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agenda except public comment.
Action may be taken on any item listed on

CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 1, 2015

10:00 a.m. - conclusion of business

Location:

Ronald Regan Building - Auditorium
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Commissioners Present

Chair John Carvelli
Vice-Chair Mary Lehman
Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez
Commissioner Van Gordon Sauter
Commissioner Vernon Williams, MD
Commissioner Luis Ayala

Staff Present

Andy Foster, Executive Officer
Gary Duke, Legal Counsel

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner John Frierson

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 1 – Call the meeting to Order / Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2 – Welcome - Chairman's Opening Remarks

Chairman John Carvelli opened the meeting, explaining that Commissioner John Frierson is not in attendance because of his health and wished him a speedy recovery.

He also announced that the North American Boxing Federation held their annual conference in San Francisco in July where Executive Officer (EO) Andy Foster was presented with a "Executive Officer of the Year" award. Additionally, the California State Athletic Commission was presented with the "Commission of the Year" award.

Last, the World Boxing Council gave the Commission a plaque for the Staples Center event held on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the June 23, 2015, Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve the June 23, 2015, Commission Meeting minutes as revised; Commissioner Ayala seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Appointment of a Neurological and Medical Subcommittee with defined goals and objectives

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez suggested that on Agenda for the Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards meeting on October 4, 2015, an item be added to discuss and generate an action plan for recruiting new Ringside Physicians for certain regions. She further suggested that they consider including ideas involving a transition team option.

Additionally, Commissioner Shen-Urquidez requested that the policy outline for the Neurological Subcommittee, add a step for DCA Legal review before a policy comes to the full Commission.

Vice Chair Lehman reiterated that Commissioner Williams work with EO Foster on prioritizing ideas and policy recommendations.

Agenda Item 5 – Reappointments of the Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards and approval of a one year action plan

Commissioner Williams motioned to establish the Subcommittee with Dr. Paul Wallace as Chair and delay the rest of the appointments until the full list of interested physicians are presented/recommended; Commissioner Lehman seconded the motion.

Public Comment: Michael Martino, USA Boxing, mentioned that there is a roster of 23 doctors with USA boxing that may be interested in serving on the Committee.

Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 8 – Posthumous Certificate of Appreciation for Michael King, founder and CEO of King Sports Worldwide

A representative accepted the Commission's award on behalf of Mr. King's promotion and family.

Agenda Item 7 – Certificate of Appreciation for Patrick Michael Connolly, licensed Judge and Referee with the California State Athletic Commission

EO Foster explained that Mr. Connolly, who has been a Judge and Referee for the Commission for many years, is retiring. Mr. Connolly was not present to accept the award.

Agenda Item 14 – Appeal for Seconds License from Javier Capetillo-Hernandez

The hearing started at approximately 10:47 a.m.

Certified interpreter, Alfredo Sweeny introduced himself and Mr. Capetillo-Hernandez.

Legal Counsel, Gary Duke reviewed the rules and guidelines of the following hearing.

Deputy Attorney General Armando Zambrano, briefed the Commission with background and the details of Mr. Capetillo's appeal.

Documentation was presented by both sides. Mr. Capetillo was questioned by both sides.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to deny Mr. Capetillo's appeal; Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-1 by roll call vote.

Ayala – Yes; Dr. Williams – Yes; Sauter – Yes; Shen-Urquidez – No; Carvelli – Yes; Lehman – No

Agenda Item 10 – Discussion, review and possible action regarding the status of current delegation to USA Boxing

EO Foster presented the Commission with the draft delegation letter for USA Boxing's continued delegation. Michael Martino, USA Boxing, gave the Commission an overview of the USA Boxing's background as well as future plans.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez presented her revisions to the delegation letter. She requested USA Boxing to provide the same documentation as other delegations provide. Specifically including the amount of licensing fees collected from California events and the amount spent on California events.

Chairman Carvelli directed the EO and Legal Counsel to work closely with Mr. Martino on compiling the appropriate documents for delegation and report back at the next Commission meeting.

Agenda Item 11 – Review and approval of the United States Anti-Doping Agency being an approved specimen collector for the Commission

EO Foster presented the Commission with background on USADA and how he recommends the Commission to utilize them.

Vice Chair Lehman motioned to approve USADA as a recognized secondary specimen collector at events under the direction of the EO; Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 9 – Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to California Code of Regulations section 826, Discrimination.

Vice Chair Lehman motioned to approve the amendments to the California Code of Regulations section 826; Commissioner Sauter seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 15 – Review and approval of the CSAC Catastrophic Incident Plan

Vice Chair Lehman presented her revisions to the CSAC Catastrophic Incident Plan.

