

State of Ohio  
OHIO ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the September 13, 2016 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 Mr. Profato. Present for roll call were: Commissioner Schuerger, Commissioner Stainbrook, Commissioner Patton, Commissioner Mancini and Commissioner Dr. Armile.
- II. The minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Dr. Armile moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.  
  
The Licensure list was presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Dr. Armile moved to approve the Licensure list. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. Under unfinished business Mr. Profato said that Mr. Saffold contacted Rico Barrera, Assistant Attorney General, about the KO Drugs Boxing Tournament. Mr. Barrera told Mr. Saffold that the Commission already heard about the KO Drugs Boxing Tournament at two meetings and are not willing to commit more time to it. Mr. Saffold was told he would need to seek legislative approval in order to create a new sanctioning body.
- IV. Under new business, Mr. Profato and Mr. Barrera discussed an email Mr. Profato received from a wrestling promoter in West Virginia who is challenging the OAC's authority to regulate professional wrestling in Ohio. Also under new business Mr. Profato discussed the UFC and allowing CM Punk, former WWE wrestler, to be on the card. We let him fight as a Pro without him having any MMA fights. Duke Rufus trained him and Joe Silva is the matchmaker. The UFC in Cleveland was one of the largest pay per view buys this year. The OAC office received several calls from amateur MMA fighters questioning the Commission allowing CM Punk to fight and saying that they also want to turn Pro without having the requisite number of fights. In the future, anyone wanting to waive the standards we now have to be a Pro can appear before the Commission and plead their case. The final item discussed under new business was a public records request letter that Mr. Barrera answered in which he denied the request.

- V. A Pro Am MMA event in Mansfield on October 8 promoted by M. Trukovich. Commissioner Stainbrook moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Armile seconded the motion 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 Patton 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:

Oct 11, 2016

POSITION:

Chairman