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Minutes of the June 9, 2010 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 Profato. Roll call was taken by Executive Director Profato. Present for roll call were: Commissioner Chairman Gene Weiss, Commissioner John Konstantinos, Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt, Dr. Harry Stiggers, and Commissioner Tom Jelepis. [This is Mr. Jelepis' last meeting.]
- II.
  - A. The minutes of the May 12, 2010 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner John Konstantinos 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. Harry Stiggers seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. Under unfinished business Executive Director Profato stated that the lawsuit involving Mr. Brent Gambrell and the Commission has been dismissed.
- IV. Under new business Executive Director Profato stated that in House Bill 478 the original wording included the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the Firefighters Organization. It was stipulated that the money would have to go to charity and included the words "boxing", "kickboxing", etc. Mr. Profato went to Columbus and testified that they had to add a word in and take a word out. The word taken out is "Mixed Martial Arts" because of the database system and the way it is set up. You cannot put people in a fight who are out of their weight classes. The biggest thing Mr. Profato was concerned about was the Boxing part of it because if you did not have the word "amateur" included then a promoter could have gone to the FOP and say "I'll promote your show for you and after I take my \$20,000 expenses off the top and give you your \$20 for charity." They cannot do that in the amateurs. The bill was amended and it does have "amateur" included and "mixed martial arts" taken out. The amended House Bill 478 was passed 98 to 0.

Also under new business, legislation was passed starting July 1<sup>st</sup> whereby all MMA fighters who participate in an event must produce a negative HIV, Hepatitis B and C test. Previously only the Pro's were required to have the blood tests because the amateurs were not making any money and could not afford the \$109 for the tests. There is a place that will do the tests for \$62.95 so now we will tell the fighters there is a place that charges \$109 and there is another place that charges \$62.95. We will let them decide which place they want to get the tests. The test is good for one year. After August 1<sup>st</sup> if a fighter does not have the required

blood tests they will not be allowed to fight.

- V. A Pro-Am MMA event in Columbus on June 18, promoted by Tammy McClaren; Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the event. Commissioner John Konstantinos seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Valley View on June 19, promoted by Marco Leone; Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Boxing event in Cincinnati on June 19, promoted by Andrew Williams; Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Springboro on June 26, promoted by Craig Charles; Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner John Konstantinos seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

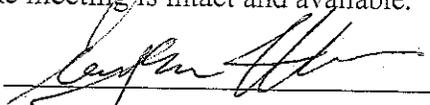
A Pro-Am MMA event in Cincinnati on June 26, promoted by Earl Clark; Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Boxing event in North Olmsted on June 26, promoted by Suzie Warner; Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Montpelier on July 10, promoted by Fred Vallejo; Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

- VI. The Executive Director's report was read by all of the Commissioners.
- VII. During public comments, Chairman Gene Weiss thanked outgoing Commissioners Chase and Jelepis, for their years of dedication and service to the Commission. Executive Director Profato presented Mr. Chase and Mr. Jelepis with miniature title belts and appreciation plaques. Inspector Jim Myers shared some of his memories of working with Mr. Chase and Mr. Jelepis at the events.
- VIII. Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to adjourn. Commissioner Tom Jelepis 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: 7-14-10

POSITION: Chairman