

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

February 2, 2017

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order February 2, 2017 at approximately 11:10 AM.

Commission Members present: Chairman Leon Ramsey. Commission Members joining by telephone: Secretary Paul Thornton and Commissioner Dr. Tim Peasak.. 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 26, 2017 meeting. This motion was seconded by Chairman Ramsey and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the officials for VFL 44 mixed discipline event in Martinsburg, WV scheduled for February 4, 2017. Chairman Ramsey presented

the officials for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the officials for this event. Chairman Ramsey seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey then presented the fight card for this event. Raoul Smith, making his professional boxing debut is noted to have a medical suspension arising from MMA competition. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the bout between Smith and Edward Slavinski pending removal of the suspension, deny the bout between Mike Sawyer and Michael Bowen due to Sawyer's extensive experience versus a debut fighter, and approve bout between Matthew Bowling and Ricardo DeJesus. Commissioner Dr. Peasak seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Amateur mixed martial arts fight card was approved per motion by Secretary Thornton, seconded by Chairman Ramsey, and unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the professional mixed martial arts bout between Jared Cruz and Scott Dirkson. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Tim Peasak and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review and approval of the fight card for the Toughman event in Parkersburg, WV scheduled for February 3-4, 2017. Chairman Ramsey reported Promoter Jerry Thomas had submitted the list of entries and his due diligence report.

Chairman Ramsey reported two (2) professional boxing bouts are scheduled. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the bout between Paintiff and Budd. Commissioner Dr. Peasak seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. However, the bout between Burke and Schlater was denied under the 10-straight loss policy previous adopted by the Commission. Secretary Thornton moved to approve an amateur mixed martial arts bout between Hewitt and Whitney. Secretary Ramsey seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton moved to approve a kick boxing bout between Davilla and Gill. Commissioner Dr. Peasak seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item addressed was proposed amendments to the statute. As the attorney was not able to attend, Chairman Ramsey read the proposed changes which are expected to resolve conflict between the rules and the code in 7 different areas. After discussion it was determined several items need additional review of wording and consultation with counsel. No action was taken and there was no executive session.

The next item was review of the officials for the February 3-4, 2017 Toughman competition in Parkersburg, WV. Chairman Ramsey presented the officials for this

event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the officials as presented. Chairman Ramsey seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

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