

# MINUTES

## WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

April 5, 2018

### **Call to Order – Approval of Minutes**

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order April 5, 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, and Commissioner Tony Figaretti. Also present were: Connie Brammer, Crystal Crouch, and Pam Lopez. 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 22, 2018 meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the officials/fight card for The Toughman Tournament in Beckley, WV scheduled for April 6-7, 2018. Chairman Ramsey reported

promoter Jerry Thomas has submitted all necessary documents including the list of entries and his certification of due diligence for this event to proceed. Chairman Ramsey then presented the officials for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the event and officials as presented. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the officials/fight card for The Southside Rumble in Parkersburg, WV scheduled for April 14, 2018. Chairman Ramsey first presented the professional fight card for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve Stephen Dailey vs Jeshua Luckett, Brad Moorehead vs. Tim Farnsworth, and Eric Palmer vs Donny Miller. Commissioner Figaretti seconded Dailey vs Luckett and Moorehead vs Farnsworth. Chairman Ramsey seconded Palmer vs Miller. Each motion passed unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey then presented the amateur bouts proposed for this event which include amateur boxing, amateur MMA, and amateur Kickboxing. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the amateur fight card for this event. Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey then presented the officials for this event. Secretary Thornton moved

to approve the officials as presented. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next agenda item a review of the Transgender/Transsexual policy wording to ensure clarity. This item is tabled until the next meeting.

The next agenda item was the issue of a mandatory physical examination for referees. This item is tabled pending further review.

The next agenda item was consideration of pre-fight blood pressure readings that would medically disqualify a fighter from fighting in that event. This item is tabled pending further review.

The next agenda item was uniforms for referees at events. This item is tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion occurred regarding the status of approved changes to the Athletic Commission Home Page. Connie Brammer reported she is working with WV Interactive and changes are in progress.

Chairman Ramsey reported negotiations are in progress with ABC to provide the MMA Officials' training as required by statute. However, at this time the ABC trainer has not confirmed the proposed date.

There being no additional business, Secretary Thornton moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Ramsey seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leon Ramsey  
Chairman

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Connie Brammer