

# MINUTES

## WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

January 26, 2017

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

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order January 26, 2017 at approximately 11:00 AM.

Commission Members present: Chairman Leon Ramsey. Commission Members joining by telephone: Secretary Paul Thornton, Commissioner Tim Peasak, 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 January 19, 2017 meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Peasak and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the officials/fight card for 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Toughman in Clarksburg, WV scheduled for January 27-28, 2017. Chairman Ramsey

reported promoter Jerry Thomas has provided the list of Toughman entrants and his due diligence waiver. Chairman Ramsey presented the only professional fight for this event, a WV State Super Middle Weight Title Fight between Don Pennington and Mike Snider scheduled for January 27, 2018. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the title fight. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey also reported a feature fight between 2 female fighters, both former Toughman Female Champs. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the bout. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey presented the officials for this event. He will perform the duties of the Chief Deputy at no charge to the promoter. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the officials for this event. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next action item was consideration of the protested fight between Corey Dulaney and Melvin Russell. After discussion this item is tabled for further review of additional film evidence.

Chief Deputy Robert Riley explained his process for selecting officials at events in which he serves as Chief Deputy. Discussion ensued regarding possible additional training for officials to enhance competence and uniformity. Discussion of the licensing procedure for officials also occurred. No action occurred as a result of these discussions.

The next action item was a revision to the policy for fighters with 10 straight losses. After discussion Secretary Thornton moved to maintain the current policy without change. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

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