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Minutes of the August 10, 2011 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 Chairman Gene Weiss, Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt, and Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers. Commissioner John Konstantinos was absent.
- II.
  - A. The minutes of the July 13, 2011 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
  - B. The Licensure list was presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the list. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. There was no unfinished business.
- IV. Executive Director Bernie Profato mentioned an email that went out regarding public records. The email came about because an inspector over thought himself. He believed the blood work presented by a fighter was not proper. It was a combination of things involving this inspector. It was a new doctor at the event. Also, the fighter had been vaccinated for Hepatitis B. However, the fight doctor approved the blood work results. Even if the doctor was incorrect about blood work results the inspector would not be blamed. If blood work wasn't right we would give it to Dr. Stiggers and he would contact the doctor and ask why he let someone fight without the proper blood work. This inspector pulled the fight from the final results and kept the contracts and licenses of the fighters because he wanted the fight to go away. He has been suspended for three months. Any paperwork given to you is the property of the state of Ohio. The email also mentioned that picture taking cannot have hats and glasses and must have a solid background with no signs, etc. These are official pictures that are put in the National MMA database and, as such, must be identifiable. This email is sent out at least every 3 months to the inspectors. They follow it for awhile and then get lackadaisical about it. Also under new business there is a Strikeforce show coming on September 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a fighter on the card named Josh Barnett, whom the California Commission would not take any action on but also would not license. Strikeforce has been bought by the UFC and goes under the name "Forsa." Mr. Profato spoke to Mark Rattner and told him that Josh Barnett will have to take a drug test and pass it for steroids at least 20 days before the fight because he has been found 3 different times for steroid use/performance enhancing drugs. If he doesn't take the test he will not be fighting in Ohio. Also, he will be tested after the fight, as will all the title fights. If Barnett refuses the test, we will go for half of his purse. Mr. Profato also stated that he is looking into Ohio having a three strike rule. If a fighter has

tested positive three times for steroids they would not be allowed to fight in Ohio. Assistant Attorney General John Patterson stated that it is not a yes or no answer because there is a due process issue, whether the statute would let you do something like that. He will look into the matter. Executive Director Profato stated that this is just in the thinking stages and something that we will look at. It will send a message to fighters that Ohio is not going to tolerate steroid and illegal drug use.

V. A Boxing event in Struthers on August 13, promoted by James Infante; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Cincinnati on August 20, promoted by Jason Appleton; Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Owensville on August 26, promoted by Mike Wick; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Cleveland on August 27, promoted by Greg Kalikas; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Cincinnati on September 4, promoted by John Blackman; Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro MMA event in Cincinnati on September 10, promoted by Strikeforce; Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Harry 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 Tim Ochsenhirt moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers 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: 9-14-11

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman