

# MINUTES

## WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

July 20, 2017

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

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order July 20, 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, Commissioner Dr. 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 June 22, 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 Harley Davidson Fight Night in Huntington, WV scheduled for July 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 professional bouts for this event.

Motions were made and seconded as follows:

- Griffith vs Curtis and Pennington vs Martz, motion to approve by Secretary Thornton, seconded by Chairman Ramsey, passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Cella vs Hodson, Stewart vs Mendoza, and Chesternut vs Gonzalez, motion to approve by Secretary Thornton, seconded by Commissioner Figaretti, passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Gunn vs Domingos and Alvarez vs Brown, motion to approve by Secretary Thornton, second by Chairman Ramsey, passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Gunn Jr. vs Ivy and Lewis vs Taylor, motion to deny due to significantly differing win-loss ratios by Secretary Thornton, seconded by Chairman Ramsey, passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Ramsey then presented the amateur fight card for this event. Chairman Ramsey moved to approve the amateur bouts as follows: Ronnie Harrison vs Jahaziel Rincon, Kris Wilson vs Noah Sias, and Chris Coleman vs James Noble. Secretary Thornton seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. All motions to approve are pending submission of required documents including but not limited to Fight Fax reports, experience verification for debut professional boxers and for amateur boxers, blood test and/or other medical reports, and any other credible information that would render the match unsafe or inappropriate.

The next item was a review of the protest filed by Karl Butler regarding the decision rendered in the contest between Dawson vs. Butler. After discussion, Chairman Ramsey moved to certify the decision as rendered at the time of the contest. Motion was seconded by Secretary Thornton and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The next item was a review of the protest filed by the Law Offices of Marco Fava on behalf of Armin Mrkanovic regarding the decision rendered in the contest between Mrkanovic vs. Himes. Chairman Ramsey reported West Virginia Attorney General Sean

Whalen has responded to the protest. The decision stands as rendered and no further action will be taken.

Discussion occurred regarding including wording in waiver and/or contract to indicate decisions of the judges are final and not subject to protest.

Discussion occurred regarding dates and agenda for future meetings.

Discussion occurred regarding the need for rules to be developed regulating professional and amateur wrestling not under the jurisdiction of the WVSSAC. Attorney General Sean Whalen has been asked to render an opinion regarding ability to develop rules under the scope of current Legislation.

Discussion occurred regarding establishing specific medical requirements for fighters over the age of 40.

Discussion occurred regarding a planning and training session for officials and staff to be scheduled in September.

Commissioner Figaretti moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Thornton 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