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# CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – Conclusion of Business

Location:

Ronald Reagan Building – Auditorium  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

### Commissioners Present

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

### Staff Present

Andy Foster, Executive Officer  
Sophia Cornejo, Assistant Executive Officer  
Michael Santiago, Legal Counsel

### OPEN SESSION

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

#### Agenda Item 2 –Welcome –Chairman’s opening remarks

Chairman Carvelli welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned that he hopes Dr. Wallace is feeling better. He also highlighted that EO Foster attended the North American Boxing Federation (NABF) conference in Washington, and while at the conference accepted awards for both ‘Executive Officer of the Year’ and ‘Commission of the Year.’

A moment of silence was performed for fighters that put themselves at risk.

#### Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the July 17, 2016, Commission Meeting Minutes

Revisions to the meeting minutes were discussed and approved. A public comment was heard from Mr. Greg Patchell regarding member appointment terms and the neurological fund.

**Agenda Item 4 – Recognition of K2 Promotions for providing greater opportunities for CSAC licensees to participate in major professional boxing contests**

Chairman Carvelli recognized K2 Promotions this year for providing greater opportunities for CSAC licensees to participate in major professional boxing contests. He presented 3 certificates to Tom Loeffler and Erica St. Phillip.

Tom Loeffler thanked the Commission for their help and support in allowing each event in California to operate effectively. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez commented about the difference between Commissions from previous years and noted that EO Foster has played a significant role in the improvement. Commissioner Ayala acknowledged Tom Loeffler and Erica St. Phillip for bringing their events to California and for being a partner with the Commission to allow these events to happen for the fans. Vice Chair Lehman also thanked them for their participation in California. Commissioner Frierson mentioned that he has been a part of the Commission for long time and has appreciated the caliber of boxing provided by K2 Promotions. Commissioner Sauter commended K2 Promotions on their marvelous events and hopes to continue to see the quality and frequency of their events. Tom Taylor, CSAC Referee, applauded K2 Promotions for their accommodating and seamlessly run events, which allows him to focus on his main goal of protecting the athletes in the ring. Erica St. Phillip commended Tom Taylor on his thorough and precise rules meetings. Louis Perry, CSAC Inspector, applauded the Commission on their great leadership; he mentioned that California is the number one commission in the world and that he looks forward to continuing to work with K2 Promotions. Max DeLuca, CSAC Judge, acknowledged that he appreciates being able to work with the combination of the best commission and the best promoter in the world. Jack Reiss, CSAC Referee, expressed his pleasure in working with K2 Promotions, and reiterated that their events run seamlessly – allowing him to concentrate on the fighters in the ring. Luis Cobian, CSAC Referee, welcomed K2 Promotions and looks forward to continuing to work with them. Tom Loeffler acknowledges Roy Englebrecht as an integral part of their events and thanked EO Foster for his role in K2 Promotions continuing business in California. Chairman Carvelli further commended K2 Promotions as a quality business because of the quality people running it.

**Agenda Item 5 – Executive Officer’s Report  
Budget Update**

EO Andy Foster gave an update of expenses and revenue through two months of the fiscal year. He explained that the fund is healthy and that revenue has been exceeded expenses. In fiscal Year (FY) 2015/16, the Commission had a record year on revenue. In FY 2011/12, the Commission closed with \$23,000 in the fund and closed FY 2015/16 with \$1.2 million.

**Neurological Fund Budget Update**

EO Foster gave an update of the Neurological Fund and that the C3 Logix purchase will be coming out soon. He gave a summary of the C3 Logix purchase and what the staff did to complete it.

**Pension Fund Update**

EO Andy Foster provided a chart of distributions from the Pension Fund in the last 10 years.

**Report on Pending and Proposed Regulations and Legislation**

AEO Sophia Cornejo provided a summary of the pending regulations.

- Definitions, Prohibited Substances and Methods, Therapeutic Use Exemptions, and Transgender Athletes.

