

MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MINUTES WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 19, 2022

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 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; Commissioner Lenny Moore; Commissioner David Shull; Patrick Pannella, Executive Director; Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel; Olga Escobar, Board Specialist; and Danielle Anderson, Web Content and Outreach Coordinator, O&P Division. This was a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic public restrictions, with all Commission members participating either virtually or telephonically.

APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES

Commission minutes for the Commission meeting held on September 21, 2022, previously distributed to Commission members for review, were discussed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, and seconded by Commissioner Boles, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the September 21, 2022 minutes of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE FOR BBCORPORATION, LLC

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report. BBCorporation, LLC (“BBCorporation”) recently applied to the Commission for the renewal of its promoter license as a promoter of professional MMA events in the State of Maryland and, in particular, on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

BBCorporation has been licensed by the Commission as a promoter in the past, and is seeking to continue to hold its series of “Stellar Fights” professional MMA events in Salisbury, Maryland.

Commissioner Moore and Mr. Pannella recently interviewed Brad Dalton promoter representative for BB Corporation, as a condition of licensure. They reviewed the license application and corresponding documentation submitted by BB Corporation, and were satisfied that the promoter's license application for this promoter applicant 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 approve the licensure of BB Corporation as a promoter.

REVIEW OF OCTOBER 15, 2022 PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following review of the professional boxing event promoted by Jeter Promotions, LLC, advertised as "Jeter Promotions", and held on October 15, 2022 at The Hall at Live! Casino in Hanover, Maryland.

The professional boxing event included 11 contests and 56 scheduled rounds of professional boxing competition.

Three title bouts were featured.

Elijah Pierce competed against Daron Williams for the "Silver United States National Boxing Championship Super Bantamweight title", with Mr. Pierce winning by knockout at 1:43 of the second round.

Ernest Hall competed against Jaqueem Hutcherson for the "American Boxing Federation Atlantic Bantamweight Title", with the bout being ruled a draw after the tabulation of scorecards.

Brandon Chambers competed against Vit Y for the "American Boxing Federation Super Bantamweight Title", with Mr. Chambers winning by a majority decision.

Jeter Promotions provided COVID-19 rapid testing at the October 14, 2022 weigh-in activity for this boxing event for those licensees requiring such testing in

compliance with the Commission's medical and administrative protocols for COVID-19.

At the weigh-in activity, and immediately following the conclusion of the weighing in of boxers Elijah Pierce and Daron Williams on the stage of The Hall at Live! theater, both boxers left the stage and proceeded to the area in front of the stage where a crowd of spectators observing the weigh-in was gathered. There, the two boxers engaged in a prolonged and aggressive shouting exchange with each other. Recognizing that the boxers' verbal exchange had the potential to quickly escalate into a physical confrontation between the boxers and also between the boxers' respective supporters in close quarters, Executive Director Pannella separated the boxers by himself and requested security personnel employed by the venue to proceed to the area in front of the stage to intervene. In response to what occurred, and on behalf of the Commission, Mr. Pannella indicated that he will be communicating with Jeter Promotions representatives to ensure that security personnel present at weigh-ins are positioned at strategic locations both on stage and in the crowd to prevent any similar exchanges or occurrences from taking place in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Pannella welcomed Sharon Sands, a professional boxing referee and professional boxing judge, who was attending the Commission meeting telephonically.

Ms. Sands addressed the Commission. She thanked Mr. Pannella for welcoming her and added that she had no issues or concerns to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, and seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m..

/s/ **David J. Norman**

Chairman

Date: October 19, 2022