

MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017

On Wednesday, May 20, 2017, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Arnold “Arnie” Dansicker at 2:00 p.m.. Present were the following: Chairman Dansicker; Commissioner Sean Malone; Commissioner Lenny Moore; Commissioner David Norman; Patrick Pannella, Executive Director; Eric London, Counsel; and Dreama Anderson, Administrative Specialist. Absent: Commissioner Ben Alperstein.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional boxing event:

Professional Boxing Event
Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time
Clarence “Du” Burns Arena
3100 Boston Street - Baltimore, Maryland
Promoter: Baltimore Boxing and Fitness, LLC, advertising as
Shabazz Brotherz.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENTS

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 Commissioner Norman, and seconded by Chairman Dansicker, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling events being promoted by Event Services, Inc., A Wholly-Owned

Subsidiary of World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.:

Professional Wrestling Event
“WWE Extreme Rules” Pay-per-view Event
Sunday, June 4, 2017 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
The Royal Farms Arena
201 West Baltimore Street - Baltimore, Maryland
Promoter: Event Services, Inc., A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of
World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.,
advertising as WWE;

Professional Wrestling Event
Friday, June 16, 2017 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
The APG Federal Credit Union Arena / Harford Community College
401 Thomas Run Road - Bel Air, Maryland
Promoter: Event Services, Inc., A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of
World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.,
advertising as NXT Live; and

Professional Wrestling Event
Sunday, July 23, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time
The Wicomico Youth and Civic Center
500 Glen Avenue - Salisbury, Maryland
Promoter: Event Services, Inc., A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of
World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.,
advertising as WWE.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted James “Jimmy” Morris, III, advertising as Adrenaline Championship Wrestling (ACW):

Professional Wrestling Event
Friday, July 28, 2017 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Denton Volunteer Fire Company
400 South Fifth Avenue - Denton, Maryland

Promoter: James “Jimmy” Morris, III,
advertising as Adrenaline Championship Wrestling
(ACW).

PHYSICIANS PERFORMING REQUIRED PRE-BOUT MEDICAL EXAMS AT PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENTS

The Commission held a discussion in regard to how physicians are obtained to perform pre-bout medical exams immediately prior to the start of professional wrestling events, medical exams which are a regulatory requirement.

Executive Director Pannella stated that, in an effort to be business friendly and at the direct request of most licensed promoters, the Commission typically contacts and secures a physician to perform pre-bout medical exams for each respective professional wrestling event. Mr. Pannella noted that, per Commission regulation, the Commission is only required to approve a physician who is performing the referenced medical exams.

The Commission instructed Mr. Pannella to inform licensed promoters of professional wrestling events that, while the Commission will continue to assist promoters in the manner described above whenever possible, the promoter is ultimately responsible for securing the physician to work at a professional wrestling event.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Dansicker reported that Commission-sanctioned boxing, MMA and wrestling events held so far this year are “rolling along” in terms of effective Commission regulation.

COUNSEL’S REPORT

The Commission Counsel had no report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Commission Executive Director had no report.

PROFESSIONAL BOXER JOSE UZACATEGUI

Executive Director Pannella reported that the Commission received e-mail correspondence from an individual claiming to be a representative of professional boxer of Jose Uzcategui, indicating that Mr. Uzcategui is desirous of protesting the decision of Commission referee William Clancy to disqualify Mr. Uzcategui in Mr. Uzcategui's professional boxing contest versus Andre Dirrell held on May 20, 2017 at MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Mr. Pannella noted that, in consultation with Counsel London, the Commission is requesting that either Mr. Uzcategui or Mr. Uzcategui's legal representative file a written protest with the Commission if Mr. Uzcategui is seeking to formally protest Mr. Clancy's referenced officiating decision.

REVIEW OF MAY 20, 2017 PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report in regard to the professional boxing event promoted by TGB Promotions, LLC, televised as part of the "Showtime Championship Boxing" series on the Showtime network, and held on May 20, 2017 at MGM National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Maryland.

The professional boxing event included seven professional boxing contests and 60 scheduled rounds of professional boxing competition. Oscar Escandon and Gary Russell, Jr. competed in a scheduled twelve-round boxing contest for the World Boxing Council (WBC) Featherweight title. Jose Uzcategui and Andre Dirrell competed in a scheduled twelve-round boxing contest for the World Boxing Council (WBC) "Featherweight" title. Kiryl Relikh and Rances Barthelemy competed in a scheduled twelve-round boxing contest for the International Boxing Federation (IBF) "Interim Super Middleweight" title.

The Commission summarily suspended licensed second Leon Lawson, II for unruly conduct in violation of Commission regulations as a result of his actions in the ring following the conclusion of the boxing contest between Mr. Uzcategui and Mr.

Dirrell.

MGM security staff, combined with a strong police presence inside the venue, quickly quelled several crowd disturbances which occurred following the conclusion of the boxing contest between Mr. Uzcategui and Mr. Dirrell. Commission staff members worked diligently under difficult circumstances to assist in bringing order to both the ring and the ringside area.

In a telephone conversation held with Executive Director after the boxing event concluded, the promoter representative for TGB Promotions, LLC commended the Commission for its efforts in regulating the various components of, and in addressing issues arising during, this boxing event.

NEXT SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING

The Commission held a discussion in regard to the scheduling of its next meeting. The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, 500 North Calvert Street, in Baltimore, Maryland.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Chairman Dansicker, and seconded by Commissioner Norman, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m..

Patrick Pannella
Executive Director