

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Athletic Commission**  
**1:00 P.M., March 29, 2007**  
**Commission Meeting**  
**Hampton Inn North**  
**7424 Northside Drive**  
**North Charleston, South Carolina**

Michael Tyler, Chairman, of Cayce, called the meeting of the S.C. Athletic Commission to order at 1:00 p.m. Other commissioners present included: Paul Kennemore, Vice Chairman, of Greenwood; George Cox, of Myrtle Beach and Robert Williams, of Cayce.

Clyde Jones, of Camden and Lynda Leventis-Wells, of Greenville, were granted excused absences.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Ronnie Blackmon, Inspector; Randall Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director; Larry Hall, Inspector; Jimmy Knotts, Inspector; Jim Kyzer, Inspector; Krystal McFadden, Administrative Specialist; and Mark Sanders, Inspector.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Jim Kelley and Andrew Stokes.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Tyler announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Athletic Commission office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, the Hampton Inn, 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.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of the January 25, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Cox moved the Board approve the minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Michael Tyler**

Mr. Tyler made no remarks at this time.

**Administrator's Remarks – Randall Bryant**

*Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel*  
*Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office*

Mr. Bryant thanked staff for their hard work over the past eight weeks. He noted Mr. Jones was hospitalized for his heart and that Mrs. Leventis-Wells would not be able to attend this meeting.

Mr. Bryant reminded the Commission members that the Statement of Economic Interest Forms must be completed and mailed to the State Ethics Commission no later than Monday, April 16,

2007. He noted any member who has not completed and submitted the form could face a \$100 per day penalty.

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Bryant about the bill that added two new members, of which one is a physician. Mr. Bryant replied that Governor Sanford had not yet made appointments.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Review of Events – Larry Hall

Mr. Hall briefed the Commission members on the events held since the January 2007 Commission meeting.

#### 2. Inspection Fees

Mr. Hall discussed inspection fees being mandated.

Mr. Cox asked if the Commission is able to sustain itself on its own. A brief discussion on the budget ensued. Mr. Tyler asked that the Commission be provided with a copy of the budget information.

Mr. Cox asked if the Commissioners could review the fight scores before the end of the fight. Discussion ensued regarding lay downs and fixed fights.

#### 3. Athletic Commission Policy for Assisting LLR – Michael Tyler

Mr. Bryant stated he would like to discuss the assignment of commissioners in executive session.

#### 4. Status of Senate Bill S.45

Mr. Bryant briefed the Commission members in regard to Senate Bill S.45.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Andrew Stokes asked the Commission about a fighter named Moultrie Witherspoon. Mr. Bryant stated he should let the Commission know that he's under a promotional contract with Gladiator Communications. Mr. Stoke stated he did not feel the Commission should have gotten involved in the situation because it was a promotional contract.

Mr. Cox asked if everything was taken care of with the money being paid. Mr. Witherspoon stated he had gotten the money but no fights.

Mr. Stanick stated he should not be stopped from fighting.

Mr. Campbell asked who conducts ring inspections and hand wraps. Mr. Hall replied the Commission should be responsible for the ring inspections and hand wraps. Mr. Campbell suggested using duct tape for hand wraps.

### **Executive Session**

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Kennemore moved the Commission enter executive session. Mr. Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Return to Public Session to Report on Executive Session**

Mr. Tyler noted for the record that no motions were offered or made during executive session.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Cox made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennemore and unanimously carried, that staff research the score card round-by-round.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Cox moved that South Carolina does not have jurisdiction and fighters to fight.

Mr. Tyler reminded all licensees to turn the applications in on time.

### **Adjournment**

#### **MOTION**

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Mr. Kennemore moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The March 29, 2007 meeting of the SC Athletic Commission adjourned at 2:45 p.m.