

MINUTES
South Carolina Athletic Commission
1:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 6, 2006
Conference Call Meeting
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 104-09
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Williams announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Athletic Commission office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Robert Williams, Chairman, of Cayce, called the meeting of the S.C. Athletic Commission to order at 1:10 p.m. Other commissioners present included: George Cox, Vice Chairman, of Myrtle Beach; Clyde Jones, of Camden; Lynda Leventis-Wells, of Greenville; Paul Kennemore, of Greenwood; and Michael Tyler, of Cayce.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Randall Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Larry Hall, Inspector; Jimmy Knotts, Inspector; and Krystal McFadden, Administrative Specialist.

A Member of the public attending the meeting was Reverend James "Bonecrusher" Smith.

New Business

Approval of Over Aged Fighters

Ray Mercer vs. Louis Monaco

Mr. Cox stated Mr. Mercer is 45 years old and that his fight fax indicates he has won eight fights and lost two (8-2). He went on to say he has spoken with the Florida Athletic Commission and has learned Mr. Mercer is currently under a 60-day suspension, however, the suspension is indefinite as a result of not having a MRI since 2005.

Reverend Smith stated he has informed Mr. Mercer he would have to follow the South Carolina medical requirements in order to fight in the December 16, 2006 event.

The Commissioners agreed there were no problems with Louis Monaco.

Mr. Bryant noted Mr. Mercer must have a MRI and a MRA in order to have the suspension being lifted by Florida to fight in South Carolina. He further stated Mr. Mercer would also have to be seen by the South Carolina physician. He noted he has spoken with Greg Sirb of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission who stated the fight should not go over six rounds.

MOTION

Mr. Cox moved the Commission approve the fight between Ray Anthony Mercer and Louis Monaco as scheduled with the strict stipulation that only can go on if Mr. Mercer cleans up the MRI and MRA tests and is cleared by the Florida authorities and the South Carolina physician and with the understanding that the fight can only go six rounds. Mr. Tyler seconded the motion.

Mr. Williams asked that the Commission discuss this matter in executive session prior to voting.

Executive Session

The Commission entered executive session.

Return to Public Session

Mr. Williams noted that no motions were offered or accepted during executive session.

MOTION

Mr. Cox reiterated his motion, seconded by Mrs. Leventis-Wells and unanimously carried, that the Commission allow the fight if the fight could take place on or before January 31, 2007, only on the strict stipulation that the suspension be cleared in Florida for Mr. Mercer and that he pass the MRI and MRA exams satisfactory to Florida and South Carolina physicians, and that the fight not go more than six rounds.

Mike Englert

Mr. Cox moved that information regarding any over aged fighters for the December 9, 2006 event be provided to requesting Commissioners and that Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Tyler make a determination. Ms. Leventis-Wells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Suspended Fighter

Travis Fulton

This matter was not discussed as the Commission received an email stating Mr. Fulton has been suspended by West Virginia Athletic Commissioner Steve Allred.

Adjournment

The December 6, 2006 conference call meeting of the SC Athletic Commission adjourned at 1:55 p.m.