

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE  
TENNESSEE ATHLETIC COMMISSION  
500 JAMES ROBERTSON PARKWAY  
DAVY CROCKETT TOWER  
NASHVILLE, TN 37243**

**May 14, 2009**

**Call to order** by Chairman Jack Sammons at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call** - Present: Chairman Jack Sammons, Commissioners Scott White, Teri Mast, Chuck Clark, Joe Smith, Steve Hannah, Stuart Howard, Executive Director Jeff Mullen, Assistant Commissioner Steve Majchrzak, Deputy General Counsel Wayne Pugh, Assistant General Counsel Ed Scudder

Absent: Kurt Spindler M.D., Neal Frauwirth, M.D.

**Approval of April 9, 2009 minutes** per motion by Commissioner Smith to approve minutes; second by Commissioner Howard. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Director's Update** by Jeff Mullen. He reviewed events in the month of April and beginning of May. Included were events in Memphis (Cage Assault), Knoxville (XFC) and Nashville (Gameness Fighting Championship). Upcoming events include a June 20 Cage Assault event in Memphis, a Beale Street event, and another Gameness event.

**Staff Reports/Update**

The Commission reviewed a financial report presented by Assistant Commissioner Majchrzak.

The Commission discussed hiring part-time inspectors in the three Grand Divisions for bouts, to cut down on travel cost of current inspectors based in Nashville.

Commissioner Howard moved to send with the permit application a second sheet requesting results within 10 days of the bout. Commissioner Mast seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Howard moved to eliminate the June meeting and meet next in July, conditioned upon a weekly email from the Director with updates and relevant information, and then continue to meet every other month thereafter. The motion was

then withdrawn pursuant to Chairman Sammons stating that without objection, meetings will now occur every other month, starting July 9, 2009.

The Commission reviewed two amendments that were presented to the House during legislative session. Commissioner White moved to strike section 13 (requiring a commissioner at every professional contest), strike notary requirement as to complaint forms, and change “shall” to “may” regarding collection of late penalty. Commissioner Howard seconded, and the motion passed without objection. There was also a discussion of civil penalties and disciplinary recourse available to the commission.

The legal report by Ed Scudder consisted of 1 item, and the Commission agreed with counsel’s recommendation to close the matter.

**Adjourned** by Chairman Sammons at 3:18 p.m.