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CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, April 13, 2009

1:00 P.M. – Close of Business 5:00 P.M.

**Ronald Regan State Building
 Building Property Management
 300 South Spring Street
 Los Angeles, CA 90013
 Auditorium**

Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Timothy Noonan, Chairman
 Howard Rose
 Dr. Christopher Giza

Mario Rodriguez, Vice-Chairman
 June Collison
 Peter Lopez

Commissioners Absent:

John Frierson

Staff Present:

Bill Douglas, Assistant Executive Officer
 Sarah Waklee, Office Technician
 Karen Chappelle, Deputy Attorney General

Dean Lohuis, Chief Athletic Inspector
 Che Guevara, Athletic Inspector
 Anita Scuri, DCA Legal Counsel

Guests Present:

Jim Millman, CEO, USA Boxing
 Joe Zanders, President, Southern California LBC
 Venoria Lindsay, President, Border Association LBC
 Jack Reiss, Official
 John McCarthy, Official
 Roy Englebrecht, Promoter
 Todd Meacham, Promoter

Oscar Ortiz, President, Northern California LBC
 Louis Jordan, President, Central California LBC
 Pat Russell, Official
 Gwen Adair, Official
 Marty Denkin, Official
 Don & Lorraine Chargin, Promoters
 Beth Harrington, President, Benefit Resources Inc.

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

Agenda Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. Assistant Executive Officer William Douglas called the roll. Commissioners present and accounted for: Noonan, Collison, Lopez, Rodriguez, Rose and Giza.

Agenda Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

*December 15, 2008 (Teleconference)
 February 10, 2009*

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for December 15, 2008 and February 10, 2009.

Agenda Item 5. USA boxing – Order to Show Cause re: Revocation

After much discussion between the representatives of USA Boxing and the California State Athletic Commission to determine whether they should revoke its authority of USA Boxing in the State of California, the Commission granted a forty-five minute negotiation period so that both parties might try to reach a compromise on how amateur boxing would move forward so that all parties' concerns were addressed equally and fairly.

Agenda Item 4. Assistant Executive Officer's Report

AEO Douglas discussed the state of the Commission's day to day operations in the office and the field.

Agenda Item 6. Amateur Mixed Martial Arts – *Selection of first meeting date*

Commission staff agreed to set up the date, time, and location of the first Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Committee meeting.

Agenda Item 7. Professional Boxers' Pension Plan Update – *Rule 406 Status, Distributions for 55+*

AEO Douglas advised the Commission that the pension regulation changing the distribution age from 55 to 50 is now in the Office of Administrative Law which has thirty (30) working days to review the file.

Agenda Item 8. Approval to Set Proposed Regulatory Changes for Hearing – *Rules: 211, 213, 213.2, 293, and 403.*

It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to set rules 211, 213, 213.2, and 293 for regulatory hearing. Rule 403 was tabled for further discussion.

Agenda Item 9. Physician's Malpractice Insurance Update – *Physicians' Pay Scale*

It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the proposed pay increase for physicians at regulated events to cover the costs of ringside physician malpractice insurance.

Agenda Item 10. Officials Pay Scale – Mixed Martial Arts, kickboxing, and Amateur Events

It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the proposed new officials' pay scales for mixed martial arts/kickboxing and amateur events.

Agenda Item 11. Training for Officials – *Schedule and Performance Review.*

Commission staff agreed to work with the ringside physicians to organize a training session as soon as possible. Commission staff suggested that a committee of officials should be assembled to begin the process of training referees and judges.

USA Boxing.

An agreement was reached between the representatives of USA Boxing and the California State Athletic Commission to form workgroups that would consult with each other on acceptable standards to allow the supervision of amateur boxing to remain intact with USA Boxing for the regulation of amateur boxing in California.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to lift the suspension of USA Boxing at this time on condition that each event shall be monitored by CSAC and the schedule of events shall be coordinated by CSAC staff.

Agenda Item 12. Procedure for Change of Decision

The procedure for a change of decision was recently modified in a regulatory change that would grant the Commission the power to overturn a win into a "no decision" if the winning athlete tests positive for a prohibited substance.

Agenda Item 13. Approval of Permanent Promoter Licenses – *Liberty Boxing and Phantom Promotions*

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the permanent promoter licenses of Phantom Promotions and Liberty Boxing.

Agenda Item 14. The World Police & Fire Games – *Jack Reiss*

Jack Reiss brought a representative of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Boxing Team to speak about their boxing events. Mr. Reiss explained the history of the events, their record of safety, and the charitable organizations that have benefited from these events.

Chairman Noonan indicated that he was in favor of allowing this type of charitable event to continue both legally and safely. Mr. Noonan asked Ms. Scuri for legal advice on how this could be accomplished. Ms. Scuri indicated that the LASD Boxing Team could either obtain a sanction from USA Boxing or obtain an amateur promoter's license. With Commission approval, CSAC staff was asked to send a promoter packet to Mr. Reiss.

Agenda Item 15. Promoter Concerns

The Commission tabled this agenda item for a future meeting.

Agenda Item 16. Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

Todd Mecham: The California State Athletic Commission has been really good to me. Last year it went really well. William Douglas has done a wonderful job. All of the people behind the scenes are doing a great job. Just wants to say thanks.

Roy Englebrecht: I served on a number of commissions in Orange County. I know it is no pay, tireless. But for all of us that sit here, it is our lives. Your selection tomorrow should be no different from the NHL, NFA, or major league baseball. This person must have and be fully competent in all areas that the commission needs to oversee everything. Competent in business, common sense, know the sports, etc. All promoters in the field are putting faith in the seven (7) commission members.

Agenda Item 17. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Dr. Wallace: Items for the next agenda.

- medical database/neurology fund testing
- neurological test changes
- revisit pregnancy testing
- promoter concerns
- Rule 403
- USA Boxing
- officials training

Agenda Item 18. Future Meeting Dates

- June 22, 2009 in San Francisco
- August 24, 2009 in Van Nuys

Agenda Item 19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.