

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

March 9, 2017

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order March 9, 2017 at approximately 11:10 AM.

Commission Members present: None of the Commissioners were present in person. 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, 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 March 2, 2017 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 Toughman in Elkins, WV scheduled for March 10-11, 2017. Chairman Ramsey presented the single

professional fight scheduled for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the non-title 4-round fight between Linger and Guevarra. Chairman Ramsey seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey also presented the feature amateur bout between Pill and Burns, both former female Toughman champions. Chairman Ramsey moved to approve the bout. Chairman Ramsey seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey reported promoter has submitted all necessary documentation including list of entries and due diligence report for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the event. Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey presented the officials for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the officials for this event. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the fight card for the pro-am boxing event in Chester, WV scheduled for March 18, 2017. Chairman Ramsey presented the currently scheduled professional fight card for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the bout between Matt Conway and Isaac Johnson. Motion was seconded by

Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the bout between Jon Hill and Michael Ream. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the bout between Joey Holt and Damion Hill. Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the bout between Darmani Rock and Jon Bolden. Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the bout between Junion Younan and Victor Darocha. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion occurred regarding previous report that former Commissioner Jim Frio was considering licensing an as official rather than a promoter. Chairman Ramsey reports per telephone conversation Mr. Frio has decided to remain in promotions.

Chairman Ramsey reported he attended a hearing regarding proposed rule changes and the outlook for approval is promising.

Chairman Ramsey reported he is disturbed by foul language by fighters when allowed to take the microphone at events. Discussion occurred regarding development of a

criteria and schedule for penalties of rules infractions including suspension for poor sportsmanship. No action was taken. This issue will be addressed at a future meeting.

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