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Minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting of the Ohio Athletic Commission ("OAC") held at 10:00 A.M. at the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

I. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Executive Director Profato. Roll call was taken by Executive Director Profato. Present for roll call were: Commissioner Chairman Gene Weiss, Commissioner John Konstantinos, Commissioner Michael Chase, Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers, and Commissioner Tom Jelepis.

II. A. The minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Michael Chase moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

B. The Licensure list was presented for Commission approval. Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to approve the list. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. Under unfinished business Executive Director Profato requested the Commission to suspend the license of Theresa Nickens.

Commissioner John Konstantinos made a motion to suspend, for the duration, Theresa Nickens' promoter's license. Mrs. Nickens will be required to make a personal appearance before this Commission for reinstatement of her license. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Also under unfinished business, Executive Director Profato discussed the State Auditor's report. The audit letter contains a matter (verbal recommendation) that does not require inclusion in the report *Government Auditing Standards* and was made regarding internal control over financial reporting.

"The Athletic Commission provides receipt books to Athletic Event Inspectors who officiate at events in other locations throughout the state. There appears to be no monitoring of these receipts issued. They are not required to be turned in with event reports, nor is there an accounting for such receipts (by number) on the event forms. We recommend that these receipts be monitored and some manner of accounting for these receipt numbers be incorporated into the event reporting process."

Executive Director Profato followed up by stating that there are two things we are now doing.

A record is now being maintained showing the receipt book number series issued to the inspectors. Inspectors will now send in the completed receipt books to the Athletic Commission office. Also, for each event, the inspectors will record the receipt numbers issued. The completed receipt books and receipt numbers per event will be maintained for audit purposes.

IV. Under new business Executive Director Profato stated that he is not going to approve the fight between Wes Sims and Tim Sylvia because it would not be competitive. If you look at their official records in the database, Tim Sylvia is 8-5 and Wes Sims is 1-7-1. Back in 2004, Tim Sylvia knocked Wes Sims out in a minute and 30 seconds. He is going to tell the promoter that he is denying the fight and giving him three options. One option is to take the fight somewhere else. I talked to Nick Lembo from New Jersey and he said that he totally concurs with me. The second option is that the promoter can repeal the decision before the Commission at the March 10th meeting. The third option is that the promoter can schedule new fighters.

V. A Boxing event in Cleveland on February 19, promoted by Suzanne Warner; Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the event. Commissioner John Konstantinos seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Cleveland on February 20, promoted by Greg Kalikas; Commissioner Michael Chase moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Elyria on February 26, promoted by Leif Christman; Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro MMA event in Columbus on March 6, promoted by WEC; Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

VI. The Executive Director's report was read by all of the Commissioners.

VII. There were no public comments.

VIII. Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to adjourn. Commissioner John Konstantinos seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The minutes have been edited for clarity and punctuation only. Content remains unchanged and the original tape of the meeting is intact and available.

ATTESTED TO: _____ DATE: 3-10-10

POSITION: Chairman