Commission. I gave a lecture on functions of a Commission, the California State Athletic Commission's 10 Point Plan to address severe weight cutting in mixed martial arts, and a demonstration on drug testing.

G. Upcoming Event Schedule and discussion regarding event activity

I would direct your attention to the following significant events:

11/11/2017 Top Rank Boxing at the Savemart Center in Fresno –broadcast on ESPN

12/9/2017 UFC at the Savemart Center in Fresno – broadcast on Fox

1/20/2018 Bellator at the Forum – broadcast on Spike TV

For the time period between January 1st of 2017 through August 1st of 2017, the Commission has regulated 118 professional combat sports events.

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October 9, 2017

To: California State Athletic Commission

From: California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organization, Inc. ("CAMO")

Re: CAMO UPDATE / DOCUMENT REQUEST

Below and attached please find a CAMO update and report in anticipation of the regularly scheduled CSAC meeting scheduled for October 17, 2017 in Los Angeles, CA:

1. CAMO SAFETY AND SUSPENSION REPORT: UPDATE

There have been no major injuries of a heightened concern for the commission to review since the last CSAC meeting and report August 4, 2017.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT:

No update from last report. CAMO reserves are within required operating ranges.

3. INSPECTOR TRAINING:

In December 2017, CAMO will host a CAMO Inspector training event and a CAMO Lead Inspector training event with a location to be determined. Last year, we saw many CAMO officials become licensed CSAC officials and we are confident they will serve you well. CAMO has observed an increase in new recruitment and growth and we look forward to training the new recruits to replace the seasoned officials who are now busy and active with CSAC.

4. PROMOTER SUMMIT:

CAMO is looking for a location to host a promoter summit to meet and discuss the current status of the amateur MMA industry and explore opportunities to improve the CAMO program for our stakeholders. Prior to the meeting, CAMO will circulate an agenda to all promoters and seek input from those who are not able to attend in order that we have input from everyone. Amateur MMA continues to evolve and we will share the minutes from the meeting with CSAC and invite you to attend, if interested.

In closing, we look forward to closing out a successful 2017. We are especially excited to implement a version of the new 10-point plan to address weight-cutting and to collaborate with CSAC to explore opportunities to maintain CAMO at the forefront of this issue. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

JT Steele | President, California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organization, Inc.



October 9, 2017

Andy Foster, Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Foster,

USA Boxing remains gratified to be the delegated entity for amateur boxing by the California State Athletic Commission. We are pleased to serve your constituents throughout California by providing a safe and regulated environment through our boxing club programs.

The State of California participates in a growing amateur boxing program. Through September 30, 2017, Local Boxing Committee membership in the state totaled 5,103 (3,712 boxers and 1,391 coaches, officials and doctors). A detailed report broken down by LBC is enclosed. 244 clubs held 137 sanctioned events, contesting over 2,300 bouts with ambulances on site for each of these events.

USA Boxing continues to work with the Commission on the incident that occurred March 29, 2017 during the Golden Gloves boxing tournament at Lincoln Park in Los Angeles. USA Boxing concluded its investigation, providing a full report to the Commission. The Attorney for Mr. Corona requested a continuance of the scheduled September 13, 2017 hearing. We will notify the Commission when a new hearing date has been agreed upon.

Sanctioned events within California are continually updated and posted on the USA Boxing website (www.usaboxing.org). USA Boxing appreciates the Commission's ongoing support of its youth boxing programs and congratulates California on being named host for the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles! GO USA!!

I am always available to you and the Commissioners and welcome contact regarding questions, comments and concerns.

In your corner,
/s/ Mike McAtee
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CA BORDER	Athletes		Non-Athletes		Clubs		Sanctions	
Jan 1 - Sep 30, 2017	#	\$62	#	\$90	#	\$205	#	\$350
Total Collected by USAB	364	\$22,568	145	\$13,050	25	\$5,125	22	\$7,700
LBC Portion	#	\$12	#	\$20	#	\$30	#	\$50
\$ Distributed to CA Border	364	\$4,368	145	\$2,900	25	\$750	22	\$1,100
Net to USAB		\$18,200		\$10,150		\$4,375		\$6,600

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CENTRAL CA	Athletes		Non-Athletes		Clubs		Sanctions	
Jan 1 - Sept 30, 2017	#	\$95	#	\$95	#	\$220	#	\$488
Total Collected by USAB	420	\$39,900	187	\$17,765	42	\$9,240	26	\$12,688
LBC Portion	#	\$45	#	\$25	#	\$45	#	\$188
\$ Distributed to Cent CA	420	\$18,900	187	\$4,675	42	\$1,890	26	\$4,888
Net to USAB		\$21,000		\$13,090		\$7,350		\$7,800

