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OHIO ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the January 12, 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 John Konstantinos, Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers, and Commissioner James Carney. Commissioner Konstantinos acted as Chairman in Gene Weiss' absence. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt was absent.
- II.
 - A. The minutes of the December 8, 2010 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner James Carney seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
 - B. The Licensure list was presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the list. Commissioner James Carney seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- III. Under unfinished business, Executive Director Profato stated that all of the Commission's recent appointments have been approved at the last meeting of the Senate.
- IV. Under new business, Executive Director Profato referred to an email that he sent to Promoter Greg Kalikas regarding an MMA event that was held at the Saddleridge in Brook Park (Cleveland). Inspector Jim Myers sent Mr. Profato an email about some problems with the facility. The weigh-in and license rooms were too dark and cold. The room for the fight was too cold. The dressing room was even colder and very dark. The only available seats were bar stools with no backs. These issues are unacceptable as it places the fighters' health in jeopardy and this is an inconvenience to all in attendance. A remark was made to Mr. Myers when he addressed how cold it was and he was told that when the fans came in it would warm up. He was later told that one of the heaters was not working. These problems should have been checked earlier and addressed. Before the Saddleridge facility is used again the owner will have to pay to have an inspector verify that the noted issues have been resolved.

The Executive Director has sent out a warning letter to the promoters and the inspectors about paying amateur fighters to fight. However, fighters can get paid for selling tickets because that is an outside job. The promoters were told to document the fighters and related ticket sales, along with the fighter's signature on their own form. This form will be kept in the fight folder as a record. Any future complaints about a fighter getting paid can be resolved by a review of this form. When the inspectors receive this form from the promoter they will know to include it in the fight packet.

On the upcoming Strikeforce event, a fighter from California, Josh Barnett, has tested positive three times for steroids and enhancement drugs. The last two times he has tested positive and it has been before the fight so they really hadn't licensed him yet. Mr. Barnett has a hearing in California. We are not going to keep him from fighting, however, within 30 days of the fight he will have to come to Ohio and go to Ohio State University (where one of our ringside physicians teaches) and have a complete drug test for steroids and enhancement drugs. Another option is that we arrange with the California Commission to have Mr. Barnett go with someone from the Commission and take a digital photograph of the guy they are testing. The picture needs to be included on the blood test results that come back to Ohio. If he passes the drug test, then he can fight in Ohio with the understanding that he is going to be tested again after the fight.

V. A Pro-Am MMA event, promoted by Marco Leone, is scheduled for Parma on January 15. Commissioner James Carney moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event, promoted by Tamara Maclaren, is scheduled for Columbus on January 15. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner James Carney seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Boxing event, promoted by Andrew Williams, is scheduled for Cincinnati on January 15. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner James Carney seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event, promoted by Monte Cox, is scheduled for Forest Park on January 29. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner James Carney 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. Harry Stiggers moved to adjourn. Commissioner James Carney 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 Kroutman DATE: 2-9-11

POSITION: Acting Chairman