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CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 2, 2016
10:00 a.m. -conclusion of business

Location:

Ronald Reagan State Building - Auditorium
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Commissioners Present

Chair John Carvelli
Vice-Chair Mary Lehman
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez
Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter
Commissioner Vernon Williams, MD
Commissioner Luis Ayala
Commissioner John Frierson
(via teleconference)

Staff Present

Andy Foster, Executive Officer
Gary Duke, Legal Counsel
Heather Jackson, Staff

OPEN SESSION

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

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 welcomed everyone from the public and the Commissioners to the meeting. He opened the meeting with an overview of the Athletic Commission's many accomplishments of 2015 in the form of a memorandum, a copy of which is available upon request.

Agenda Item 3 – Election of New Officers for 2016

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez nominated John Carvelli for Chairman.

Commissioner Sauter seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Commissioner Williams nominated Mary Lehman for Vice Chair.

Chairman Carvelli seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of November 17, 2015, Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez requested revisions to Agenda Items 2 and 5.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the November 17, 2016, Commission Meeting minutes as amended.

Commissioner Ayala seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 7 – Edmond Tarverdyan's appeal of Second's License Revocation

Mr. Gary Duke, Legal Counsel for the Department of Consumer Affairs, provided an overview of the appeal hearing procedures.

Mr. Langston Edwards, Deputy Attorney General, presented background and details on the license revocation appeal and the related court case.

Mr. Steven Bash, Legal Counsel for Mr. Edmund Tarverdyan, presented Mr. Tarverdyan's statements regarding the appeal.

EO Foster recommended that the Commission consider reinstating Mr. Tarverdyan's Second's license with a three month suspension starting February 2, 2016. In addition, he recommended that the Commission issue a fine of \$2,500 for violation of rule 210(b) for "falsification of Commission document", a fine of \$2,500 for violation of rule 390, for "discredit to Mixed Martial Arts", and a three year probationary period.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez inquired about Mr. Tarverdyan's statements in reference to his Second's License application. Vice Chair Lehman inquired about Mr. Tarverdyan's proof of rehabilitation.

Commissioner Ayala motioned to reinstate Mr. Tarverdyan's Second license with a three month suspension starting February 2, 2016, adding fines of \$2,500 for each violation: rule 210(b) for "falsification of Commission document", and rule 390, for "discredit to Mixed Martial Arts", including a three year probationary period.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 12 – Review and possible approval of boxing license application from Devin Haney

EO Foster provided an overview of Mr. Devin Haney's license application and recommended the Commission approve Mr. Haney's license to Box professionally in California, with the requirement that the EO will oversee the matchmaking appropriately.

After much discussion it was determined that pursuant to B&P Code 18702, the Commission does not have the authority to grant an exception to the age requirement of a Professional Boxer.

Commissioner Ayala motioned to not approve a Professional Boxer License for Mr. Devin Haney.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez seconded the motion.

Motion did not go to vote.

Agenda Item 6 – Presentation from the World Boxing Council regarding Instant Replay

EO Foster provided the Commission with an overview and his recommendation of the potential use of Instant Replay in California. Dr. Leon, WBC representative, explained how Instant Replay is currently being utilized and the results of the use in other jurisdictions.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez suggested that the Commission consider creating a sub-committee to review the use of instant replay and how it could be utilized in California.

Chairman Carvelli approved an Instant Replay sub-committee to consist of Commissioners Shen-Urquidez and Sauter. Vice Chair Lehman expressed that stakeholder involvement will be particularly important in the process of this potential use.

Agenda Item 9 – Discussion and possible action of delegation of amateur boxing to USA Boxing

Legal Counsel, Mr. Gary Duke, provided the Commission with the background for the delegation of amateur boxing to USA Boxing in California and its utilized rules with regard to headgear. He stated that USA Boxing has yet to complete their by-laws for the Commission to review.

Mr. Mike Martino, USA Boxing, spoke to the status of their by-laws and the progress that has been made toward completion.

Chairman Carvelli instructed EO Foster to move forward with DCA and USA Boxing to complete the delegation.

Agenda Item 8 – Review and possible adoption of proposed emergency regulation of section 610, of Division 2, of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations - "Headgear"

Legal Counsel, Gary Duke, provided background regarding the basis of this emergency regulation and presented the proposed language to the Commission.

