

# **MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

On Wednesday, February 16, 2021, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman David Norman at 3:01 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; and Olga Escobar, Board Specialist. This was a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic public restrictions, with all Commission members and Commission staff participating either virtually or telephonically.

### **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Commission minutes for the Commission meeting held on December 15, 2021, previously distributed to Commission members for review, were discussed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, and seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the December 15, 2021 minutes of the Commission.

### **APPROVAL OF THE RENEWAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE FOR PONYTAIL PROMOTIONS. INC.**

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report. Ponytail Promotions, Inc. (“Ponytail Promotions”) recently applied to the Commission for the renewal of its promoter license as a promoter of professional boxing events in the State of Maryland.

Ponytail Promotions has been licensed by the Commission as a promoter in the past, and consistently maintained its good standing status with the Commission during these respective licensing periods. Commissioner Moore and Mr. Pannella recently interviewed James F. Hogan, promoter representative for Ponytail Promotions, as a condition of licensure. They reviewed the license application and corresponding documentation submitted by Ponytail Promotions 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 Shull, and seconded by Commissioner Boles, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the licensure of Ponytail Promotions as a promoter.

### **APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINAL PROMOTER LICENSE FOR LAMONT ROACH, SR.**

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report. Lamont Roach, Sr. recently applied to the Commission for an original promoter license as a promoter of professional boxing events in the State of Maryland.

Mr. Roach is a longtime amateur boxing trainer and professional boxing trainer in the Greater Washington Metropolitan area who is desirous of promoting boxing events in Prince George's County, Maryland. Commissioner Moore and Mr. Pannella recently interviewed Mr. Roach as a condition of licensure. They reviewed the license application and corresponding documentation submitted by Mr. Roach 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 Shull, and seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the licensure of Lamont Roach, Sr. as a promoter.

### **APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENTS**

Executive Director Pannella led a Commission discussion concerning the professional wrestling events currently scheduled in the State of Maryland.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, seconded by Commissioner Boles, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to ratify for approval the following professional wrestling events promoted by Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr., advertising as "Maryland Championship Wrestling" / "MCW":

Saturday, February 19, 2022 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time

FPX Theatre  
7938 Eastern Avenue, Suite 1 - Dundalk, Maryland  
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr.,  
Advertising as “Maryland Championship Wrestling” /  
“MCW”

Saturday, March 5, 2022 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time  
Galena Volunteer Fire Department Hall  
90 East Cross Street - Galena, Maryland  
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr.,  
Advertising as “Maryland Championship Wrestling” /  
“MCW”;

Saturday, March 19, 2022 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time  
Tall Cedars Hall  
2501 Putty Hill Avenue - Parkville, Maryland  
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr.,  
Advertising as “Maryland Championship Wrestling” /  
“MCW”; and

Sunday, May 15, 2022 - 6:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Benfield Sportscenter  
1031 Benfield Boulevard - Millersville, Maryland  
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr.,  
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 events promoted by Donald “Don” Dorsey advertising as “Assault Wrestling Alliance” / “AWA”:

Saturday, March 26, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Unique Sports Academy  
109 Post Office Road - Waldorf, Maryland  
Promoter: Donnell “Don” Dorsey,  
Advertising as “Assault Wrestling Alliance” / “AWA”;

Saturday, April 30, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Unique Sports Academy  
109 Post Office Road - Waldorf, Maryland  
Promoter: Donnell "Don" Dorsey,  
Advertising as "Assault Wrestling Alliance" / "AWA";

Saturday, May 28, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Unique Sports Academy  
109 Post Office Road - Waldorf, Maryland  
Promoter: Donnell "Don" Dorsey,  
Advertising as "Assault Wrestling Alliance" / "AWA";

Saturday, July 2, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Unique Sports Academy  
109 Post Office Road - Waldorf, Maryland  
Promoter: Donnell "Don" Dorsey,  
Advertising as "Assault Wrestling Alliance" / "AWA";

Saturday, September 24, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Unique Sports Academy  
109 Post Office Road - Waldorf, Maryland  
Promoter: Donnell "Don" Dorsey,  
Advertising as "Assault Wrestling Alliance" / "AWA";

Saturday, October 26, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Unique Sports Academy  
109 Post Office Road - Waldorf, Maryland  
Promoter: Donnell "Don" Dorsey,  
Advertising as "Assault Wrestling Alliance" / "AWA";  
and

Saturday, November 26, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Unique Sports Academy  
109 Post Office Road - Waldorf, Maryland  
Promoter: Donnell "Don" Dorsey,  
Advertising as "Assault Wrestling Alliance" / "AWA".

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

Sunday, March 6, 2022 - 5:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Beefalo Bob’s  
8015 Ft. Smallwood Road - Pasadena, Maryland  
Promoter: James E. “Jimmy” Morris, III,  
Advertising as “Adrenaline Championship Wrestling” /  
“ACW”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, seconded by Commissioner Boles, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling events promoted by Richard K. Thompson advertising as “C3W Wrestling” / “C3W”:

Sunday, February 27, 2022 - 3:30 p.m. Start  
Just Us Nation Gym  
8925 Darcy Road - Forestville, Maryland  
Promoter: Richard K. Thompson,  
Advertising as “C3W 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 promoted by James E. “Jim” Hardwick advertising as “Eastern Wrestling Alliance” / “EWA”:

Saturday, March 5, 2022 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time  
The Bel Air Armory  
37 North Main Street - Bel Air, Maryland  
Promoter: James E. Hardwick,  
Advertising as “Eastern Wrestling Alliance” / “EWA”.

**REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN NORMAN**

Chairman Norman made note of the continued lessening of mask requirements in public settings in certain jurisdictions in the State of Maryland, requirements he described as having “changed dramatically” in the last year and a half.

Chairman Norman observed that professional boxing “is coming back” in Maryland as reflected by the Commission’s recent increase in the sanctioning of boxing events.

Chairman Norman further observed that the Commission has now fully returned to sanctioning the large number of professional wrestling events that it typically sanctions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, and seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 3:21 p.m..

**/s/ David J. Norman**  
**Chairman**

**Date: March 16, 2022**