- a. This rulemaking was approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on 8/4/16 and will be effective on 1/1/17.
- Examination of Boxer Applicants and Neurological Assessment.
  - a. The rulemaking file was published by OAL on 8/12/16 and a public hearing was held on 9/26/16.
  - b. Assistant Executive Officer (AEO), Sophia Cornejo plans to submit the final rulemaking file to DCA by the end of the month.
- Payment to Contestants.
  - a. The rulemaking file was published by OAL on 8/12/16 and a public hearing was held on 9/26/16.
  - b. AEO Cornejo plans to submit the final rulemaking file to DCA by the end of the month.
- Headgear – EMERGENCY Regulation.
  - a. The rulemaking file was published by OAL on 7/29/16 and a public hearing was held on 9/12/16.
  - b. The final rulemaking file was submitted to DCA and Agency for approval on 10/7/16.
- Weighing Time, Time for Physical Examinations, and Dehydration and Rehydration – EMERGENCY.
  - a. The rulemaking file was published by OAL on 7/29/16 and a public hearing was held on 9/12/16.
  - b. AEO Cornejo plans to submit the final rulemaking file to DCA by the end of the month.

#### **Status Update of Delegated Entities**

EO Foster explained to the Commission that he has had numerous conversations with the delegated entities regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 2007 and the plans for compliance and implementation. He explained that all of the delegated entities plan to use the 'CDC Heads Up! Concussion in Youth Sports' online webinar and printable materials for the athletes and youth coaches.

#### **California Amateur Mixed Martial Arts Organization (CAMO).**

JT Steele, CAMO President, gave an update on CAMO and overview of their changes due to AB2007.

#### **United States Fight League (USFL)**

John Frank, USFL President, summarized what USFL is doing regarding AB2007 with much attention to training.

Commissioner Williams commented on the downfalls of the online training. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez asked about mobile registrations to complete the training.

Mr. Frank acknowledged Mr. Steele and Mr. Fossum for their help in locating physicians for USFL's events. USFL has difficulty finding ringside physicians to work their events. Chairman Carvelli asked Commissioner Williams if this is something that could be brought up at the next Medical Advisory Committee meeting.

#### **International Kickboxing Federation (IKF)**

Steve Fossum, IKF President, gave an update on IKF and mentioned that IKF is a great supporter of AB2007 but mentioned that there may be an issue with fighters coming in from other states that don't have sanctioning bodies and therefore don't have databases to track suspensions.

EO Foster stated that of 289 bouts, 59 were stopped. He also mentioned that he went to and IKF event and saw that officials are stopping the amateur fights more conservatively. Vice Chair Lehman thanked Mr. Fossum for his professionalism and for the delegation entities working together to regulate their respective sport. She further mentioned that she wants to see USA Boxing's database on the agenda for the next Commission Meeting.

There was much discussion on the potential of a national database for Kickboxing. EO Foster suggested BoxRec as a starting point with getting such a database together. Chairman Carvelli asked EO Foster to come back to the next meeting with suggestions on what we can do to improve the database issue.

#### **Report on UCLA Neurotrauma Symposium**

EO Foster discussed his participation in the symposium, he mentioned that he spoke about the history of combat sports in California, the licensing process, matchmaking and bout approval process, the catastrophic incident plan and evacuation protocols.

#### **CSAC Sports Concussion Management Protocol**

EO Foster reported on the status of the purchase of the C3 Logix system. He explained his idea of what the implementation would look like, and expressed that it is going to take a lot of coordination to complete.

#### **Upcoming Event Schedule**

EO Foster highlighted the following events:

- Thompson Boxing and Banner Promotions is promoting a ShoBox Card in Corona on November 4, 2016.
- Bellator MMA is promoting a major "Tentpole" event at the SAP Center in San Jose on November 19, 2016.
- Top Rank is promoting a major boxing card at the SaveMart Center in Fresno on December 2, 2016.
- Golden Boy is promoting a Boxing Latino card at Fantasy Springs in Indio on December 16, 2016, and a Boxing After Dark at the Fabulous Forum in Inglewood on December 17, 2016.
- The Ultimate Fighting Championship is promoting a UFC on Fox show at the new Golden One Center in Sacramento on December 17, 2016.
- December 18, 2016, King of the Cage at the Citizen's Bank Arena.
- A significant event coming to southern California on January 21, 2016.

