**MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2024**

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman David Norman at 3:01 p.m. Present were the following: Chairman David Norman, Commissioner James “Binky” Jones, Commissioner Dr. Kristi Hall, Commissioner Brian Boles, John Dove, Commission for O&P, Sarah McDermott, Assistant Commissioner for O&P, Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel; Matthew McKinney, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Olga Escobar, Administrative Officer, Jason Curtis, Administrative Assistant, and Executive Director Johnston Brown. Commissioner Carl Wilson was absent. This was a virtual meeting with Commission members, Commission staff, and the public calling into Google Meets platform.

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting were discussed. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Boles. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Dave Norman clarified to the public the policy for which the Commission uses to approve boxing matches. He suggested for promoters to submit the name and age of the boxer as well as any amateur and other combat experience a boxer has when submitting bouts for approval. He stated that when the process of approving bouts takes place, the Commission should also consider excessive stoppages and a Boxing Severity Indes “BSI”of 5 or higher on Box Rec. A motion to approve the addition of excessive stoppages and BSI of 5 or higher to the policy for bout approval was made by Commissioner Boles and was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Johnston Brown led a discussion regarding marijuana testing at boxing and MMA events. Chairman Norman and Assistant Attorney General London advised Mr. Brown that the Commission would need to amend their current regulations regarding marijuana. The issue was tabled.

**REVIEW OF COMMISSION SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown advised the Commission about the Boxing and Wrestling events of the previous month. Those events included the following:

FWA Wrestling, December 1st, Harve de Grace

MCW Wrestling, December 7th, Joppa

AWA Wrestling, December 14th, Waldorf

Ponytail Promotions Boxing, December 14th

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown led the Commission in a discussion of upcoming events, which included the following:

MCW Wrestling, December 27th, Joppa

WWE Wrestling, December 28th, Baltimore

ACW Wrestling, December 29th, Glen Burnie

FWA Wrestling, January 5th, Havre de Grace

Voltage Wrestling, January 10th, Boonsboro

A motion to approve the upcoming MCW Wrestling event on December 27th was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The notion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming WWE Wrestling event on December 28th was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming ACW Wrestling event pm December 29th was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming FWA event on January 5th was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Voltage Wrestling event on January 10th was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown led a discussion to extend the duration of bloodwork medicals to 90 days from 30. After the discussion, a motion to approve the extension was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments shared during this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dave Norman called for a motion for adjournment at roughly 3:42pm that was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Boles, the Commission unanimously approved the motion.

/s/

Dave Norman

Chairman

Date: 1/16/25