

242 Federal Plaza West  
Suite 405  
Youngstown, Ohio 44503  
Phone: (330) 797-2556  
Fax: (330) 797-2559

Bernie Profato  
Executive Director

State of Ohio  
**OHIO ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

Minutes of the May 14, 2008 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 Bernie Profato. Present for roll call were: Chairman Gene Weiss, Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers, Commissioner Michael Chase, Commissioner Tom Jelepis, Commissioner John Konstantinos, and Executive Director Bernie Profato.
- II.
  - A. The minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Michael Chase moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner John Konstantinos seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
  - B. The Licensure list was next. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the list, Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.
- III. There was no unfinished business.
- IV. Under new business, Executive Profato discussed a signed letter he received from Joseph Bermudez, a trainer licensed in Ohio, from Michigan. On an April 12, 2008 fight in Columbus, a fighter from Michigan, named Philip Jewel was supposed to fight. Ohio requires ophthalmologic eye exams and Negative HIV, Hepatitis B and C. Fighters can use exams from another state but then they only receive a temporary (90 day) license. He had blood work from Michigan and sent down an Ohio ophthalmologic eye exam that was completed in Michigan. We have a system in place in the office whereby all medical reports not submitted by another commission are verified by a phone call. When the doctor listed on the eye exam was called, the phone number given was a nonworking number. Therefore, Mr. Bermudez submitted a false eye examination to the Commission. We will not file criminal charges. However, Mr. Bermudez has been placed under a one year (May 1, 2008 to May 1, 2009) suspension (for any license) in the state of Ohio. He will also be fined \$500. This may be the first document where someone admits to wrongdoing in the sport of boxing. The signed letter was sent to Tim Lueckenhoff from the ABC and everyone on their mailing list got a copy of the suspension letter. Just because Ohio is not filing criminal charges does not mean that Michigan will not file criminal charges.
- V. A Pro-Am MMA event in St. Clairsville on May 17, promoted by David Klick;

Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

B Pro-Am MMA event in Hillsboro on May 17, promoted by Joe Bridenbaugh; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Michael Chase seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

C Pro-Am MMA event in Dayton on May 31, promoted by Jeff Kolaczowski; Commissioner Michael Chase moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

D Pro-Am Boxing event in Cincinnati on May 31, promoted by Andrew Williams; Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the event. Commissioner John Konstantinos seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

E Pro-Am Boxing event in Wauseon on June 6, promoted by Fred Vallejo; Troy Speakman is scheduled to fight on this event. Executive Director Profato stated that he will not be permitted to fight in Ohio if he does not show up for this fight. For past events he has contracted to fight then pulled off the card and he has never fought more than eight rounds. Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

F Pro-Am MMA event in Cleveland on June 7, promoted by Greg Kalikas; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Michael Chase 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 Michael Chase 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: Gene Weiss DATE: 6/11/08

POSITION: Chairman

State of Ohio  
**OHIO ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**Executive Director's Report for May 2008**

I attended the OBM hearing for upcoming 2010 and 2011 state budget. The talk centered on the loss of tax revenue for those upcoming years. Ways were discussed to cut the budgets of commissions and also means of regaining some revenue. I plan on re submitting a proposed 5% tax on wrestling events, but to set it to start after \$2,000. By doing this most if not all wrestling promoters from within the state will not be affected by the tax. It will be directed towards the big time promoters who come into the state for periodic shows.

Since there hasn't been an increase in license fees the past 5 years, I am hoping that we can avoid any increase during this budget period or at least not put an increase into affect until 2011.

There has been a number of positive newspaper articles printed about Mixed Martial Arts in the state of Ohio and how we are recognized by many as one of the leading states in the sport. These articles appeared in the Dayton Daily News, Columbus Dispatch, Toledo Blade and most recent coverage the Lorain Morning Journal and the Elyria Chronicle. We are considered by most states the leaders in Amateur Mixed Martial Arts.

Included is a positive letter about the job done by the commission and its officials at a recent MMA event in St. Clairsville. The letter was sent to Mr. Aaron Pickrell the Governor's Chief of Operations from Mr David Klick a MMA Promoter from the state of Pennsylvania. ( A copy of letter enclosed)

We had 62 officials attend a Mixed Martial Arts clinic that was held in Akron, OH on April 19, 2008. Judging and refereeing techniques were discussed as well as a meeting with all the Inspectors on how to improve consistency on the part of Inspectors at all events. ( copy of inspector agenda enclosed)

MONTHLY DEPOSITS FOR: April - \$15,234.50