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Minutes of the October 10, 2012 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 Bernie Profato. Roll call was taken by Executive Director Profato. Present for roll call were Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt, Commissioner Robert Schuerger, and Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers. Commissioner John Konstantinos was absent. Commissioner Ochsenhirt acted as Chairman.
- II. A. The minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Robert Schuerger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
B. The Licensure list was presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Robert Schuerger moved to approve the list. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. There was no unfinished business.
- IV. Under new business Mr. Profato stated that certain boxing groups are trying to circumvent the rules of the Commission. They submit a name to the promoter that they know will be approved by the Commission. Then they turn around and withdraw that name and try to submit the name of a lesser opponent. Promoters will be reminded that once the Commission approves a name at the meeting then if you change opponents it can only be with someone with a higher record.

The Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) Association lobbied and wants its members to be allowed to perform ringside physicals. APN's are allowed to do certain things but it has to be signed off by a doctor. The wording for who can perform ringside physicals was changed in the Administrative Code but not in the Revised Code. Mr. Profato will update the wording to reflect who is allowed to do ringside physicals and also the definition of an amateur fighter. It needs to be changed to include state rates for food, travel and lodging. Right now the law reads that amateur fighters cannot receive more than \$25 in value from a promoter. Mr. Profato will work with the OBM analyst to get it passed in the Budget Bill.

A Pro AM MMA event in Streetsboro on October 20, promoted by Greg Kalikas; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Robert Schuerger seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro MMA event in Dayton on October 26, promoted by Bjorn Rebney (Bellator); Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Robert Schuerger seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Columbus on November 10, promoted by Greg Kalikas; Commissioner Robert Schuerger moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers 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 Dr. Stiggers moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Robert Schuerger 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:

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POSITION:

Acting Chairman