Vice Chair Lehman recommended adding a requirement for approval prior to the event.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the language to move forward.

Commissioner Ayala seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 10 – Discussion and possible action of proposed emergency regulations to amend sections 297 "Weighing Time" and 300 "Time for Physical Examinations" and adopt section 299 "Dehydration and Rehydration", of Article 6 of Division 2, of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations

EO Foster provided the Commission with an overview of the current regulations and recommended approval of the proposed changes to 297, 299 and 300 regarding Weighing Time, Time for Physical Examinations, and Dehydration and Rehydration and to authorize Commission staff to submit emergency regulations to OAL for approval. EO Foster further recommended that the Commission seek legislative changes in Business and Professions Code 18706(a).

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez expressed concerns with 297 increasing the time commitment on the Ringside Physician's. She also questioned the legality of mandating an athlete to compete in a particular, or different weight class, if they cannot make weight.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the language to move forward, as amended.

Commissioner Ayala seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Commission Frierson unavailable for vote.

Agenda Item 11 – Review and possible approval of proposed changes to section 280, of Article 6, of Division 2 of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations - "Examination of Boxer Applicants"

EO Foster presented the Commission with background regarding changes to section 280, Examination of Boxer Applicants. He explained that the Medical Advisory Committee recently met to review the current and proposed regulation language, and created a proposal of modifications for the Commission's approval.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the language to move forward, as amended.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote. Commission Frierson unavailable for vote.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officers Report

Budget Update

EO Foster presented the Commission with FM06 of FY2015-16. The Commission deposited \$44,246 in December. January deposits total \$118,113.30. Support fund \$111,808.85, Neurological fund \$784.13, and Pension fund \$5,520.32.

Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations and Legislation

EO Foster presented the Commission with the status of each pending regulation. He explained that the Transgender/TUE final regulation package is still pending at the Department of Consumer Affairs. He explained that once approved by DCA, it will be sent over to Agency for review and approval before being sent over to the Office of Administrative Law.

He further explained that the other regulations are those that were previously discussed in the meeting.

Status Update of Delegated Entities

CAMO - Amateur Mixed Martial Arts

EO Foster presented to the Commission that CAMO has began the minimum fighting weight standard for amateur MMA in California.

USA Boxing- Amateur Boxing

EO Foster reported that USA Boxing and Commission staff have been working on the headgear regulation to allow for an Olympic exemption. He further stated that he has been working with Legal Counsel, Gary Duke to complete the delegation to USA Boxing.

USFL- Youth Pankration

EO Foster stated that USFL has three events in the upcoming months but had no events in December or January. He further explained that USFL is working to expand its sanctioning of youth pankration into other states.

IKF - Amateur Kickboxing

EO Foster reported that since the last meeting in November 2015, IKF has regulated 9 amateur kickboxing events in California, and IKF removed sanctioning for two fighters when they appeared dehydrated from weight cutting.

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.

d. Neurological Fund Update

EO Foster reported that the Neurological Fund currently has \$621,000 in the account.

e. Pension Fund Update

EO Foster stated that the Retired Boxers Pension fund balance has dropped slightly below \$5,000,000 due to a volatile stock market, however, the fund is only down 2.7% for 2016, while the overall stock market has declined close to 8.5% year to date.

f. Update on Weight Cutting Summit held on December 17, 2015

EO Foster explained that the weight cutting summit held on December 17, 2015, was well attended and many positive ideas came from the meeting. He further explained that many of the regulations up for approval earlier in the meeting, stemmed from this Summit.

g. Update on California Championship Belt

EO Foster presented the Commission with background on a move toward having a Championship Belt in California, he stated that the goal is to objectify the champions as much as possible and that he and Commissioner Shen-Urquidez have been working with John Sheppard and BoxRec on the idea.

Agenda Item 13 – 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

No stakeholder testimony.

Agenda Item 14 – Ethics Refresher Training

Legal Counsel, Gary Duke, presented the Commission with a standard ethics refresher course.

Agenda Item 15 – Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

No public comment.

Agenda Item 16 – Next Meeting Scheduled for April 19, 2016, in Oakland, CA

After much discussion, the Commission decided to move the next meeting to Los Angeles, changing the date to April 25, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT