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**MINUTES OF THE COLORADO STATE BOXING COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT 1560
BROADWAY, SUITE 1550, ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010**

This meeting of the Commission was publically noticed according to the Division of Registrations' Policy 80-17.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: William Artist, Chair
Nolbert Chavez, Vice Chair via teleconference
Jeff Campos
Elaine DeBassige D'Amato
Eric Lee, PhD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephen Shogan, M.D Non-Voting Physician
Steven Traina, M.D., Non-Voting Physician

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Pritchard, Section Director
Ofelia Duran, Program Director
Josef Mason, Director
Leslii Lewis, Settlement Specialist

I. Quorum and Recognition of Others Present

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Colorado State Boxing Commission was called to order by Chairman Artist at 10:12 a.m.

II. Minutes

1. Consideration and Approval of the February 25, 2010 minutes.

Following review and consideration of the February 25, 2010 meeting minutes, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

III. Staff Comments



2. Introduction of New Staff and New Commission Members

Ms. Duran introduced the new Section Director Brian Pritchard and the new Commission members Elaine DeBassige D'Amato and Eric Lee. They each provided a brief history of their background.

3. Association of Boxing Commissions Annual meeting Update.

Mr. Mason provided a summary of the Association of Boxing Commissions Annual meeting held in New Orleans Louisiana, July 18 - 22, 2010. Some of the issues addressed at the conference included concerns with M.R.I. tests and cat scans, requirements that a mouthpiece to be replaced in a timely manner, the approving of contestants with missing body parts, Boxing referees who stop contests after a second waives the fight over, the fee increases being imposed by the National Databases for Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts to promoters for event reporting and contestant records, physical clearance need to referee a bout, the growth of Mixed Martial Arts across the country and finally, contestants who compete in a non sanctioned bout who want approval to compete in a sanctioned bout.

Commissioner Artist discussed the need to adopt a policy concerning contestants who recently competed in a non sanctioned bout and how the commission can ensure that there isn't any physical damage to the contestant since results show no suspensions of these contestants.

After discussion with staff, Commissioner Artist asked the commission if it would like to adopt an emergency rule pertaining to contestants who recently competed in a non sanctioned bout. All Commissioners were in favor of adopting a rule on an emergency basis to address this situation. Staff informed the Commission that the language would be created and a separate meeting would be scheduled to adopt an emergency rule.

IV. General Business

4. Trends in Boxing and Kickboxing

Mr. Mason provided the commissioners with an update on the trends he has observed since the February meeting. Ms. Mason has seen an increase in incidents of physical or verbal altercations inside the cage or ring. During the events, promoters are trying to introduce contestants to promote future bouts and in some instances; the contestants are having a physical or verbal confrontation inside the cage or ring or outside of the facility. This issues is has changed the outlook of the safety zone to the point that only the contestants of the bout and the seconds of that bout will be allowed to enter the cage or ring slightly before or slightly after their bout, and that no other time will they be allowed to enter the cage or ring during an event after the first bout is introduced.

Mr. Mason also mentioned that rival bouts are a concern and that contestants trying to demand a contest between themselves and other contestants by intimidating or calling out contestants by some form of altercation. This type of activity will not be tolerated; however, if it occurs, the promoters run the risk of not having that bout approved.

5. Review of Past and Future Events

Mr. Mason reviewed and discussed past and future events that were of particular interest.

6. Determine 2011 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Duran addressed the Commissioners regarding future meeting in the year 2011. The proposed dates were May 12, 2011 and November 12, 2011. Both meetings would be held in Conference Room 1550. The commissioners agreed that these dates were acceptable.

7. Sunset Recommendations and Rule Making Discussion

Ms. Duran reviewed the 11 sunset recommendations as well as the 4 administrative recommendations and briefly discussed the need to revise the entire rules. Some of the recommendations were to continue the Colorado State Boxing Commission and the Office of Boxing for seven years, to include MMA as a regulated profession and require the commission to adopt rules related to MMA to review and update the Boxing and Kickboxing permanent rules.

V. Cases

8. Consideration of Disciplinary cases

Mr. Mason reviewed the cases that have had action since February 25, 2010.

VI. Adjournment

Chairman Artist adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. The next Commission meeting is set for November 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room 1550.

Bill Artist, Chairman

Date