

MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016

On Wednesday, November 16, 2016, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Ben Alperstein at 2:00 p.m.. Present were the following: Commissioner Ben Alperstein (Acting Chairman); Commissioner Sean Malone; Commissioner Lenny Moore; Commissioner David Norman; Patrick Pannella, Executive Director; Eric London, Counsel; and Dreama Anderson, Administrative Specialist. Absent: Chairman Arnie Dansicker.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENT

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

Upon a motion by Acting Chairman Alperstein, seconded by Commissioner Norman, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event promoted by James E. “Jimmy” Morris, III:

Professional Wrestling Event
Friday, December 16, 2016 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Denton Fire Hall
400 South 5th Avenue - Denton, Maryland
Promoter: James E. “Jimmy” Morris, III, advertising as
Adrenaline Championship Wrestling (ACW).

REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 13, 2016 PROFESSIONAL MMA EVENT

Executive Director Pannella led a Commission review of the November 13, 2016 professional MMA event, which was promoted by John J. Rallo, III, advertising as “The Jonathan Ogden Foundation Charity MMA Event” and held at Martin’s Valley Mansion in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Mr. Pannella provided the Commission with the following report.

The MMA event included six professional MMA contests encompassing 18 scheduled rounds of professional MMA competition. This year marked the first time that this popular charitable event held on an annual basis featured professional MMA contests rather than professional boxing contests. The MMA contests appeared to be well-received by the Jonathan Ogden Foundation Charity audience. The MMA contests between Eric Kronstadt versus John Hughes and Dameron Kirby versus Ken Gaudreau were particularly competitive.

The Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission and the Oklahoma State Athletic Commission were very helpful in assisting the Commission in resolving an administrative matter pertaining to one of the MMA contestants who competed in this MMA event.

REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 5, 2016 PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

Executive Director Pannella led a Commission review of the November 5, 2016 professional boxing event, which was promoted by Kings Promotions, LLC, advertising as Kings Promotions and held at Rosecroft Raceway in Fort Washington, Maryland. Mr. Pannella provided the Commission with the following report.

The boxing event included eight professional boxing contests encompassing 44 scheduled rounds of professional boxing competition. The majority of the boxing contests were very competitive, with the contest between Jordan White and Jose Elizondo being named “Beltway Boxing Bout of the Year” for 2016 by the Boxingalongthebeltway website.

Mr. Pannella noted that the Commission had received an inquiry seeking clarification on the size of the boxing ring being used for professional boxing events being held at Rosecroft Raceway. He reported that he and Commission Timekeeper Don Risher measured the ring in question immediately prior to the start of the boxing event, confirming that the ring was in full accordance with Commission regulations.

REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 12, 2016 PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

Executive Director Pannella led a Commission review of the November 12, 2016 professional boxing event, which was promoted by Shawstyle Productions, LLC, advertising as Shawstyle Productions and held at the Clarence “Du” Burns Arena in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Pannella provided the Commission with the following report.

The boxing event included nine professional boxing contests encompassing 46 scheduled rounds of professional boxing competition. The contests between Jonathan Baster versus Vladimir Pierre, Eric Govan versus Devin Butcher, and Stephon Morris versus Gregory Clark were particularly competitive. Travis Reeves of Baltimore, Maryland knocked out Aaron Quattrocchi of Follansbee, West Virginia at 0:53 of the second round to win the United States Boxing Organization (USBO) Light Heavyweight Title.

Four amateur boxing contests, encompassing 12 scheduled rounds of amateur boxing, preceded the professional boxing contests. These boxing contests were sanctioned and supervised by the South Atlantic Association of USA Boxing, Inc..

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

The Commission held a discussion regarding the date and time of its next meeting. The Commission agreed to hold the meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, 500 North Calvert Street, in Baltimore, Maryland.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Malone, and seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m..

**Patrick Pannella
Executive Director**