

# MINUTES

## WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

January 5, 2017

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

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order January 5, 2017 at approximately 11:00 AM.

Commission Members present: None. Commission Members joining by telephone: Chairman Leon Ramsey, Secretary Paul Thornton, and Commissioner Tony Figaretti. Also present were: Connie Brammer, Crystal Crouch, Keith Morgan, Pam Lopez, John Doyle, and members of the public.

### **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 December 15, 2016 meeting. This motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the officials/fight card for Rough N Rowdy Brawl in Summersville, WV scheduled for January 6-7, 2017. Chairman Ramsey

presented the officials for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the officials.

Chairman Ramsey seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice

vote. Chairman Ramsey advised there are numerous entrants for this event. As per past

policy, promoter Chris Smith has presented his letter of due diligence certifying that all

competitors are eligible to compete and that all matches will be made according to

approved procedure. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the entry list. Chairman

Ramsey seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the officials/fight card for Toughman Contest

in Huntington, WV scheduled for January 6-7, 2017. Chairman Ramsey presented the

officials for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the officials. Chairman

Ramsey seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman

Ramsey reported this event will include two (2) professional boxing matches and one (1)

MMA bout in addition to the Toughman bouts. Chairman Ramsey presented the

professional and MMA fight card for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the

Lyons vs. Long professional boxing bout. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion

which was approved by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the

Russell vs. DeLaney professional boxing bout. Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey moved to approve amateur MMA bout between Skinner and DaVilla. Secretary Thornton seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was consideration of training requirements for all boxing and MMA officials. After discussion Secretary Thornton moved that all officials must be ABC trained by December 31, 2017. Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote. Training is available in Pittsburg in late February and the West Virginia Commission will arrange a class in Charleston sometime during the summer. This will ensure training is available to all officials.

The next item the appointment of additional Chief Deputies. Discussion occurred regarding a system for appointing Chief Deputies as well as possibly reimbursing expenses occurred in the performance of their duties at events. Commissioner Figaretti reported he received mail from Promoter Jerry Thomas, WV Sports Promotions, recommending specific officials for use at his events. Additional discussion occurred regarding this issues

as well as appropriate staffing of events based on geographical proximity, experience, and availability. This item is tabled pending further review.

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

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Leon Ramsey  
Chairman

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

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Connie Brammer