Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order December 27, 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 was: Connie Brammer. 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 November 8, 2018 meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Peasak and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item to be considered was approval of a standardized fighter contract. After discussion, Secretary Thornton moved to approve the wording of the final draft of the
contract as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item to be considered was formulation of a policy for sanctioning title fights other than West Virginia State Titles. After discussion, Secretary Thornton moved to require the promoter to notify the Commission via the revised sanctioning application and to present documentation of approval by the sanctioning body. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Peasak and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was formulation of a policy to ensure an adequate number of inspectors at events. After discussion, Secretary Thornton moved to require a minimum of four (4) inspectors at all events, two (2) to be stationed ringside/cageside and two (2) to remain in dressing room area as recommended by the Association of Boxing Commissions. This will insure the fairness of the combative fight, protect the fighter post-fight in the dressing room, and reduce the Commission’s and promoter’s exposure to liability for post-fight occurrences in the locker room area. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.
The next item to be considered was a fight between Dave Griffith (7-0) vs John Colvin (4-15). This fight was initially denied per motion by Commissioner Figaretti, seconded by Secretary Thornton, and passed by unanimous voice vote. However, after additional discussion and more review of the fighters’ records, Secretary Thornton moved to reverse the initial denial and approve the fight. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item to be considered was a proposed fight between Mikael Bosse (2-4) and Jeremy Lane (2-1) to occur at the Elk River Rumble in Clendenin, WV on January 26, 2019. After discussion, Secretary Thornton moved to approve this fight. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item to be considered was a proposed fight between Dakota Linger (10-1-2) vs Dewayne Wisdom (7-46-2) to occur at the Clarksburg Toughman Tournament on January 26, 2019. After discussion, Commissioner Figaretti moved to approve this fight. Motion was seconded by Secretary Thornton and passed by unanimous voice vote.
The next item was review and approval of a partial fight card for the pro-am boxing/MMA event promoted by Jim Frio in Moundsville, WV scheduled for January 5, 2019. After discussion, Secretary Thornton moved to approve Lyubomyr Pinchuk (7-1) vs Leroy Jones (3-4). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton also moved to approve Michael Manna (2-0) vs Joe hill (3-2), Eric Bledsoe (vs Javier Frazier (8-7-1), and Kelvin Smith (1-1) vs Johnny Dippolito (0-4). These motions were seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton also move to approve Selento Henderson (0-0) vs Michael Wooten (0-4). Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote. The remaining fight card will be reviewed pending confirmation of records at the next meeting on January 3, 2019.

There being no additional business, 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