**MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2024**

On Wednesday, October 16, 2024, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Acting Chair James “Binky” Jones at 3:08 p.m. Present were the following: Commissioner James “Binky” Jones (Acting Chair), Commissioner Carl Wilson, 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. Chairman Dave Norman was absent. This was a hybrid meeting with Commission members, Commission staff, and the public calling into Google Meets, as well as joining in person.

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Minutes from the September 18, 2024 meeting were discussed. Commissioner Boles made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL / CANCELLATION / RATIFICATION OF COMMISSION-SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown advised the Commission that a professional wrestling event for Dwarfanators Micro Wrestling on October 21st, 2024, had been cancelled by the promoter.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

There was no Chairman’s Report as Chairman Norman was absent.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Johnston Brown had no report.

**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:

Dwarfanators Micro Wrestling, September 20th, La Plata

MCW Wrestling, September 21st, Frederick

AWA Wrestling, September 21st, Waldorf

ACW Wrestling, September 21st, Annapolis

Micro-Wrestling Federation, September 25th, Easton

Micro-Wrestling Federation, September 26th, Glen Burnie

Voltage Wrestling, September 28th, Hagerstown

EWA Wrestling, September 28th, Bel Air

Ponytail Promotions Boxing, September 28th, Baltimore

Shogun Fights Mixed Martial Arts, October 5th, Maryland Live!

Sharpshooter Promotions Boxing, October 12th, Bowie

No Xcuse Promotions Boxing, October 19th, Fort Washington

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Dwarfanators Micro Wrestling, October 21st, Pasadena (Cancelled)

AWA Wrestling, October 26th, Waldorf

F1ght Club Wrestling, November 3rd, Cheverly

FWA Wrestling, November 3rd, Havre de Grace

Jeter Promotions Boxing, November 9th, Maryland Live! Casino

MCW Wrestling, November 9th, Hollywood

MCW Wrestling, November 10th, Joppa

MCW Wrestling, November 16th, Frederick

Voltage Wrestling, November 15th, Boonsboro

MWA Micro Wrestling, November 16th, Baltimore

A motion to approve the upcoming AWA wrestling event on October 26th was made by Commissioner Boles and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming F1ght Club wrestling event on November 3rd was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Boles The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming FWA wrestling event on November 3rd was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Jeter Promotions boxing event on November 9th was made by Commissioner Boles and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming MCW wrestling events on November 9th, November 10th, and November 16th was made by Commissioner Boles and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Voltage Wrestling event on November 15th was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming MWA Micro Wrestling event on November 16th was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Carl Wilson led a discussion regarding an interview he had with Connie Van Valkenburgh regarding her application for a professional promoter’s license. At the end of the discussion a motion was made to approve Connie Van Valkenburgh for her professional promoter’s license by Commissioner Boles and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Chair James “Binky” Jones called for a motion for adjournment at roughly 3:23pm that was made by Commissioner Boles and seconded by Commissioner Hall, the Commission unanimously approved the motion.

/s/James Binky Jones

Acting Chairman

Date: November 18, 2024