

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

August 9, 2018

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order August 9, 2018 at approximately 11:15 AM.

Commission Members present in person: None Commission Members joining by telephone: Chairman Leon Ramsey, Secretary Paul Thornton, and Commissioner Dr. Tim Peasak. Also present were: Connie Brammer, Crystal Crouch, 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 July 26, 2018 meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Peasak and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the officials/fight card for Terror in the Hills in Wheeling, WV scheduled for August 25, 2018. This item is tabled pending

Attorney General approval of promoter Troy Balgo's bond. Per Commission policy, events are not sanctioned until promoter has both a valid license and an approved bond.

The next item was review and approval of the officials/fight card for Angelo Magnone's event at the Mountaineer Casino scheduled for September 2, 2018. This item is tabled pending Attorney General's approval of the promoter's bond. As noted previously. Per Commission policy, events are not sanctioned until promoter has both a valid license and an approved bond.

The next item was a review of the policy regarding straight stoppages by KO/TKO. After discussion, this policy will remain as approved December 15, 2016 and will be posted to the Commission website as follows:

*License will be denied or suspended for any fighter who has sustained 5 consecutive knock-outs or technical knockouts until he or she has won a fight in another venue.
This policy Is adopted in the interest of athlete safety.*

The next item was a review of the policy regarding criteria for state titles. After discussion, Secretary Thornton moved to amend the policy as follows:

- *Contestants must not have lost the previous fight by KO or TKO*
- *Female contestants for State Titles must have had at least 3 professional fights*
- *Female Title Fights will consist of 6 rounds rather than 8*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Peasak and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was a review of the policy regarding officials' guests at events. After discussion, Secretary Thornton moved to amend the policy by adding:

- *Officials choosing to attend an event to which they are not assigned are expected to purchase tickets for themselves as well as any guests.*

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Peasak and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was a review of the Commission's website. After discussion, this item is tabled pending further development of the Mission Statement and selection of a photograph to replace the current banner.

Discussion occurred regarding fighter Anthony Williams' request to appear before the Commission to request reinstatement of his license following a positive blood test for Hepatitis C which was subsequently shown to be a false positive. Commissioners agree Mr. Williams' suspension will be cleared without his appearance upon Dr. Peasak's review and confirmation of current negative results. Mr. Williams will be contacted for blood work more recent than the March 4, 2016 report currently on file.

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

Leon Ramsey
Chairman

Date signed: _____

Connie Brammer