

Tennessee
Athletic Commission
Minutes

DATE: January 12, 2013

PLACE: Andrew Johnson Tower, 2nd Floor Conference Room
710 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN

PRESENT Commission Members
Co-Chair Dr. Robert Fitch
Steve Hannah
Dr. Tanika Pinn
Melissa Bast (via teleconference)

PRESENT Staff Members
Ed Scudder

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Fitch called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. The following business was transacted.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Mullen called the roll. Three (3) Commission members were present. Commissioner Bast joined via teleconference at approximately 1:15.

MINUTES

Mr. Hannah made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Pinn.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS UPDATE Director Mullen reports on recent fights. Mid-South Boxing promoted an event at the New Daisy October 16, in Memphis, 3FC Chattanooga, November 10, UCC, Nashville, November 17, Mid-South Boxing, Memphis, November 20, Flower Power Boxing, Memphis, November 30, XFC, Nashville, December 7, Prize-Fight MMA, Memphis December 15, Mid-South Boxing, Memphis, December 18, & 3FC January 5 was held in Pigeon Forge. Upcoming fight include, UCC Nashville January 25, Mid-South Boxing, February

15, Charity Boxing, March 8, RFC, Springhill, March 8, and 3FC will be held in Pigeon Forge April 6.

LEGAL REPORT

Ed Scudder reports a case of unpermitted boxing advertised at a nightclub with cosmetic surgery as a prize. The police notified the club that it was not legal. The club cancelled the event. Mr. Scudder recommends that the case be dropped. The commission unanimously votes to drop the case.

Mr. Scudder reports that the Emergency Amateur Rules are in the pipeline. They must go through the Governor's office and the District Attorney's office before they are approved. He advises that a rules making hearing for permanent rules must be set once the emergency rules are passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance. The Commission discusses whether pro insurance amounts should be dropped and/or amateur amounts raised. The amounts required by neighboring states are reviewed. The rate required by Tennessee doubles that of neighboring states. Commissioner Bast suggests that we drop the rate required for professional events to \$25,000. and raise the rates of amateur events to \$25,000. Dr. Fitch asks about average claims. Director Mullen states he has been informed by local insurance agents that average claims in TN are around \$3000. Commissioner Hannah states that insurance amounts are set for the needs of the masses yet have to stay affordable. Commissioner Bast makes a motion to pursue legislation to change the professional requirement to \$25,000. Commissioner Hannah seconds. Mr. Scudder is asked to see if the Governor's Office will allow the late introduction of this legislation. If not Commissioner Bast agrees to advise lawmakers about this public discussion of the needed changes. Dr. Pinn suggests that the Commission wait until April to address the amateur insurance requirement.

Smart Report. Dr. Fitch reports that he will meet with Director Mullen before the April meeting. Dr. Fitch asks the other Commissioners to email him any questions or suggestions they would like for him to go over with Director Mullen.

Spreadsheet. It is suggested that Director Mullen begin working on a spreadsheet to detail cost of regulating events.

New Business

Pro Wrestling. Director Mullen states that Pro Wrestling is in need of regulation and that regulation could provide increased revenue to the commission. Commissioner Bast states that such legislation may be tough to pass. Director Mullen is told to try to gather more information.

Commissioner Bast asks Director Mullen about the ability of the commission to regulate more than one event on the same night. Director Mullen advises that there actually are two events scheduled for March 8 that will be regulated and arrangements have been made to accommodate both events

There is no more business the meeting is adjourned.