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NORTHERN CA	Athletes		Non-Athletes		Clubs		Sanctions	
Jan 1 - Sept 30, 2017	#	\$60	#	\$85	#	\$275	#	\$450
Total Collected by USAB	1158	\$69,480	402	\$34,170	85	\$23,375	36	\$16,200
LBC Portion	#	\$10	#	\$15	#	\$100	#	\$150
\$ Distributed to Nor CA	1158	\$11,580	402	\$6,030	85	\$8,500	36	\$5,400
Net to USAB		\$57,900		\$28,140		\$14,875		\$10,800

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SOUTHERN CA	Athletes		Non-Athletes		Clubs		Sanctions	
Jan 1 - Sep 30, 2017	#	\$65	#	\$80	#	\$200	#	\$325
Total Collected by USAB	1770	\$115,050	657	\$52,560	92	\$18,400	53	\$17,225
LBC Portion	#	\$15	#	\$10	#	\$25	#	\$25
\$ Distributed to Nor CA	1770	\$26,550	657	\$6,570	92	\$75	53	\$1,325
Net to USAB		\$88,500		\$45,990		\$18,325		\$15,900

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TOTAL	Athletes		Non-Athletes		Clubs		Sanctions	
Jan 1 - Sep 30, 2017	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
Total Collected by USAB	3712	\$246,998	1,391	\$117,545	244	\$56,140	137	\$53,813
\$ Distributed to CA		\$61,398		\$20,175		\$11,215		\$12,713
Net to USAB		\$185,600		\$97,370		\$44,925		\$41,100

* USA Boxing does not charge a membership fee for Physicians, Master Officials and former Olympians/World Champions

**USA Boxing allows two free sanctions every year to each LBC



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Oct 9, 2017

To: Andy Foster, California State Athletic Commission
Subj: USFL update:

I. USFL events since last CSAC meeting:

- **Sept 30, 2017 – Sacramento**

7 bouts – 1 minor injury, elbow due to arm bar (17 yrs)
No suspensions

II. Upcoming scheduled events:

- Oct 21st – L.A. Coliseum
- Oct 28th – Sacramento
- Oct 28th – Orlando, FL
- ****Nov 1st – Camp Pendleton Commanding Generals Cup
Grappling competition.**
- Nov 18th, Riverside
**** Volunteer Services in support of Military and Law
Enforcement combative sports events.**

II. Injury Statistics since becoming a delegated entity:

First event Oct 18, 2014

Last event Sept 20, 2017

409 bouts

828 athlete exposures

12 Injuries / Medical suspensions:

III. Types of injuries and ages:

- Knee hyperextension (age 15)
- Strained Thumb (age 13)
- Rib contusion (age 11)
- Broken Arm (age 16)
- (3) Hyper-extended Elbow (age 8,12 & 16)
- (2) Blows to cheek/ Jaw (age 8 & 13)
- Fractured index Finger (age 12)
- Lower back strain (Age 13)
- Fractured Clavicle (Age 17)

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IKF CALIFORNIA "SHORT REPORT" FOR THE CSAC

August 3rd, 2017 TO October 6th, 2017

Since the last CSAC report of August 3rd, 2017, the IKF has regulated 9 Amateur Muay Thai / Kickboxing Events in the State of California. Here are these event details:

<u>MONTH OF EVENTS</u>	<u>BOUTS</u>	<u>DECISIONS</u>	<u>ENDED IN KO/TKO</u>	<u>MEDICAL SUSPENSIONS</u>	<u>NOR CAL EVENTS</u>	<u>SO CAL EVENTS</u>
AUGUST	**49 <i>(**)1 Event was an In Gym Training event with 17 sparring bouts.</i>	23	9	12	2	1
SEPTEMBER	**52 <i>(**) 2 Events were Pro & Amateur Event with the CSAC.</i>	41	11	12	3	3
OCTOBER	<i>There were 4 more IKF events this past weekend but the details of these events were not available as of the time of this report.</i>					

ALL OF THE ABOVE BOUT DETAILS CAN BE FOUND AT THIS WEB PAGE:

<http://www.ikfkickboxing.com/IKFCAPASTEVENTS.htm>

- ◆ There were a TOTAL of 101 Bouts.
- ◆ 1 Events was an "IN GYM Training/Sparring Events" with 17 Sparring match-ups.
- ◆ 8 Events were Actual Full Contact Muay Thai/Kickboxing Events with 84 competition bouts fought.
- ◆ Of the TOTAL 101 bouts, the IKF Physicians issued 24 Medical Suspensions.
- ◆ Of the 1 "In Gym Training" Event there were No Medical Suspension issued.
- ◆ Of these 9 Events, 2 of them were combined Pro & Amateur Events with the CSAC.
- ◆ Since the beginning of 2017 the IKF continues to successfully implemented the AB2007 Concussion requirements for all Junior Athlete Trainers & Officials who regulate Junior (8-17) bouts. The IKF continues to have all Junior Athlete Chief Trainers attain this certificate prior to any bout (*Real or even Sparring*) that they participate in. To attain this certificate we direct individuals to: www.ikfkickboxing.com/CAJuniorsAB2007.htm
- ◆ In all, since the IKF was delegated to oversee Amateur Kickboxing and Muay Thai in California on March 17th, 2014 by the California State Athletic Commission, the IKF has sanctioned/regulated a total of 170 events. There were 4 more IKF events this past weekend but the details of these events were not available as of the time of this report.

