

MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

On Wednesday, September 21, 2016, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Arnold “Arnie” Dansicker at 2:09 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 AUGUST 24, 2016 COMMISSION MINUTES

The August 24, 2016 Minutes of the Maryland State Athletic Commission, which were previously distributed to all Commission members for review, were discussed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Norman, seconded by Commissioner Malone, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the August 24, 2016 Minutes of the Commission.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL BOXING EVENT

Executive Director Pannella led a Commission discussion in regard to professional boxing in the State of Maryland.

Upon a motion by Chairman Dansicker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional boxing event being promoted by King’s Promotions, LLC:

Professional Boxing Event
Saturday, November 5, 2016 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time
Rosecroft Raceway
6336 Rosecroft Drive - Ft. Washington, Maryland
Promoter: King’s Promotions, LLC, advertising as
King’s Promotions.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL MMA EVENT

Executive Director Pannella led a Commission discussion in regard to professional MMA in the State of Maryland.

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

Professional MMA Event
Saturday, April 8, 2017 - 7:00 p.m. Starting Time
The Royal Farms Arena
1301 South Ellwood Avenue - Baltimore, Maryland
Promoter: John J. Rallo, III, advertising as
"Shogun Fights 16".

APPROVAL / CANCELLATION 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. Mr. Pannella reported that licensed promoter James E. "Jimmy" Morris, III cancelled a wrestling event scheduled to be held on October 22, 2016 at The Lodge/Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 69 in Catonsville, Maryland due to concerns about limited traffic access caused by a major flood which ravaged Main Street in Ellicott City, Maryland on July 30, 2016.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Malone, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr.:

Professional Wrestling Event
Friday, October 14, 2016 - 8:00 p.m. Starting Time
G. Boone's Restaurant and Arena
7704 Old National Pike - Boonsboro, Maryland
Promoter: Dennis W. Wipprecht, Jr., advertising as

Evolve Wrestling.

Upon a motion by Chairman Dansicker, seconded by Commissioner Malone, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by James “Jimmy” Morris, III:

Professional Wrestling Event
Friday, October 28, 2016 - 7:30 p.m. Starting Time
Denton Fire Hall
440 South Fifth Avenue - Denton, Maryland
Promoter: James E. “Jimmy” Morris, III, advertising as
Adrenaline Championship Wrestling (ACW).

Upon a motion by Chairman Dansicker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the following professional wrestling event being promoted by Ring of Honor Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.:

Professional Wrestling Event
Saturday, October 29, 2016 - 5:45 p.m. Starting Time
The William J. Meyers Pavilion
4300 West Bay Avenue - Baltimore, Maryland
Promoter: Ring of Honor Wrestling Entertainment, Inc., advertising
Ring of Honor Wrestling (ROH).

RETURN OF BOXING PROMOTER KING’S PROMOTIONS, LLC

Chairman Dansicker noted that he was pleased to see King’s Promotions, LLC, a boxing promoter based in Reading, Pennsylvania, return to holding professional boxing events in the State of Maryland. Commissioner Moore, who is a native of Reading, Pennsylvania, and the other attending Commission members shared Chairman Dansicker’s sentiments.

COMMISSION REGULATION ON FEDERAL PROPERTY AND THE COLLECTION OF THE “BOXING AND WRESTLING TAX”

Executive Director Pannella provided the Commission with the following report in regard to the collection of the "Boxing and Wrestling Tax" for boxing, MMA and wrestling events being held on Federal property – including military installations – in the State of Maryland.

The Commission has regulated, and will regulate, boxing, MMA and wrestling events being held on Federal property when invited by a Federal installation for this expressed purpose. As it has come to the attention of the Commission that it may be called upon in the near future to regulate a boxing event or a wrestling event on Federal property, and as Commission regulations require it to prepare the ticket manifest to document the "Boxing and Wrestling Tax" for such events, the Commission recently contacted the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland to confirm: (1) whether the jurisdiction of the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland extends to federal installations located in the State of Maryland; and (2) whether the collection of the "Boxing and Wrestling Tax" is applicable for a boxing, MMA or wrestling event taking place at a venue located on federal property in Maryland.

The Commission received a response from the Compliance Division in the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland indicating that, in its interpretation of Tax-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Title 6: (1) If a promoter of a boxing, MMA or wrestling event controls the gross receipts of an event, and is otherwise not an entity exempt under State law, the "Boxing and Wrestling Tax" would apply; and (2) If the gross receipts of an event are controlled by the Federal government, than the "Boxing and Wrestling Tax" would not apply as the Federal government is not subject to State and/or local taxation. The Compliance Division noted that, with regard to certain other State taxes, the Office of the Comptroller of Maryland has required private entities operating on Federal property to register and to remit "Sales and Use Tax" and has collected "Admissions and Amusement Tax" on the gross receipts of private entities operating on Federal property, as well.

NEXT THREE SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Commission held a discussion regarding Commission meetings scheduled to be held through Calendar Year 2016. Chairman Dansicker reminded the Commission of its meetings scheduled for the remainder of Calendar Year 2016 on the following dates and times in the Third Floor Conference Room, 500 North Calvert Street, in

Baltimore:

Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.;
Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.; and
Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m..

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Chairman Dansicker, and seconded by Commissioner Malone, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m..

Patrick Pannella
Executive Director