

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

March 22, 2018

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order March 22, 2018 at approximately 11:00 AM.

Commission Members present: None of the Commissioners attended in person. Commission Members joining by telephone: Chairman Leon Ramsey, Secretary Paul Thornton, Commissioner Dr. Tim Peasak, and Commissioner Tony Figaretti. Also present were: Connie Brammer, and Keith Morgan. No members of the public attended this meeting.

Issues and Action Items

The first item was approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item to be addressed was the presence of alcohol at the ringside apron. After discussion Secretary Thornton moved to formalize the current practice of allowing no alcohol at the ringside apron. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Peasak and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item addressed was a Blood Pressure reading that would disqualify a fighter. After discussion this item is tabled pending guidelines currently being formulated by the Association of Ringside Physicians.

The next item addressed was whether or not a physical examination should be required for referees. This meeting is tabled for further research and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Discussion occurred regarding appropriate uniforms for referees. This will be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

The next item addressed was proposed changes to the Home Page of the Athletic Commission web site. After discussion Commissioners agreed the picture should be changed. Commissioners also agreed the Welcome Statement should be changed.

Connie Brammer will contact West Virginia Interactive to discuss requirements for both the picture and the mission statement.

The next item was a policy for posting pro and Semi-pro champions to the website. After discussion Secretary Thornton moved that a list of Professional Title Winners and Semi-Pro Champions will be posted to the Athletic Commission website beginning with January 1, 2018 and going forward. Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was a policy for officials' guest and/or family members attending events with the official. After discussion Commissioner Figaretti moved that tickets must be purchased for all guests and, further, that guests may not sit ring-side with an active official. Motion was seconded by Secretary Thornton and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was a policy to address unsportsmanlike conduct, cursing, or touching a WVAC Official, Commissioner, Medical personnel, or staff at events sanctioned by the WVAC. After discussion Secretary Thornton moved that athletes who participate in unsportsmanlike conduct including but not limited to cursing or touching a

WV Athletic Commission Official, Commissioner, Medical personnel, or event staff will be suspended for from 30 days to indefinitely depending on the severity of the offense.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item addressed was changes to various forms currently in use by the Athletic Commission. After discussion Commissioner Dr. Peasak moved to accept the proposed revisions to the forms with the exception of the statement on the Athlete Application allowing the WV Athletic Commission to release contact information to promoters, match-makers, agents, media, and sports record-keeping entities. Entities requesting such information will be directed to obtain the information from another source.

Discussion occurred regarding status of planning a training session for officials. Tentatively planned for the last weekend in June at either Stonewall Resort or Flatwoods Convention and Conference Center. Consideration will be given to including licensing for FY 18-19 in the fee. No action is taken on this item.

No issues pending from previous meetings were addressed.

Secretary Thornton moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Leon Ramsey
Chairman

Date signed: _____

Connie Brammer