

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA ATHLETIC COMMISSION

August 3, 2017

Call to Order – Approval of Minutes

A meeting of the West Virginia Athletic Commission was called to order August 3, 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, 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. Commissioner Figaretti moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 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/fight card for Battle at the Boneyard in Parkersburg, WV scheduled for August 12, 2017. Chairman Ramsey

presented the officials for this event. Commissioner Figaretti moved to approve the officials for this event. Commissioner Dr. Peasak seconded the motion which was passed by unanimous voice vote. Fight card is incomplete and will be addressed at the next Commission meeting on August 10, 2017.

The next item was to establish specific medical requirements for combatants more than 40 years old. Commissioner Dr. Peasak suggested a stress test, EKG, and neurological examination by the combatant's primary care physician with additional requirements to be determined by results of the required procedures. After discussion, this item is tabled pending Commissioner Dr. Peasak providing written recommendations to each of the Commissioners for review and consideration. It is anticipated specific action will be taken on this item at the next meeting.

The next item was a determination of regulations for wrestling not under the jurisdiction of the WVSSAC. It is believed the language of the statute allows the Commission to oversee wrestling. It was suggested promoters of professional wrestling be required to obtain a promoter's license as well as a sanction for the event, submit a promoter's report following the event, and ensure medical supervision at the event by

either a doctor or possibly paramedics. The Commission would not provide officials or oversee the event. After discussion, this item is tabled pending review of statutory guidelines and advice of counsel. It is anticipated specific action will be taken on this item in the near future, possibly at the next meeting.

The next item to be discussed was a training seminar for WVAC Commissioners, Chief Deputies, Officials, and administrative personnel. Suggestion is for a Commission sponsored event to occur in September at a central location with lunch to be provided and expenses paid by the Commission. No action was taken on this item, which will be further discussed and possibly finalized at the next meeting.

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

Leon Ramsey
Chairman

Date signed: _____

Connie Brammer