

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

April 20, 2017

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order April 20, 2017 at approximately 11:00 AM.

Commission Members present: None of the Commissioners attended the meeting in person. Commission Members joining by telephone: Chairman Leon Ramsey, Secretary Paul Thornton, Commissioner Tim Peasak, and Commissioner Tony Figaretti. Also present were: Connie Brammer, Crystal Crouch, Keith Morgan, Pam Lopez, 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 13, 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 Battle of the Ages promoted by Mike Sheppard in Parkersburg, WV scheduled for April 22, 2017. Chairman Ramsey presented the officials for this event. Secretary Thornton moved to approve the officials for this event. Commissioner Figaretti seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Chairman Ramsey presented the bouts for this event not previously approved by the Commission. Secretary Thornton moved to approve a kick-boxing match between Justin Milam and Mike Benamathi. Commissioner Dr. Peasak seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton moved to approve amateur bouts Zack Hays vs. Hunter Billings and Jeremy Buskirk vs. Zack Erb as well as professional bout Donny Miller vs. Gabriel Morris. Commissioner Dr. Peasak seconded the motions which were passed by unanimous voice vote. Secretary Thornton moved to approve professional bout Jeremy Martz vs. Winfred Harris. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Figaretti and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was review of some proposed bouts for War in the Waco II in Glenville, WV scheduled for April 29, 2017. Chairman Ramsey presented Keith Barr vs.

Francois Russell, Nick Messer vs. Bobby Favors and Melvin Russell vs. Darius Shorter. presented the officials/fight card for this event. The Commission has a whole felt none of these matches would approve, nor was a vote required, as they do not meet match-making criteria established by the Commission. Matchmaker will be advised opponents meeting criteria should be obtained for Barr, Messer and M. Russell.

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. After discussion, this item was tabled pending additional information and research.

The next item was potential conflict of interest for officials and Commissioners/Deputies who also serve the sport in other capacities. As no conflict appears to currently exist, nor appears to be present in the immediate future, no action was taken and this item is tabled.

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

Leon Ramsey
Chairman

Date signed: _____

Connie Brammer