

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

April 13, 2017

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order April 13, 2017 at approximately 11:00 AM.

Commission Members present: Commission Members joining by telephone: Chairman Leon Ramsey, Secretary Paul Thornton, and Commissioner Tony Figaretti. Also present were: Connie Brammer, Crystal Crouch, Keith Morgan, 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 April 6, 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 the pro-am boxing event promoted by Don Pennington in Huntington, WV scheduled for April 15,

2017. Chairman Ramsey presented the officials for this event. After discussion, Secretary Thornton moved to approve the officials with the addition of two (2) inspectors due to the number of bouts on the fight card. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey presented the bouts not previously approved for this event. After discussion, Secretary Thornton moved to approve Gabriel Morris as a replacement opponent for Don Pennington. Chairman Ramsey seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton made individual motions to approve Chris Brown vs. Michael Lunsford and Winfred Harris vs. Kevin Womack. These motions were each seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton made individual motions to approve Nathan Butcher vs. Noel Rodriguez and Caleb Chesternut vs. Marquis Pierce. These motions were seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey moved to approve amateur bout Bobby Brown vs. Noah McCraw. Motion was seconded by Secretary Thornton and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the officials/fight card for Battle of the Ages promoted by Mike Sheppard in Parkersburg, WV scheduled for April 22, 2017. Chairman Ramsey presented the bouts not previously approved for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve pro bout Christopher Kuhn vs. Caleb Chesternut. Chairman Ramsey seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion occurred regarding a request from Delaware for the WV Athletic Commission to sanction events in Delaware. This practice is allowed per ABC policy and the Muhammad Ali Act if a state has no sanctioning body. The requesting state ratifies a "Hold Harmless Agreement" with the sanctioning state. Legal counsel is reviewing to determine if it is prohibited under WV Code or Rules. Action on this item will be added to the agenda for the April 20, 2017 meeting.

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