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Minutes of the February 8, 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 John Konstantinos, Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt and Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers. Commissioner John Konstantinos acted as Chairman.
- II.
 - A. The minutes of the January 11, 2012 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 Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the list. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. Under unfinished business Mr. Profato stated that as of March 1st the Michigan MMA fighters will be banned from fighting in Ohio.
- IV. Under new business Mr. Profato discussed the exception to the present permit policy. Permits for events shall not be submitted earlier than 60 days prior to the date of an event. The exception is that a permit may be submitted within 120 days prior to the date of an event when the following exists:
 - a. The venue has a minimum seating capacity of not less than 2500.
 - b. The permit must be submitted with a receipt of deposit for the venue.
 - c. No permit will be issued until seating capacity for the venue is verified by the Commission.

Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the exception to the present permit policy. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The OAC's policy for title bouts was the next item discussed under new business. Mr. Profato stated that this is the standard the fighters have to meet to fight in Ohio. To be

eligible for Mixed Martial Arts:

1. Male fighters must have a minimum of 4 bouts and a winning record.
2. Female fighters must have a minimum of 3 bouts and a winning record.
3. The Executive Director will determine whether the results of an NSF bout will be accepted.

To be eligible for Professional Boxing:

1. Male boxers must have a minimum of 8 bouts and a winning record
2. Female boxers must have a minimum of 6 bouts and a winning record.

Not eligible:

1. The Contestant did not compete within 1 year from the date of the event
2. Last loss was a result of being stopped. When the last loss is by decision the results will be evaluated and eligibility will be determined by the Executive Director.
3. The Contestant has lost 2 of their last 3 fights.
4. These criteria do not apply if the Contestant is the Defending Champion.

The Bout may still be approved but not as a title fight. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the policy for title bouts. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Transgender Medical Policy was the third item presented under new business. Mr. Profato presented the ABC's Transgender Medical Policy. The purpose of the policy is aimed at allowing combat sports athletes to participate in competition in accordance with their gender identity while maintaining the relative balance of competitive equity among competitors. Assistant Attorney General John Patterson recommended that the Board adopt the Olympic Transgender Medical Policy on a temporary basis until the Board is able to formulate a Transgender Medical Policy. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to temporarily adopt the Olympic Transgender Medical Policy. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- V. A Pro-Am MMA event in Cleveland on February 18, promoted by Greg Kalikas; Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Boxing event in Columbus on March 1, promoted by Tamara MacLaren and Bob Lorimer; Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro MMA event in Columbus on March 3, promoted by Zuffa, LLC (Strikeforce); Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Toledo on March 10, promoted by Joe Bridenbaugh;

Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt 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. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt 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: John Konstantinos DATE: April 11, 2012

POSITION: Acting Chairman

