

# MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

## MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018

On Wednesday, August 15, 2018, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Arnold “Arnie” Dansicker at 2:06 p.m.. Present were the following: Chairman Dansicker; Commissioner Charles “Chuck” Gast; Commissioner David Norman; Commissioner David Shull; Patrick Pannella, Executive Director; and Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel. Absent: Commissioner Lenny Moore.

### **APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENTS**

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 Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional boxing event being promoted by Shabazz Brotherz, LLC, advertising as “Shabazz Brotherz”:

Saturday, September 22, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Bowie State University - The A.C. Jordan Arena  
1400 Jericho Road  
Bowie, Maryland  
Promoter: Shabazz Brotherz, LLC,  
advertising as “Shabazz Brotherz”.

Mr. Pannella reported that CyNation Sports. LLC is desirous of holding its first professional boxing event on September 22, 2018 at Rosecroft Raceway in Ft. Washington, Maryland. Mr. Pannella noted that he has engaged in numerous boxing-related and promoter-related discussions during the past year with Cory Sanders, the promoter representative for CyNation Sports, LLC, as Mr. Sanders has sought to fully acclimate himself to the world of boxing promotion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, seconded by Commissioner Shull, the

Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional boxing event being promoted by CyNation Sports, LLC, advertising as “CyNation Sports”:

Saturday, September 29, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Rosecroft Raceway  
6336 Rosecroft Drive  
Ft. Washington, Maryland  
Promoter: CyNation Sports, LLC,  
advertising as “CyNation Sports”.

### **APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL MMA EVENTS**

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following MMA events being promoted by John J. Rallo, III, advertising as “Shogun Fights”:

Saturday, October 6, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time  
The Royal Farms Arena  
201 West Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Promoter: John J. Rallo, III,  
advertising as “Shogun Fights”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following MMA events being promoted by John J. Rallo, III, advertising as “Charity MMA Event Benefitting The Jonathan Ogden Foundation”:

Thursday, November 1, 2018 - 8:15 p.m. Starting Time  
Martin’s Valley Mansion  
594 Cranbrook Road - Hunt Valley, Maryland  
Promoter: John J. Rallo, III,  
advertising as “Charity MMA Event Benefitting

The Jonathan Ogden Foundation”.

**REVIEW OF AUGUST 11, 2018**  
**“EXTREME MIDGET WRESTLING”**  
**PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENT**

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report in regard to the “Extreme Midget Wrestling” professional wrestling event held on August 11, 2018 at The William J. Myers Pavilion in Baltimore, Maryland. After receiving information that this wrestling event had been scheduled, Mr. Pannella contacted the representative for “Extreme Midget Wrestling” and explained that a promoter licensed by the Commission must request a sanction from the Commission in order for this wrestling event to be held. Licensed promoter James E. “Jimmy” Morris, III requested a Commission sanction for the wrestling event. The Commission inspector who worked at the wrestling event reported that all Commission regulations were followed.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Dansicker remarked that professional boxing in the State of Maryland is currently experiencing a positive and substantial expansion with “new venues, new boxing promoters and new casinos”. He noted that such an expansion will provide increased opportunities for a “nice core of local boxers and even champions” to compete and display their boxing skills in Maryland.

**COUNSEL’S REPORT**

Counsel London reported that Susan Cherry, Principal Counsel in the Office of The Maryland Attorney General for the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), was retiring after 34 years of dedicated State service.

The Commission recognized Ms. Cherry for her outstanding contributions to the Commission over the years.

Executive Director Pannella called Ms. Cherry a person “of the highest integrity” who consistently maintained an “open door” policy with regard to discussing

various legal and regulatory matters involving the Commission.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Pannella had nothing additional to report.

### **UPDATE ON AUGUST 18, 2018** **PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT**

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following update in regard to the professional boxing event being promoted by Jeter Promotions, LLC, advertising as “Jeter Promotions”, and being held on August 18, 2018 at Maryland Live! Casino and Hotel in Hanover, Maryland.

The professional boxing event will feature two ten-round boxing contests televised live on the CBS Sports Network’s “CBS Fight Night” series. The two televised boxing contests include: (1) Demond Nicholson versus Isaac Rodriguez for the “United States National Boxing Championship Super Middleweight (USNBC) Title”, with the USNBC being affiliated with the World Boxing Council (WBC); and (2) Mykal Fox versus Demarcus Corley in the junior welterweight division. Also on the boxing card is a ten-round boxing contest between Ivan Golub and Lanardo Tyner for the “United States National Boxing Championship Welterweight (USNBC) Title”.

Eight scheduled boxing contests have been approved by the Commission for this boxing event.

### **REVIEW OF JUNE 16, 2018** **PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT**

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report in regard to the professional boxing event promoted by Jeter Promotions, LLC, advertising as “Jeter Promotions”, and held on June 16, 2018 at The Gardens Ice House Arena in Laurel, Maryland.

The professional boxing event included eight professional boxing contests and 42

scheduled rounds of boxing competition. This was the first time that a professional boxing event has been held at the venue.

The main event featured Gerome Quigley, Jr. versus Raymond Serrano in a scheduled ten-round boxing contest, with the boxing contest being declared a “no contest” following an accidental head butt ruling by the referee in the first round and the attending ringside doctor’s medical evaluation of Mr. Quigley at the time of the stoppage. The boxing contest was ruled a “no contest” because four rounds had not been completed. The boxing contest was for the following two boxing titles: (1) The “United States Boxing Association (USBA) Welterweight Title”, with the USBA being an affiliate of the International Boxing Federation (IBF); and (2) The “United States National Boxing Championship (USNBC) Welterweight Title”, with the USNBC being an affiliate of the World Boxing Council (WBC).

Mr. Pannella noted that the boxing contest between Francisico Bustos and Jauvan John was extremely competitive, with Mr. Bustos winning the “slugfest” by a unanimous decision.

Commissioner Norman opined that the venue was a quality location very conducive for the holding of boxing events, adding that there is more than adequate parking available to accommodate a larger crowd.

### **REVIEW OF JUNE 29, 2018** **PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT**

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report in regard to the professional boxing event promoted by Shabazz Brotherz, LLC, advertising as “Shabazz Brotherz”, and held on June 29, 2018 at Martin’s West in Woodlawn, Maryland.

The professional boxing event included seven professional boxing contests, one four-round professional boxing exhibition, and a featured four-round amateur boxing contest between Lorenzo Simpson and Maurice Winslow, Jr..

The amateur boxing contest was sanctioned and supervised by the South Atlantic Association of USA Boxing, Inc..

The professional boxing event included 34 scheduled rounds of professional boxing competition.

Tyrieshia Douglas and Helen Joseph competed in a ten-round boxing contest, with the boxing contest being declared a “draw” after the tabulation of the judges’ scorecards. The boxing contest was for the “Universal Boxing Federation (UBF) Super Flyweight Title”.

### **SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETINGS**

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

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.;;  
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.;;  
Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.; and  
Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m..

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, and seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 p.m..

**Patrick Pannella**  
**Executive Director**