NOTE: "DETAILED" Medical Suspension to follow this report.

END OF 2017 THIRD QUARTER REPORT

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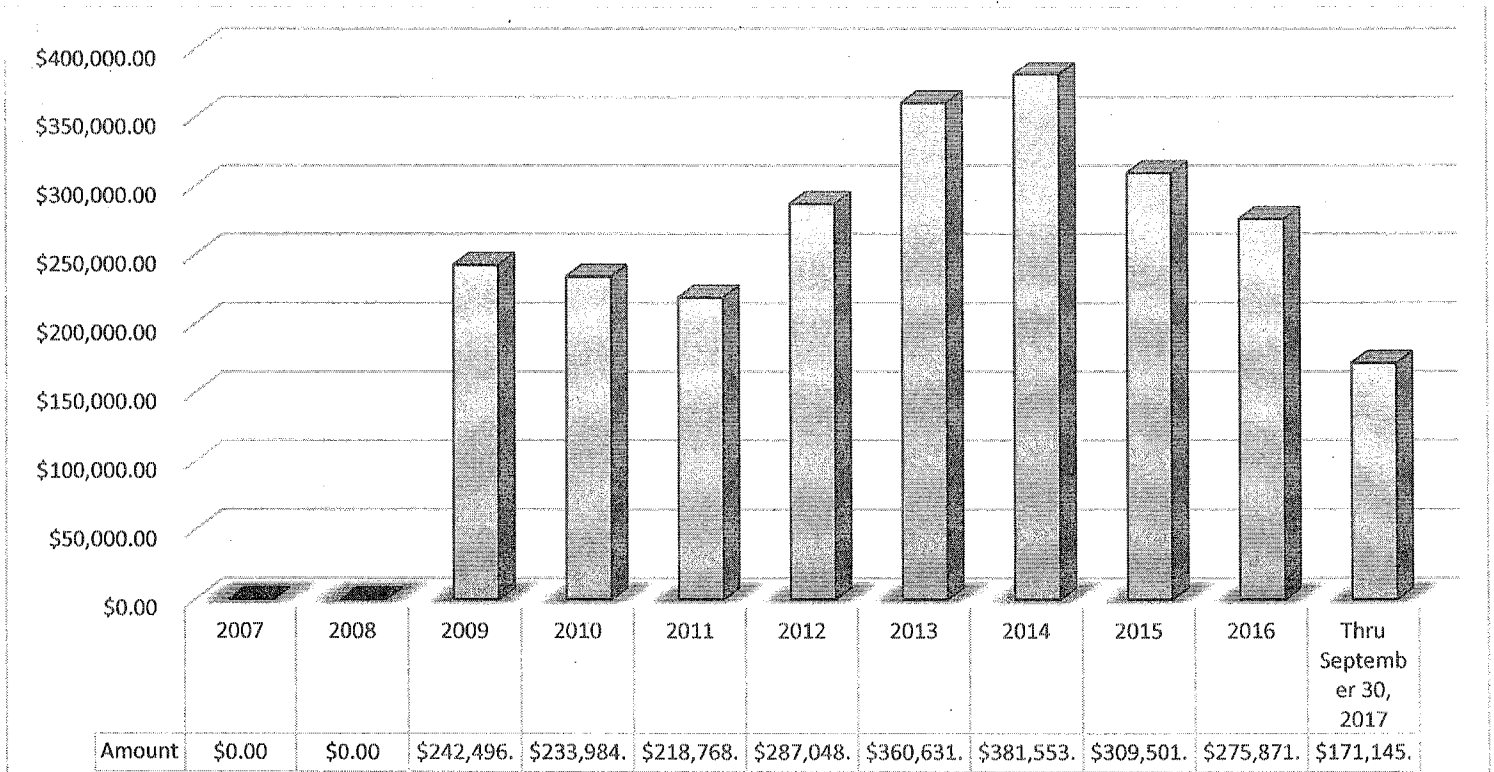
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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 17, 2017
TO	Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #6 - Pension Fund Subcommittee

The Commission has approved \$171,145 in pension payments so far this year.

