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Minutes of the April 14, 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 John Konstantinos, Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt, Dr. Harry Stiggers, and Commissioner Tom Jelepis. Absent was Commissioner Chairman Gene Weiss. Commissioner John Konstantinos acted as Chairman.

Executive Director Profato introduced the new Commission member, Tim Ochsenhirt and presented him with a Commission badge for the events.

II. A. The minutes of the March 10, 2010 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Tom Jelepis 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 Tom Jelepis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

III. There was no unfinished business.

IV. Under new business Michael Smith, represented the Fraternal Order of Pro Wrestlers, a new organization, stated that the one thing wrestling is missing is a central body to hold it all together. Boxing has Golden Gloves and American Boxing Commission. The Fraternal Order of Pro Wrestlers' mission is for the betterment and education of professional wrestling in all states, not just Ohio. Their mission is also to make sure what people see are wrestlers who are trained, safe and upholding the rules of their Athletic Commissions. Wrestling promoters are not happy with the way things have been going because of a rash of outlaw shows. Promoters are not getting licenses because they feel they cannot be caught by the Ohio Athletic Commission and will not be penalized. This renegade-type of thinking hurts the legitimate promoters. Bernie Profato, Executive Director, explained the Ohio Athletic Commission's procedures for contacting people putting on the wrestling shows without a permit. It is a criminal offense but sometimes the local police are not available to shut down the shows. The Athletic Commission office receives many complaint calls and emails which are forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

V. A Pro-Am MMA event in Springboro on April 17, promoted by Craig Charles; Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in East Liverpool on April 24, promoted by Greg Kalikas; Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Boxing event in North Olmsted on April 24, promoted by Suzie Warner; Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Forest Park on May 1, promoted by Monte Cox; Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Profato stated that the Boxing event in Akron on May 1, promoted by Paul Klingaman had one change on the card. The bout between Charles Davis (19-19) and Nick Firtha (17-7) had been approved. Since then the promoter has asked to substitute a fighter I would not approve. The fighter is Mike Miller (6-16). Mr. Profato made a recommendation to the Commission that we would allow the promoter and matchmaker to have time to match either of the fighters with other opponents but not with each other. Jay Masangi, matchmaker for the event made a presentation regarding Mike Miller and why he should be allowed to fight at the event in Akron. Acting Chairman Commissioner John Konstantinos called for a motion to accept the card. There was no motion. Therefore, the bout as put forth by the promoter was not approved. The promoter, Paul Klingaman requested a reconsideration of the card without the bout in question. Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the match as amended subject to approval by Bernie Profato, Executive Director and the Commission. 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 was a public comment regarding the new rules for wrestling. Mr. Smith inquired when the rules would be posted on the OAC's website. Executive Director Profato explained the new rules and stated that they would be posted with a time frame between July 1 and August 1, 2010.

There was another public comment from Jay Masangi about boxing. Executive Director Profato stated that the reason MMA has surpassed boxing is that winning is not the number one thing in MMA. The fighters come out to win a competitive fight and not to worry about there record.

VIII. Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dr. Harry 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: 5-12-10

POSITION: Chairman