

MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman David Norman at 3:03 p.m.. Present were the following: Chairman Norman; Commissioner Brian Boles; Commissioner Chuck Gast (telephonically); Commissioner Lenny Moore; Commissioner David Shull; Patrick Pannella, Executive Director; and Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel.

ISSUANCE OF PROMOTER LICENSE FOR ALL ELITE WRESTLING, LLC

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report. Chris Harrington, the promoter's representative for All Elite Wrestling, LLC, recently applied to the Commission to obtain the promoter license for All Elite Wrestling, LLC as a promoter of professional wrestling events in the State of Maryland. Chairman Norman and Mr. Pannella interviewed Mr. Harrington as a condition of licensure. They reviewed the license application and corresponding documentation submitted by Mr. Harrington, and were satisfied that the promoter's application complies with the Commission's licensing requirements. Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, and seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to ratify the issuance of the license of All Elite Wrestling, LLC as a promoter.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional boxing event being promoted by Jeter Promotions, LLC:

Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time

Maryland Live! Casino and Hotel
7002 Arundel Mills Circle - Hanover, Maryland
Promoter: Jeter Promotions, LLC, advertising as
“Jeter Promotions”.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL MMA EVENT

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Boles, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional MMA event being promoted by John J. Rallo, III:

Saturday, April 18, 2020 - 6:30 p.m. Starting Time
The Royal Farms Arena
201 West Baltimore Street - Baltimore, Maryland
Promoter: John J. Rallo, III, advertising as
“Shogun Fights 24”.

APPROVAL/CANCELLATION 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 Shull, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling events being promoted by Richard K. Thompson:

Sunday, October 27, 2019 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time
Starlight Dance Studio
4800 Stamp Road - Temple Hills, Maryland
Promoter: Richard K. Thompson, advertising as
“Capital Combat Championship Wrestling” / “C3W”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling events being promoted by Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr.:

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

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 8:00 p.m. Starting Time (Cancelled)
Joppa Marketplace
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Saturday, December 14, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Marketplace
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Friday, December 27, 2019 - 8:00 p.m. Starting Time
Perry Hall High School
4601 Ebenezer Road - Nottingham, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Saturday, December 28, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time (Cancelled)
Perry Hall High School
4601 Ebenezer Road - Nottingham, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Saturday, January 18, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department

24801 Three Notch Road - Hollywood, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Saturday, February 22, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Marketplace
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Saturday, March 7, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Marketplace
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”;

Saturday, March 14, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
24801 Three Notch Road - Hollywood, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”; and

Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Joppa Marketplace
1000 Joppa Farm Road - Joppa, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, advertising as
“Maryland Championship Wrestling” / “MCW”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, seconded by Commissioner Boles, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by Michael Valentyne:

Friday, December 27, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time
Silver Spring Black Box Theater
8641 Colesville Road - Silver Spring, Maryland
Promoter: Michael Valentyne, advertising as

“Flying V Fights”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Boles, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by All Elite Wrestling, LLC:

Saturday, November 9, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time
(Pay-Per-View)
The Royal Farms Arena
201 West Baltimore Street - Baltimore, Maryland
Promoter: All Elite Wrestling, LLC, advertising as
“AEW”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by Events Services, Inc. A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of World Wrestling Entertainment, LLC:

Saturday, December 28, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
The Royal Farms Arena
201 West Baltimore Street - Baltimore, Maryland
Promoter: Events Services, Inc. A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of
World Wrestling Entertainment, LLC, advertising as
“WWE”.

SCHEDULE OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENTS

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the current schedule of professional wrestling events being regulated by the Commission.

UPDATE ON NOVEMBER 2, 2018 PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report in regard to the professional boxing event being promoted by TGB Promotions, LLC, advertising as “TGB Promotions”, being televised on the Fox Sports network, and

being held on November 2, 2019 at The MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

The professional boxing event will feature two ten-round championship boxing contests: (1) Brian Castano versus Wale Omotoso for the “World Boxing Organization (WBO) Intercontinental Junior Middleweight Title”; and (2) Jesus Cuellar versus Javier Fortuna for the “World Boxing Council (WBC) Continental Americas Lightweight Title”.

UPDATE ON NOVEMBER 2, 2019
PROFESSIONAL MMA EVENT

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with an update in regard to the professional MMA event being promoted by John J. Rallo, III, advertising as “Shogun Fights”, and being held on November 2, 2019 at The Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Pannella reported that the ten scheduled professional MMA contests have been approved by the Commission for this MMA event.

UPDATE ON NOVEMBER 14, 2019
PROFESSIONAL MMA EVENT

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with an update in regard to the professional MMA event being promoted by John J. Rallo, III, advertising as “MMA Charity Event Benefitting The Jonathan Ogden Foundation”, and being held on November 14, 2019 at Martin’s Valley Mansion in Hunt Valley, Maryland.

UPDATE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2019
PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with an update in regard to the professional boxing event being promoted by Shabazz Brotherz, LLC, advertising as “Shabazz Brotherz”, and being held on November 16, 2019 at The La Fontaine Bleue in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Mr. Pannella noted that this is the first professional boxing event to be held at this venue in over 25 years.

REVIEW OF OCTOBER 18, 2019 **PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT**

Chairman Norman led the following Commission review of the professional boxing event promoted by Jeter Promotions, LLC, advertising as “Jeter Promotions”, and held on October 18, 2019 at Maryland Live! Casino and Hotel in Hanover, Maryland.

Chairman Norman, Commissioner Gast and Commissioner Shull attended the boxing event.

The professional boxing event included seven boxing contests and 38 scheduled rounds of boxing competition.

Commissioner Shull opined that the boxing contests, and in particular those featured on the undercard of the boxing event, were competitive.

Commissioner Gast expressed concern that a promoter’s security representative permitted a boxer, who just competed in his bout, to bring his young child into the ring while the boxer was being interviewed by the ring announcer and while the boxer’s opponent was standing in front of him.

Executive Director Pannella opined that, were the boxer’s opponent to engage in an altercation with the boxer at the time when the boxer was holding his young child in his arms, the child could have been unintentionally injured.

The Commission directed Mr. Pannella to prepare, and to send, a Commission memorandum via email to all licensed promoters of boxing events and MMA events stating its new policy concerning children entering the ring or cage after the conclusion of a boxing contest or a MMA contest.

The Commission agreed that its new policy would require anyone under the age of 12 not to be permitted to enter the ring or cage after the conclusion of a boxing

contest or a MMA contest unless special permission has been granted in advance of a boxing contest or a MMA contest by the Commission's Executive Director.

SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Commission held a discussion regarding future meeting dates for the year 2020. The Commission agreed to hold the following meeting dates and times in the Third Floor Conference Room, 500 North Calvert Street in Baltimore, Maryland:

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.;
Wednesday, February 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.; and
Wednesday, March 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m..

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Boles, and seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m..

Patrick Pannella
Executive Director