



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
TENNESSEE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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Thursday, January 14, 2010

Call to order at 1:14 p.m.

Roll Call - Present: Commissioners Scott White, Teri Mast, Stuart Howard, Warne Fitch, M.D., Jacks Sammons, Chuck Clark, Executive Director Jeff Mullen, Assistant General Counsel Ed Scudder.

Absent – Joe Smith, Steve Hannah

Review and approval of minutes from November 12, 2009. Motion to approve by Commissioner Howard, second by Commissioner Mast. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sammons stated that the UFC event held in Memphis on December 12, 2009 had a great impact on the city of Memphis and that it got rave reviews.

Executive Director update including review of past fights and upcoming schedule of events.

Executive Director Mullen stated the Ultimate Fighting Championship event went smooth and stated it was one of the best fight cards for the UFC.

He further advised that numerous amateur fights are being held across the State.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Director Mullen presented the financial report and stated the financial information is current through October. He stated the expenditures were \$11,968.11 and revenue received from July 1 through January 13, 2010 was \$149,252.80.

Director Mullen also stated he wants to start training the part-time employees to do more of the licensing and the weigh-ins, the only problem with that is that the part time employees are paid per event. He stated some of the part-time employees would be at the

weigh-ins and then at the event and therefore would need compensation for the weigh-ins.

Commissioner Sammons ask that this be discussed under new business.

LEGAL REPORT-----ED SCUDDER

Attorney Scudder advises he did not have a complaint report to present.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item under New Business was to continue the discussion on the part-time employees being trained and compensated for working the weigh-ins and the licensing requirement at the weigh-ins.

Commissioner Mast stated the part-time employees had full time jobs and might not be available to work the weigh-ins.

Commissioner White made the motion and seconded by Commissioner Howard for Director Mullen to consult with personnel on paying the part-time employees fifty dollars (\$50.00) for working the weigh-ins and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the event. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Mullen stated the training for the part-time employees was on the job training, the weigh-ins were the most important, and much of training would be with the weigh-ins.

Commissioner White advised that a Standard Operation Procedure was needed for how the licensing procedures and handling of the fees are accomplished.

The next item was setting a date for the Rule discussion.

A discussion was held pertaining to the web site. The Commissioners stated the web page should include an upcoming event page for Pro and Amateur events. They also want the meeting agenda posted two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Sammons asked the Commission members to bring a copy of the web page and any information that they would like to see changed at the meeting to be held March 18, 2010.

Director Mullen presented the Commission pertaining to events from promoters that may want to change the date of an event and use the previously application that was submitted. He stated there was a promoter that submitted an amateur event permit and the permit was approved then two (2) days prior to the event they mailed a letter requesting to change the event date and use the same application and fee. The application had already been approved and the permit license had been issued and mailed to the promoter. Upon approval of the permit application the expiration date is printed on the permit license and once the application is approved the expiration date can not be changed. Motion was made by Commissioner Mast and seconded by Commissioner Clark that once the event permit application has been approved the date of the event can not be changed using the original application and fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Mullen stated enforcement was needed for the Laws & Rules. He stated a tough man boxing event happened in September 2009 and that he contacted the District Attorney to inform him. The District Attorney advised Director Mullen that he was going to let the event take place and then cite the person responsible for the event in court. The consensus of the Commission was if the District Attorney, Local Sheriff's Department or Local Police Department will not enforce the Laws and Rules, then the Staff Attorney needs to contact the Attorney General's office with the information.

Adjourned 2:24 a.m.