The following chart shows the pension distributions for the past 10 years.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 17, 2017
TO	Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #7 – Discussion regarding allowing boxing judges use of monitors (when available) while judging bouts and/or using more judges to score the contest so that the scores for matches best reflect what happened in the match.

Scoring in boxing is a subjective assessment of objective criteria. This Commission cares very deeply that the right decision is rendered at the end of the contest and that the integrity of the sport of boxing is held to the highest standards. Unfortunately, sometimes even the best judges have bad nights.

With increases in technology and “expert” commentators, fans often are persuaded into looking at a fight a certain way. The Commission relies on three trained individuals to render a decision, and yet if one of those individuals does not live up to the way the public has perceived the bout, they are often criticized harshly by the fans and the media. Some of the criticism may be warranted, but more often than not, the judge either had a bad night, or perceived the fight differently from the view that they had at ringside. The purpose of this agenda discussion item is to explore ideas that could potentially improve judging in boxing for the athletes, the officials, and the public.

One idea has been to utilize monitors in boxing for the judges, much like the ones used in high level mixed martial arts. There is no doubt that the monitors have improved scoring in MMA, but boxing is not nearly as big of a fighting area, and there is not groundwork to score.

Another idea is to increase the number of judges and to allow one judge to score from a monitor or increase the number of judges from 3 to 5. This has been done in Glory Kickboxing in Europe and has met with limited success. One factor has been an increase in the number of split decisions, as all 5 judges would need to agree for a Unanimous Decision.

While this is just a discussion item, it is a relevant topic that the largest Commission in the country is worthy to take up. These rendered scores can potentially effect fighters for the rest of their lives. I thank and appreciate the Chair allowing this topic to be discussed.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 17, 2017
TO	Commissioners California State Athletic Commission
FROM	Andy Foster, Executive Officer California State Athletic Commission
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #8 – Review and approval of Processing a Petition for “Change of Decision” Under 4 CCR § 368

BACKGROUND

The Commission is responsible for conducting hearings including Petitions for Change of Decision. At the August 2017 CSAC Meeting, the Commission discussed an action plan to develop guidelines and procedures for Commission staff to use when a Petition for Change of Decision is received. Attached is draft of procedures when processing a Petition for “Change of Decision” under 4 CCR § 368.

RECOMMENDATION

Review and approval of Processing a Petition for “Change of Decision” Under 4 CCR § 368.

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Processing a Petition for “Change of Decision” Under 4 CCR § 368

1. A petition to Change a Decision must be filed in writing within five (5) days of the decision per 4 CCR § 368)¹.
2. Within 5 days of receipt, the petition is investigated by the Executive Officer (EO) to determine if it is probable that the petition falls within the criteria for change of decision as defined in §368. If the EO determines it is probable the petition falls within the criteria of § 368, the process will continue with step #4 (below).
3. If the EO determines the petition does not meet the criteria in § 368, no later than 14 days after receiving the petition, the commission staff shall send a certified letter to the petitioner notifying them that their petition did not meet the criteria and will not be heard by the Commission.
4. If the EO determines it is probable the petition falls within the criteria of § 368, the EO will discuss with the Chair when to schedule the hearing before the Commission to decide the petition. Efforts will be made to schedule the hearing by the Commission as promptly as possible.
5. Once a hearing date is set, Commission staff will send a Notice of Hearing to the petitioner and the opponent involved in the bout, including their managers, via certified mail. The notice will include information about the hearing, a proposed form (to be drafted) to facilitate setting forth each party's argument and proof and, at a minimum, will state the following: 1) Appearance at the hearing by petitioner and opponent is recommended but not mandatory; 2) That petitioner and opponent may also submit written materials or videos to the Commission no later than 14 days before the hearing; and 3) Absent extraordinary circumstances, no new written materials or videos will be accepted at the actual hearing. The Notice of Hearing will also ask if either party would like a translator and will state that, if requested, a translator will be provided telephonically free of charge. A translator, including the language needed, must be requested no later than 14 days before the scheduled hearing.
6. Commission staff will also send a Notice of Hearing, via certified mail, to all Officials involved in the bout requesting a written statement and/or videos and their presence in person at the hearing. All written statements and videos from Officials shall be received by the Commission no later than 14 days before the hearing.

¹ Note that 4 CCR 368, subd. (e) allows the commission, on a vote of at least a majority of the commissioners present, to hold a hearing to change a decision at any time.

7. Commission staff will send all materials and videos that are timely received from the petitioner to the opponent involved in the bout and all materials received from the opponent to the petitioner at least 7 days before the hearing.
8. The Commission shall arrange for a translator for the hearing, if timely requested and make the technical arrangements for the translator to operate telephonically.
9. The EO shall gather and prepare supporting documentation for review and dissemination to the Commissioners no later than 10 days prior to the hearing. The EO will also be prepared to give an oral statement at the Hearing as to his position on the Petition For Change of Decision.