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## CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2010

9:00 A.M. – Close of Business

DCA Headquarters | Auditorium

1625 North Market Blvd.

Sacramento, CA 95834

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### Commissioners Present:

Chairman John Frierson  
 Commissioner Dr. Van Lemons  
 Commissioner Eugene Hernandez

Vice-Chairman Dr. Christopher Giza  
 Commissioner DeWayne Zinkin  
 Commissioner Steve Alexander

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### Staff Present:

George Dodd, Executive Officer  
 Gil DeLuna, DCA  
 Anita Scuri, DCA Legal  
 Sarah Waklee, CSAC  
 Heather Jackson, CSAC  
 Melissa Raposa, CSAC

Karen Chappelle, Deputy Attorney General  
 Dale Chessey, Assistant Executive Officer  
 Che Guevara, Assistant Chief Athletic Inspector  
 Tommy Nhan, CSAC  
 Brandon Saucedo, CSAC

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

### **Agenda Item 1. Call to order/Roll call/Pledge of allegiance**

### **Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes**

- a. February 22, 2010
- b. April 20, 2010
- c. May 17, 2010

Motion, Carried, Seconded (M/S/C)  
 M/S/C to approve minutes.

### **Agenda Item 4. Executive Office Report**

Executive Officer George Dodd wanted to discuss licenses being limited via a legislation proposal and to be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Commissioner Zinkin wanted CSAC to look at growth and adjust the budget accordingly, putting a strong emphasis on inspectors.

Physician training: 8/22/2010 in Los Angeles & 8/29/2010 in Sacramento

Commissioner Alexander would like the packet sent out a week in advance.

### **Agenda Item 5. Public Comment**

**Roy Engelbraecht:** “Quantity of officials is not important, but Quality of officials is”- Someone needs to evaluate them at each event.

**Nelson “Doc” Hamilton:** Nov 08- Feb 2010- 15 months of chaos at the Athletic Commission office. Officials were licensed as MMA officials but have no knowledge of the sport. The evaluation process should take care of this.

**Cecil Pieples:** Regarding MMA & kickboxing referee & judges, agrees with Doc Hamilton.

**John Pena:** Commented on Northern and Southern officials- don’t send them south for training.

**Herb Dean:** Agreed that some officials need to be reevaluated to do MMA events. The referee should know Martial Arts to know what to do as a referee.

**Jon Schorle:** Recommended that the commissioners be involved in the assigning of officials.

**Marty Sammon:** Agreed with Cecil Pieples and asked for an updated list of officials and assignments.

**Dan Collins:** “Give everyone a chance,” Have innovative labs to make better shows. “Give Mr. Dodd a chance”

**Tom Brown (matchmaker for Goosen Tudor):** Commended the Athletic Commission for not removing John Schorle from a show even though the sanctioning body requested it.

**Agenda Item 6. Muay Thai Presentation on Possible Delegation of Authority for Amateur Muay Thai Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 18646 -Brian Dobler**

(Requested for delegation under 18646) Mr. Dobler communicated that Muay Thai is different from kickboxing or MMA. There is a need for amateur development and there is a lack of ability to verify a contestant’s record, which is a huge problem.

**Agenda Item 7. DCA Director's Report - Bill Young, Deputy Director, Department of Consumer Affairs**

**Agenda Item 8. Presentation of Recommended Changes to MMA Scoring System -Possible Regulatory Change -Nelson Hamilton, John McCarthy, Herb Dean**

The purpose of the system is to recognize, in scoring, the differences between strength of blows, cage control and to recognize that damage is more important than cage control.

Commissioner Lemons: “Why not just use the entire 10pts?”

Doc Hamilton: “It’s never been done before.” He states that you need the more gradual graduation permitted by the ½ pts.

Executive Officer George Dodd recommended referral to MMA subcommittee to bring it back for a recommendation to committee commission members Lemons and Zinkin.

**Agenda Item 9. Yearly Review For CAMO Delegation**

**Agenda Item 10. 2009 Boxer Pension Plan Update -Beth Harrington, Benefit Resources -Pension Fund Investments**

Both reports focused on the outreach they are making to find boxers who are eligible for distribution. The Pension Fund is financially healthy; however improvements are still needed to get more information out to the fighters regarding the program.

**Agenda Item 11. Commission Member Administrative Manual -Executive Officer**

M/S/C to approve subject with edits and changes, to be received in the next 30 days

**Agenda Item 12. Applicants for Referee and Judge to Appear Before the Commission (Section 18662 of the Business and Profession Code) -Original Application**

**a. Steve Davies -MMA Referee/Judge**

M/S/C to approve contingent upon receipt of physical showing he has the physical ability to perform as a referee/ judge.

**b. Nelson Hamilton -Boxing Judge**

M/S/C tabled until he has undertaken a mentorship. Details to be established by EO- too demonstrate compliance with Rule 379. Vote was 5-1 to approve with Commissioner Frierson voting no.

**c. John McCarthy -Boxing Judge**

M/S/C to approve.

**d. William Douglas –MMA/Boxing Judge**

M/S/C tabled until he has undertaken a mentorship. Details to be established by EO to demonstrate compliance with Rule 379.

**Agenda Item 13. New Promoter Applications for Licensure -Executive Officer**

**a. Gary Shurley -Badges vs Badges**

M/S/C to extend the temporary license in order to allow him the opportunity to show he can remediate concerns in the area of security.

**b. John Pena -Pena Promotions**

M/S/C to approve.

**c. Phil Dimarco -Hard Knox Promotions**

M/S/C to deny license. Vote was 5-1 with Commissioner Frierson voting no.

**d. MCB, INC -Fred McCurry**

M/S/C to approve.

**e. Red Scorpion -Gloria Casella**

M/S/C to approve.

**Agenda Item 13. License Reinstatement Request**

**a. Jeremy Tavares -Drug of Abuse**

- Not Present

**Agenda Item 14. Bout Appeal**

**a. Alberto Herrera vs. Malik Bazille**

M/S/C to uphold decision. Vote was 5-1 with Commissioner Frierson voting no.

**b. Kermit Cintron vs. Paul Williams**

M/S/C to deny appeal.

**Agenda Item 15. Update to Strategic Plan**

M/S/C to approve the Strategic Plan content with some minor edits; to be completed and available by the upcoming September 20, 2010 Commission meeting.

**Agenda Item 16. Agenda Items and Meeting Dates for Future Meetings**

- Legislation
- Report on assignments
- Report on audit
- Promoters

**Agenda Item 17. Pending Litigation -Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(A), *Corona v. Athletic Commission et al.*, San Bernardino Sup. Ct. No. RCVRS099902**

**Adjournment**