



ATHLETIC COMMISSION
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Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2021
Davy Crockett Tower
Conference Room 1B

The Tennessee Athletic Commission met on September 20, 2021 in the first floor conference room of the Davy Crockett Tower in Nashville, Tennessee. The following business was transacted:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Christy Halbert, Dan McGrew, Matthew Reddish, Patrick Wrenn, and Ben Grove

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Kopchak, Pamela Spicer, Katie Long, and Angela Nelson

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Director Kopchak called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and took roll, establishing that a quorum was present.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Director Kopchak read the notice of meeting into the record as follows: "Notice of the September 20, 2021 meeting of the Athletic Commission including date, time and location has been noticed on the website since June 16, 2020; additionally, this month's agenda has been posted to the website since September 13, 2021."

AGENDA

Ms. Halbert motioned to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Mr. McGrew. The motion passed unanimously.

JUNE MINUTES

Mr. McGrew motioned to adopt the June minutes as written, which was seconded by Mr. Wrenn. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Budget Report

Director Kopchak briefed the Commission on the status of the budget for the previous four (4) months of April through July. Director Kopchak noted that there was an increase in administrative costbacks due to CORE system upgrades and this expense was shared amongst all the regulatory boards. Director Kopchak also stated that while the Commission is currently running in a deficit, this is not unexpected

due to the lack of large events that increase revenue and by contrast the enormous inspections expense associated with regulating all events. That inspections expense is currently being mitigated by use of part-time inspectors who are in the immediate area further reducing the travel costs.

ONE Championship

Ms. Spicer informed the Commission that the promoter, ONE Championship, was requesting a waiver to conduct their events per Rule 0145-03-.019(2). This rule allows for the Commission to grant waivers based upon the specific provisions requested by the promoter. At the time of the meeting, ONE Championship had not specified which provisions they would like to have waived, so the Commission requested that they provide those details before moving forward with consideration.

LEGAL

Summary Suspension

Ms. Spicer informed the Commission that there would not be a Summary Suspension hearing since the Respondent had signed a Summary Suspension related to the first two (2) cases in the Legal Report.

Legal Report (Presented by Pam Spicer)

- Case Nos.: 2021063531**
First Licensed: 02/22/2021
Expiration: 02/21/2023
Type: Promoter
History: None.

This complaint was opened administratively due to the program making a determination that the blood test results of certain combatants that were submitted to the Department were fraudulent in nature. The blood tests for three combatants were confirmed to be fraudulent by Request A Test. Specifically, the documentation provided by this Respondent for the three combatants related to their blood work could not be verified. After further investigation, additional test results for blood work were determined to be fraudulent which caused a second complaint to be opened against this Respondent. Based on this information the Department provided notice to the Respondent that a summary suspension informal conference will be scheduled for September 20, 2021.

Recommendation: Authorize formal hearing for revocation of the Respondent's license.

Commission Decision: CONCUR.

- Case No.: 2021064601**
First Licensed: 02/22/2021
Expiration: 02/21/2023
Type: Promoter
History: None.

This is the second complaint filed administratively by the program against the Respondent for fraudulent activity. Based on the initial complaint which warranted additional investigation, the program requested verification of certain blood work result submitted by this promoter. It was determined that

an additional 12 combatants have lab results that have been tampered with or have otherwise been submitted in a fraudulent nature. Based on this fraudulent activity the Department is seeking a summary suspension of the Respondent's license.

Recommendation: Authorize formal hearing for revocation of the Respondent's license.

Commission Decision: CONCUR.

**3. Case No.: 2021064741
First Licensed: 03/12/2015
Expiration: 03/11/2017
Type: Participant
History: None.**

This complaint was opened administratively after this Respondent provided an email to the Legal Division, attempting to accept responsibility for the fraudulent activity of the promoter in the above complaints. This Respondent is listed as the trainer for five of the combatants and further listed as the manager for two of the combatants all of which are subject to fraudulent blood work submissions.

Recommendation: Discussion

Commission Decision: Issue a consent order for a \$750.00 civil penalty and authorize a formal hearing if Respondent does not agree to the settlement agreement.

Rule Amendment

Ms. Spicer informed the Commission that an amendment needed to be made to the rules to account for the recent statute update, which allows applications for licensure to include documentation for physicals, eye exams and bloodwork that is within ninety (90) days of the application date, instead of thirty (30). Ms. Spicer stated that this change is going into effect on October 1, 2021, and therefore, she would need the Commission's approval to make the rule change and resubmit the package for review. Ms. Halbert motioned to accept the rule change to amend the thirty (30) day window for documentation to ninety (90) days. This was seconded by Mr. McGrew. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McGrew took a moment to praise the staff who worked the boxing event at the Nashville Fairgrounds last week. He stated that he was able to attend and was impressed by their professionalism.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Mr. McGrew to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Reddish. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.