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Minutes of the February 10, 2015 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. Mr. Profato called for a moment of silence to honor Gene Weiss, former Chairman of the Ohio Athletic Commission. Roll call was taken by Mr. Profato. Present for roll call were: Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt, Commissioner Robert Schuerger, Commissioner Jon Stainbrook, Commissioner Terry Patton and Commissioner Dr. Armile.

II. The minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Schuerger moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Patton seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Licensure list was presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Patton moved to approve the list. Commissioner Dr. Armile seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Profato informed the Commission that he has been communicating with Assistant Attorney General Walter McNamara about people we should not be licensing. Assistant Attorney General Walter McNamara stated that he has several clients where they have granted the Executive Director with the authority to do initial license denials pursuant to law. If the Executive Director sees something unlawful or illegal on an application they are allowed to automatically issue an "initial denial letter". In the "initial denial letter" you simply put in the reasons for the denial and if you want a hearing you are entitled to one but you have to request one within 30 days. If a hearing is requested then that party would come in here and a hearing would be performed in front of this Commission. It is different than what has been done in the past and is an option that is legally available.

Commissioner Patton made a motion to approve a policy granting the Executive Director the authority to do initial license denials pursuant to law. Commissioner Schuerger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. Under unfinished business Mr. Profato read a letter from Leando Banks, a boxer, requesting that the Commission remove his suspension so he can fight in other states. Commissioner Dr. Armile moved to approve that the Commission remove Mr. Banks' suspension with the condition that he submits a letter acknowledging his resignation from fighting in Ohio. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

IV. Under new business Mr. Profato stated that the Cleveland Clinic is doing a neurological study on boxers and MMA fighters. It is the first time a Commission Director has been asked for input. He will attend a meeting on Friday, February 20th.

Mr. Profato stated that Assistant Attorney General Walter McNamara got a call from the attorney for Hamilton County Children's Services Department. A boxer owes over \$40,000 in child support and they want us to suspend his license. We are not a collection agency, we are a licensing agency. If we have to suspend a fighter's license three times for nonpayment of child support then that fighter will have to appear before the Commission.

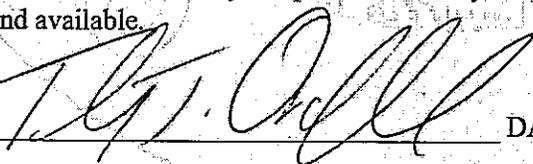
Mr. Profato reminded the Commissioners that they need to complete and submit their Financial Disclosure forms by April 15th. The forms can be completed and submitted online. If the forms are not submitted on time the Commission will be assessed a fine.

Mr. Profato discussed several options for the Commissioners to take the required Ethics Training. He will provide additional information at next month's meeting.

- V. A Pro Am MMA event in Canton on March 7, promoted by Greg Kalikas. Commissioner Patton moved to approve the event. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded it and it was unanimously approved.
- A Pro Am MMA event in Columbus on March 6, promoted by Alice Speakman. Commissioner Stainbrook moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Armile seconded it and it was unanimously approved.
- A Pro Boxing event in Columbus on March 7, promoted by Alice Speakman. Commissioner Schuerger moved to approve the event. Commissioner Patton seconded it and it was unanimously approved.
- A Pro Boxing event in Cincinnati on March 7, promoted by Nate Tubbs. Commissioner Patton moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Armile 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 Stainbrook moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dr. Armile 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:

March 10, 2015

POSITION:

Chairman