Vice Chair Lehman motioned to approve the CSAC Catastrophic Incident Plan as revised and to distribute the document to all events; Commissioner Ayala seconded the motion.

Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda Item 12 – Continue Discussion and possible action concerning International Kickboxing Federation's delegation

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez reviewed the prior meetings that she has had with Mr. Fossum regarding many discrepancies with the IKF website and database.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez suggested that IKF's delegation be extended another 60-days to next meeting and review the delegation at the next meeting.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez motioned to approve IKF delegation for three (3) months; no second. Motion dies for lack of second.

Chairman Carvelli motioned to approve IKF delegation for one (1) year; Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-2 by roll call vote.

Carvelli – Yes; Lehman – Yes; Shen-Urquidez – No; Sauter – No; Ayala – Yes; Dr. Williams – Yes

Agenda Item 13 – Discussion and possible action regarding non-sanctioned mixed martial arts events

EO Foster presented the Commission with background on information regarding unsanctioned events that are being held where the level of the matchmaking and enforcement is concerning. He recommended that the Commission consider a regulation to discipline licensees who participate in these unsanctioned events.

Chairman Carvelli will assist EO Foster to identify options for outreach to the unsanctioned fight venues/casinos.

Agenda Item 6 – Executive Officer's Report

a. Budget Update

EO Foster presented the Commission with FM13 of FY2014-15 as well as FM1 of FY2015-16. The Commission deposited at total of \$1,726,515 and spent \$1,420,000. The fund reserve is at about 7-8 months reserve.

b. Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations and Legislation

EO Foster reported that Senate Bill 469 finished and was sent for concurrence. The Transgender and Therapeutic Use Exemption Regulations were sent over to the Office of Administrative Law on July 28, 2015. It scheduled for public hearing on September 21, 2015 at the CSAC office in Sacramento.

The Television Broadcast Fee regulation package was approved and became effective on July 1, 2015.

The Lost Beneficiary Clause for Pension is effective October 1, 2015.

The Neurological Account regulation ran out of time, however is one of the goals of the Advisory Committee on Medical and Safety Standards to work on getting language for this regulation.

c. Traumatic Brain Injury Test Field Kits Update

EO Foster reported that the field has been training with and utilizing the InfraScanners. He mentioned that the doctors are practicing with them, but that he would like to have the company come out and conduct more training with the doctors. He suggested that with training they are likely to utilize them more often.

d. Status Update of Officials Training Subcommittee

EO reported that he has been working with Commissioner Shen-Uquidez and Ayala on the competency test. He mentioned that multiple versions of the test will be administered at the trainings for this year.

POD Index - 5 officials scored the Bellator event, and 5 officials scored the ESPN boxing show.

Commissioner Shen-Urquidez presented to the Commission, the options that she has been working on for timekeeper's bell/horn. She mentioned that the company is willing to work with us to create a specific horn sound to be very recognizable.

e. Status Update of Delegated Entities

CAMO: EO Foster mentioned that he has been in communication with JT Steele regarding the weight-cutting issues and their implementation of extra examinations on the amateur level.

USFL: EO Foster commended Mr. John Frank on the handling of his recent events.

f. Neurological Fund Update

EO Foster reported that the Neurological Fund balance is somewhere around \$615,000. He mentioned that he will be involved with discussions the new Neurological Subcommittee, moving forward.

g. Recommendation to consider minimum purses for licensed athletes

EO Foster recommended that the Commission consider a requirement for a minimum amount of money per round to prevent \$1 purses.

Chairman Carvelli requested EO Foster to bring a proposal for regulation to the next Commission meeting so they can take action.

h. Association of Boxing Commissions' San Diego Convention Update

Chairman Carvelli, Commissioner Shen-Urquidez and EO Foster attended the Convention and gave instructions on California's drug testing protocol.

i. Update on Process to Monitor and Report Weight Gain from Weigh-In to Bout

EO Foster conducted a weight study utilizing the new Body Composition Scales. He explained that the results are constantly showing excessive weight gain from day of weigh-in and the day of the fight.

j. Update regarding Instant Replay

EO Foster presented the Commission with Association of Boxing Commission's Policy and Guidelines for Instant Replay.

k. Update regarding Pechanga Indian Reservation

EO Foster presented the Commission with information regarding Pechanga's consent to allow the Commission to regulate events in their jurisdiction.

Agenda Item 16 – Business and Professions Code section 18640.5 allows the Commission to invite stakeholder testimony at Commission meetings in order to identify actions that may lead to greater opportunities for licensees to participate in major professional boxing contests.

Agenda Item 17 – Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
No public comment.

Agenda Item 18 – Next Meeting Scheduled for November 17, 2015 in Sacramento, CA

ADJOURNMENT