

# **MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020**

On Wednesday, January 22, 2020, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman David Norman at 3:00 p.m.. Present were the following: Chairman Norman; Commissioner Brian Boles; Commissioner Chuck Gast (telephonically); Commissioner Lenny Moore; Commissioner David Shull; Patrick Pannella, Executive Director; and Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel.

### **PASSING OF ROSLYN ANN BOLES**

Chairman Norman joined his fellow Commission members, Executive Director Pannella, and Counsel London in extending their deepest condolences to Commissioner Boles and his family on the recent passing of Commissioner Boles' mother, Roslyn Ann Boles.

### **RENEWAL OF PROMOTER LICENSE FOR EVENT SERVICES, INC. A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT, LLC**

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report. Richard Hering, the promoter's representative for Event Services, Inc. A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of World Wrestling Entertainment, LLC, recently applied to the Commission to renew the promoter license for Event Services, Inc. A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of World Wrestling Entertainment, LLC as a promoter of professional wrestling events in the State of Maryland. Commissioner Moore and Mr. Pannella interviewed Mr. Hering as a condition of license renewal. They reviewed the license application and corresponding documentation submitted by the promoter applicant, and were satisfied that the promoter's application complies with the Commission's licensing requirements.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Moore, and seconded by Commissioner Gast, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to ratify the renewal of the license of Event

Services, Inc. A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of World Wrestling Entertainment, LLC as a promoter.

**APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL MMA EVENT**

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional MMA event being promoted by John J. Rallo, III:

Saturday, July 18, 2020 - 6:30 p.m. Starting Time  
MGM National Harbor  
101 MGM National Avenue - Oxon Hill, Maryland  
Promoter: John J. Rallo, III, advertising as  
“Shogun Fights”.

**APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING EVENTS**

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, seconded by Commissioner Boles, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to ratify the following professional wrestling event being promoted by EWA Promotions, LLC:

Saturday, January 18, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time  
Tall Cedars Hall  
2501 Putty Hill Avenue - Parkville, Maryland  
Promoter: EWA Promotions, LLC, advertising as  
“EWA Promotions, LLC” / “EWA”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Boles, seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional

wrestling event being promoted by James E. “Jimmy” Morris, III:

Saturday, January 25, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time  
American Legion Post # 91  
601 Radiance Drive - Cambridge, Maryland  
Promoter: James E. “Jimmy” Morris, III,  
advertising as “Adrenaline Championship Wrestling” /  
“ACW”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by Richard K. Thompson:

Saturday, February 15, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Starlight Dance Studio  
4800 Stamp Road - Temple Hills, Maryland  
Promoter: Richard K. Thompson,  
advertising as “Capital Combat Championship Wrestling”  
/ “C3W”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Gast, seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by Michael Valentyne:

Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time  
Silver Spring Black Box Theater  
8641 Colesville Road - Silver Spring, Maryland  
Promoter: Michael Valentyne,  
advertising as “Flying V Fights Pro Wrestling”.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Shull, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling events being promoted by EWA Promotions, LLC:

Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time  
Tall Cedars Hall

2501 Putty Hall Avenue - Parkville, Maryland  
Promoter: EWA Promotions, LLC,  
advertising as “Eastern Wrestling Alliance” / “EWA”;

Saturday, May 16, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time  
Tall Cedars Hall  
2501 Putty Hall Avenue - Parkville, Maryland  
Promoter: EWA Promotions, LLC,  
advertising as “Eastern Wrestling Alliance” / “EWA”;  
and

Saturday, June 20, 2020 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time  
Tall Cedars Hall  
2501 Putty Hall Avenue - Parkville, Maryland  
Promoter: EWA Promotions, LLC,  
advertising as “Eastern Wrestling Alliance” / “EWA”.

## **SCHEDULE OF BOXING EVENTS AND MMA EVENTS**

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the current schedule of boxing events and MMA events being regulated by the Commission.

### **UPDATE ON FEBRUARY 28, 2020** **PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT -** **“MARYLAND STATE CRUISERWEIGHT TITLE BOUT” /** **“MARYLAND STATE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE” BOUT**

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 February 28, 2020 at Maryland Live! Casino and Hotel in Hanover, Maryland.

Jeter Promotions is proposing that Sam Crossed (9-0-0, 5 ko’s) of Greenbelt, Maryland and Nick Kisner (21-5-1, 6 ko’s) of Baltimore, Maryland be approved by the Commission to compete in a scheduled ten-round boxing contest for either the “Maryland State Cruiserweight Title” or the “Maryland State Heavyweight Title”.

The two boxers will compete for the “Maryland State Cruiserweight Title” if both boxers weigh 190 pounds or less, or for the “Maryland State Heavyweight Title” if both boxers weigh over 190 pounds.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, seconded by Commissioner Boles, the Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve of Sam Crossed competing against Nick Kisner in a scheduled ten-round boxing contest for the “Maryland State Cruiserweight Title” if both boxers weigh 190 pounds or less, or for the “Maryland State Heavyweight Title” if both boxers weigh over 190 pounds.

### **APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Commission minutes for the Commission meeting held on September 18, 2019, which were 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 September 18, 2019 minutes of the Commission.

Commission minutes for the Commission meeting held on October 23, 2019, which were previously distributed to Commission members for review, were discussed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, and seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the October 23, 2019 minutes of the Commission.

Commission minutes for the Commission meeting held on December 18, 2019, which were previously distributed to Commission members for review, were discussed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Boles, and seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the December 18, 2019 minutes of the Commission.

## **SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETINGS**

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.; and  
Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m..

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Shull, and seconded by Commissioner Boles, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 p.m..

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