**Update on CSAC Education Video and Brochures**

EO Foster reported on the status of the video and mentioned that it is close to being completed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Greg Patchell commented that he submitted a public records request on adult Pankration in 2010 and that he has yet to receive a response.

**Agenda Item 6 – Subcommittee Updates**

**Pension Fund Subcommittee (Commissioner Lehman and Ayala)**

EO Foster reviewed the current distribution totals and the policies that are currently being implemented to reach out to boxers regarding the pension fund, including officials and inspectors throughout the State supplying materials to local gyms, office staff providing Pension Enrollment Forms and brochures in each packet to be made available at weigh-ins and events, as well as the possibility of having a presence at the California Boxing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to speak on the pension program.

**Agenda Item 7 – Discussion regarding possible amendments to the Commission's regulations regarding "Technical Zones" - the area between the ring and the Commission controlled barrier designated for the medical staff and equipment, officials, promoter staff, television staff and CSAC staff**

EO Foster presented his proposal for the Commission to consider working on language that clearly defines the technical zone and that the Commission has full control over how the technical zone is set up and used.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roy Englebrecht commented that as a promoter, he agrees with EO Foster to have the gurney and Emergency Medical Technicians in the technical zone and suggested that the Commission consider language to require the paramedic to be no more than 30 feet away from the ring or cage.

Chairman Carvelli directed EO Foster to move forward with drafting language to define the technical zone as well as outline the responsibilities and authority of the Commission and the Promoter.

**Agenda Item 8 – Presentation, Discussion and possible action regarding the use of Qwick-AID Bandages for use during a bout to stop bleeding**

EO Foster presented background, materials and his recommendation on the Qwick-AID proposal. Mr. Adam Duffey presented the Commission with information on the material and bandage uses, approvals from other states, and how Qwick-AID would be used in California. Commissioner Sauter expressed that he doesn't feel that he has enough information on the product to make a decision. He further stated that he would like to see the current approvals from the other states that is allowing this product to be used and what research they have done as well as the benefits they have seen as a result of using it.

Commissioner Ayala requested more information be supplied to the Commission at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez requested that Quick-AID submit the approval letters from Georgia and Nevada.

The Commission directed EO Foster to work with Quick-AID and Mr. Duffey to compile extensive information on the product and report the information to the Commission at a future meeting.

**Agenda Item 9 – Concussion education for compliance with Assembly Bill 2007 (Concussion Education in Youth Sports/Concussion Management Protocol)**

EO Foster presented the Commission with information on the current implementation and procedural changes in response to AB2007. He explained that he is working closely with the delegated entities to make sure they are all in compliance before January 1, 2017.

**Agenda Item 10 – Discussion and possible action regarding CSAC informational brochure**

Chairman Carvelli and EO Foster presented the CSAC informational brochure to the Commission. Commissioner Sauter commented that he would like to see a brochure of the successes in the sports in California, he noted that the audience can be media, promoters, etc - but the focus would be a brochure highlighting California's selling points. Commissioner Shen-Urquidez mentioned that she would like to see arenas highlighted which are not commonly known as available venues, referencing Anaheim Angel's Stadium, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, and the Rose Bowl Stadium in Pasadena, California.

**Agenda Item 11 – Public comment on items not on the agenda (The Commission may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting pursuant to Government Code §§ 11125, 11125.7(a))**

EO Foster commented that something more needs to be done in mixed martial arts with regard to weigh-ins and weight cutting and he wanted to bring it to the Commissions attention even though it did not make the agenda for this meeting.

Commissioner Sauter suggested that another approach is made with regard to the audio/visual accommodations at Commission meetings.

**Agenda Item 12. Next Meeting Scheduled for the week of December 16, 2016, in Sacramento, CA**

Proposed meeting on Friday, December 16, 2016, in Sacramento at the State Capitol.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned.