

MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019

On Wednesday, June 19, 2019, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman David Shull at 3:14 p.m.. Present were the following: Acting Chairman Shull; Commissioner Arnie Dansicker; Commissioner Chuck Gast; Commissioner Lenny Moore; Patrick Pannella, Executive Director; and Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel. Absent: Chairman David Norman.

CyNATION SPORTS, LLC - RENEWAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report. Corey Sanders, the promoter's representative for CyNation Sports, LLC, recently applied to the Commission to renew the promoter license for CyNation Sports, LLC as a promoter of professional boxing events in the State of Maryland.

Commissioner Dansicker and Mr. Pannella interviewed Mr. Sanders as a condition of license renewal. They reviewed the license application and corresponding documentation submitted by Mr. Sanders, and were satisfied that the promoter's application complies with the Commission's licensing requirements. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dansicker, and seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the renewal of the license of CyNation Sports, LLC as a promoter.

RICHARD K. THOMPSON - ISSUANCE OF PROMOTER LICENSE

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report. Richard K. Thompson recently applied to the Commission to obtain a promoter's license as a promoter of professional wrestling events in the State of Maryland. Chairman Dansicker and Mr. Pannella interviewed Mr. Thompson as a condition of licensure. They reviewed the license application and corresponding documentation submitted by Mr. Thompson, and were satisfied that the promoter's application complies with the Commission's licensing requirements. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dansicker, and seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the licensure of Richard K. Thompson as a

promoter.

G.Q. MANAGEMENT/PROMOTIONS, LLC
- ISSUANCE OF PROMOTER LICENSE

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report. Jeff Gatling, the promoter's representative for G.Q. Management/Promotions, LLC, recently applied to the Commission to obtain a promoter's license for G.Q. Management/Promotions, LLC as a promoter of professional boxing events in the State of Maryland. Commissioner Dansicker and Mr. Pannella interviewed Mr. Gatling as a condition of licensure. They reviewed the license application and corresponding documentation submitted by Mr. Gatling, and were satisfied that the promoter's application complies with the Commission's licensing requirements. Upon a motion by Commissioner Dansicker, and seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the licensure of G.Q. Management/Promotions, LLC as a promoter.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENTS

Executive Director Pannella led a Commission discussion in regard to the boxing events currently scheduled to be held in the State of Maryland.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dansicker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the following boxing event being promoted by G.Q. Management/Promotions, LLC:

Saturday, June 29, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time
The Gardens Ice House
7002 Arundel Mills Circle
Laurel, Maryland
Promoter: G.Q. Management/Promotions, LLC,
advertising as "G.Q. Management/Promotions".

Upon a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the following boxing event being promoted by Jeter Promotions, LLC pending the securing of a contract between

the promoter and the venue where the boxing event is being held:

Friday, October 18, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Maryland Live! Casino and Hotel Events Center
7002 Arundel Mills Circle
Hanover, Maryland
Promoter: Jeter Promotions, LLC,
advertising as “Jeter Promotions”.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENTS

Executive Director Pannella led a Commission discussion in regard to the wrestling events currently scheduled to be held in the State of Maryland.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by Ring of Honor Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.:

Friday, June 28, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
The UMBC Events Center
1000 Hilltop Circle - Catonsville, Maryland
Promoter: Ring of Honor Wrestling Entertainment, Inc., advertising as
“Ring of Honor” / “ROH”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Dansicker, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the following professional wrestling events being promoted by James E. Morris, III:

Saturday, June 29, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time
American Legion
7327 Slacks Road - Sykesville, Maryland
Promoter: James E. Morris, III, advertising as
“Adrenaline Championship Wrestling” / “ACW”; and

Friday, October 4, 2019 - 8:00 p.m. Starting Time
Break Away II Sports Lounge

13726 Pennsylvania Avenue - Hagerstown, Maryland
Promoter: James E. Morris, III, advertising as
“Adrenaline Championship Wrestling” / “ACW”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, seconded by Commissioner Dansicker, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by Richard K. Thompson:

Sunday, June 30, 2019 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time
The Fight Zone (Advertised Name)
5456-A Annapolis Road - Bladensburg, Maryland
Promoter: Richard K. Thompson, advertising as
“Capitol Combat Championship Wrestling” / “C3W”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the following professional wrestling events being promoted by Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr.:

Friday, July 12, 2019 - 8:00 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Market Place
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr., advertising as
“Future of Honor” / “FOH”;

Saturday, July 13, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Market Place
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr., advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Friday, August 16, 2019 - 8:00 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Market Place
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr., advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Saturday, September 28, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Market Place
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr., advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Saturday, November 23, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time
Manchester High School
3300 Maple Grove Road - Manchester, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr., advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Market Place
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr., advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”; and

Saturday, December 28, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Market Place
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr., advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dansicker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by EWA Promotions, LLC:

Saturday, August 31, 2019 - 9:00 p.m. Starting Time (Est.)
(Taking Place After Baseball Game)
Regency Furniture Blue Crabs Baseball Stadium
11765 St. Linus Drive - Waldorf, Maryland
Promoter: EWA Promotions, LLC, advertising as
“Chikara Wrestling”.

FAREWELL FROM COMMISSIONER DANSICKER

Commissioner Dansicker, noting that his second six-year term as a Commissioner is set to end on June 30, 2019, remarked that “it has been a great 12 years.”

Commissioner Dansicker opined that, throughout his two terms with the Commission, he really felt like the Commission made a positive difference in the lives and experiences of the licensees served by the Commission.

Commissioner Dansicker opined, further, that the Commission’s staff members and representatives all “do their jobs without looking for accolades while always being committed to keeping everyone safe.”

ACTING CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Acting Chairman Shull stated that he was speaking on behalf of himself and his fellow Commission members in commending Commissioner Dansicker on his many outstanding contributions to the Commission over the last 12 years.

COUNSEL’S REPORT

Counsel London remarked that he appreciated Commissioner Dansicker’s record of distinguished service to the Commission. Mr. London noted that Commissioner Dansicker taught him “a lot about the fight game and always with a smile.”

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director Pannella stated that he echoed both Acting Chairman Shull’s sentiments and Counsel London’s sentiments.

Mr. Pannella thanked Commissioner Dansicker, in particular, for always making himself available to field Mr. Pannella’s numerous telephone inquiries pertaining to the approval of boxing contests being proposed by matchmakers of boxing events, including “timely” calls made in the evenings and on weekends.

REVIEW OF MAY 25, 2019 PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report in regard to the professional boxing event promoted by Matchroom Boxing, USA, LLC advertising as “Matchroom Boxing”, televised live on the DAZN Sports Network, and held on May 25, 2019 at MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

The professional boxing event included seven boxing contests and 60 scheduled rounds of boxing competition. Four world title boxing contests were featured on the boxing card.

Acting Chairman Shull attended the boxing event along with Chairman Norman. He opined that MGM National Harbor is a venue well-suited for the holding of major televised boxing events.

REVIEW OF JUNE 1, 2019 PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report in regard to the professional boxing event promoted by CyNation Sports, LLC advertising as “CyNation Sports” and held on June 1, 2019 at The Waldorf Culture Center in Waldorf, Maryland.

The professional boxing event included five boxing contests and 26 scheduled rounds of boxing competition.

Mr. Pannella opined that many of the bouts held were very competitive.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF THE MATCHMAKING OF BOXING CONTESTS

The Commission held a discussion and overview regarding Commission procedures in place when considering whether to approve boxing contests proposed by a matchmaker working for the promoter of a Commission-sanctioned event.

Commissioner Dansicker, noting that he was a promoter of several professional

boxing events held in the State of Maryland prior to serving as a Commissioner, opined that the Commission makes its decision relative to whether to approve a proposed boxing contest based on the information it has gathered concerning each boxer's abilities as well as their respective performances in past boxing contests.

Commissioner Dansicker remarked that Dr. John W. Stiller, M.D., the Commission Chief Physician and Neurologist, is never overruled by the Commission when Dr. Stiller recommends turning down a proposed boxing contest for medical reasons. Commissioner Dansicker noted the importance of Dr. Stiller's role, from a separate medical perspective, in the Commission's approval of boxing contests.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, and seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m..

Patrick Pannella
Executive Director