

Minutes

Board Meeting

South Carolina Athletic Commission

10:00 A.M., February 19, 2002

Synergy Business Park

110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 107

Columbia, South Carolina

Chairman John "Robbie" Robertson, Irmo, called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 10:00 A.M., on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, with a quorum present at the Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation, room 107, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. Other Commissioners participating in the meeting included: Vice-Chairman Paul Kennemore, Greenwood, Commissioner Luther A. Bradley, Hemingway, Commissioner George W. Cox, Myrtle Beach, Commissioner Clyde Jones, Camden and Commissioner Robert Williams, Cayce.

Commissioner Lynda Leventis-Wells, was absent from the meeting.

Members of the staff participating at various times at the meeting included Randall Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director, Janet Scott, Administrative Coordinator and Deme Loftis, Director of Administration.

Chairman Robertson stated that this meeting was being held in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the Freedom of Information Act by notice mailed to the State Newspaper, Associated Press, WIS-TV and all other requesting persons, organizations, or news media. In addition, notice was posted at the two main entrances of the Kingstree Building.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of January 7, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Cox briefly discussed a sentence in the first paragraph on page three. Appropriate wording was, "He asked Mr. Bragg to submit five names for a regulatory board to him within thirty days".

Motion

Mr. Cox moved the commission approve the minutes of October 9, 2001. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks - John R. 'Robbie' Robertson

None

Administrator's Remarks - Randall Bryant

None

Executive Session

Chairman Robertson moved the commission enter executive session to discuss disciplinary issues.

Return to Public Session

Mr. Robertson noted for the record that no actions were taken during the time the commission was in executive session.

Unfinished Business

The commission reviewed the Practice Act Revisions to S.42. (A copy of the revisions are attached as Addendum A)

Change National Registry to ABC Medical Suspension List

40-81-70 (C) - Change wording from commission representative to LLR representative

40-81-70 (D) - Change wording to The LLR representative in conjunction with the commission or its designee shall review the Association of Boxing Commissions Medical Suspension List along with all additional appropriate information and approve or deny all pairing of contestants.

40-81-200 establishing misdemeanor penalties of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

Required application to be filed at least 15 days before a scheduled event. Licenses are good for one (1) calendar year.

40-81-260 - Strengthening the medical requirement for boxers and requiring a ringside physical and a physical within 15 days of event.

Requiring promoters to pay the Commission 5% of the total admissions received at an event - Current law is 2% of admissions.

Requiring evidence of insurance in the amount of \$10,000 - current amount is \$5,000.

40-81-440. Applications for permits received less than fifteen days before the event or exhibition may be denied and if granted, may be subject to a late fee of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 per day. (fees remain - as current law reads)

Amendments:

Current statute has that the Commission is appointed with "advice and consent" - this was mistakenly omitted from S. 42 and needs to be added (Section 40-81-50(A))

Section 40-81-60(A), page 5, needs to be amended to strike that the commission may call on election of officers at any time. The amendment will require the officers to be elected annually.

Section 40-81-70(A)(3), page 6, should read that the code of ethics shall be promulgated.

Definition added for "second", "trainer", "announcer", "professional kick boxer" and "bout"

Section 40-81-250 is amended to stipulate that a "bout" is no more than 12 rounds (current statute has 15)

Amend misdemeanor penalties to \$1,000 - the bill has penalties of \$10,000

Mr. Cox discussed Proposed Revisions to the Athletic Regulations. (The revisions are attached as Addendum B) The commission agreed to remove #14 and change #15 to #14. Also, change the surety bond amount to \$10,000 instead of \$100,000.

Mr. Robertson noted for the minutes that the commission has not been advised of the advisory board that the commission asked for from the wrestling community; also to send a follow up letter to Mr. Bragg for response.

Mr. Bryant informed the commission that he emailed Mr. Pollenger that there is no S. C. Law that allows for an appeal to a judge's decision. He further noted that apparently Mr. Pollenger is not licensed as a manager in South Carolina.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the February 19, 2002 meeting.

Adjournment

Motion

There being no further business to be brought before the commission at this time, Mr. Kennemore moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and unanimously passed.

The next meeting of the S. C. Athletic Commission is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2002.