

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

December 14, 2017

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order December 14, 2017 at approximately 11:00 AM.

Commission Members present: None 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, 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 7, 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 Barstool Sports Rough N Rowdy Brawl in Bluefield, WV scheduled for December 15-16, 2017.

Chairman Ramsey advised promoter Chris Smith has submitted a list of approximately 160 entrants and his certification of due diligence affirming all fighters are eligible to compete in this competition. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the event. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Ramsey presented a featured exhibition between Antoine Brown and Derrick Lambert proposed for this event. This will be three (3) one (1)-minute rounds with 16 ounce gloves. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the bout. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey then presented the officials for this event. Commissioner Figaretti moved to approve the officials for this event. Secretary Thornton seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was to establish criteria for promoters to obtain sanctions for events. After discussion Secretary Thornton moved to require that all promoters have current license and current approved bond prior to submitting application for event sanction. Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was modification of the criteria for state titles previously adopted November 2, 2015.

1. Secretary Thornton moved that contestants for state titles must have at least 5 professional fights. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.
2. Chairman Ramsey moved that contestants for state titles must have a winning record. Motion was seconded by Secretary Thornton and passed by unanimous voice vote.
3. Secretary Thornton moved that contestants for state titles must have competed within the previous twelve (12) months.
4. Secretary Thornton moved that contestants for state titles must have had no penalties for un-sportsman-like conduct. Motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. Secretary Thornton moved that all WV State Title Fights will be held within the state of West Virginia. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.
6. Commissioner Figaretti moved that state title holder must contract to defend the title within six (6) months, with the actual fight to occur within twelve (12) months of the date on which the title was won. This requirement is contingent on a valid and approved challenge to the title. Motion was seconded by Secretary Thornton and passed by unanimous voice vote.
7. Secretary Thornton moved that at least one contender in each state title fight must be a resident of the state of West Virginia. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Further, Commissioners agree winners of State Titles will be awarded a belt which displays the official West Virginia State Seal. This amended policy will become effective January 1, 2018.

Discussion occurred regarding establishing a Fed Ex or UPS account for shipment of documents between the office and chief deputies. Crystal Crouch will research the Commission's ability to do so.

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