

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

May 11, 2017

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order May 11, 2017 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, and Commissioner Dr. Tim Peasak. Also present were: Connie Brammer, Crystal Crouch, Keith Morgan, and Pam Lopez. 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 April 28, 2017 meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Peasak and passed by unanimous voice vote.

There were no officials or fight cards available for upcoming events. Discussion occurred regarding the ability to staff a third event on June 24, 2017 per application received from Promoter Don Pennington for an event in Huntington, WV. Events have already been approved for that date in Moundsville, WV and Nitro, WV. Chairman Ramsey reported he has determined Chief Deputies will be available for all three events. He will contact judges and referees to determine if an adequate number of officials are available and notify Mr. Pennington.

The next item was a review of the criteria for State Title Fights tabled from the previous meeting. After discussion, this item was again tabled for further action.

The next item was the criteria for obtaining a license as a professional boxer in the state of West Virginia tabled from the previous meeting. It is noted §CSR-177-1 lists criteria but does not provide the definition of such criteria or a manner of verifying the requirements. After discussion, it is agreed additional research is needed and no action was taken on this item.

The next item addressed was penalties to be imposed for specific infraction of rules and/or policies tabled from the previous meeting. It is noted §CSR-177-1 provides a list

of infractions for which penalties may be imposed but does not specify those penalties.

After discussion, it was agreed additional research is needed and no action was taken on this item.

The next item was potential conflict of interest for officials and Commissioners/Deputies who also serve the sport in other capacities. After discussion it is agreed no conflict has been noted but steps should be taken to avoid such conflict or the appearance of conflict. No action was taken on this item.

The next item was review of the wording and status of proposed rule changes. Commissioners agree changes need to be made to some wording in the rules and also consideration given to some minor rule changes for two-night tournaments as applies to method of matching contestants, “byes,” and the ability of a losing contestant to replace a winning contestant who withdraws. This will be addressed as part of the rule making process for the next session.

The next item to be addressed was a request from the State of Delaware for the West Virginia Athletic Commission to sanction fights in the State of Delaware as provided by ABC Policy and the Muhammad Ali Act. As consultation with the AG and independent

legal counsel has provided differing opinions, Commissioners agree it is prudent to follow the advice of AG and deny the request from Delaware.

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

Leon Ramsey
Chairman

Date signed: _____

Connie Brammer