

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMMISSION
Via Teleconference
January 28, 2022 12:00 p.m. CST

Chairman Kilmer called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present Electronically: Mike Kilmer, Richard Little, George Giovanis, Verle Valentine

Others Present via Telephone: Jennifer Stalley, executive secretary; Amber Mulder, Department of Labor, Legal Counsel, Karen Cudmore, and Tom Allstot

Little made a motion to approve the agenda. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer asked for any public comments. No comments were offered.

Valentine made a motion to approve the October 15, 2021 commission meeting minutes under the signature of Commissioner Little. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Valentine made a motion to approve the December 30, 2021 commission meeting minutes. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Little made a motion to accept the December 31, 2021 financial report. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Valentine made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel regarding proposed or pending litigation at 12:31 pm. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer declared the Commission out of executive session at 12:44 pm.

Govanis made a motion to repeal the Commission's requirements for COVID-19 testing for competitors, corners and officials at approved events. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Stalley informed the Commission arrangements to complete the agreed-upon procedures audit were progressing. A firm has been identified to conduct the audit and a letter of engagement will be secured from Eric Maas at the Woltman Group.

The Commission discussed the process for identifying and making changes to administrative rules. Commissioners agreed to submit recommendations or proposals for rule changes to Stalley for future consideration by the Commission.

Valentine moved to provide all Commissioners read-only access to the BoxRec and MMA registry databases and to continue to list the Commission office as the only contact for both databases. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley reviewed the requirements and process for the Commission to issue a federal identification card to a boxer or mixed martial artist.

Stalley explained the license approval requirements and process for the Commission.

Giovanis made a motion to approve an event request by B2Fighting League for a mixed martial arts event to be held on July 9, 2022, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on the condition the promoter is properly licensed; the promoter provides proof of a \$20,000 surety bond or irrevocable line of credit; the promoter follows the Commission's COVID-19 testing policy; the promoter follows the Centers for Disease Control's guidance with regard to athlete recovery in the event of a positive COVID-19 test for the event; COVID-19 testing for Commission officials and representatives is provided to the Commission at the promoter's expense for the event; and the promoter complies with all the rules, regulations and deadlines of the Commission for the event. Little seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Little made a motion to approve an event request by Legacy Fighting Alliance for a mixed martial arts event to be held on April 8, 2022, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on the condition the promoter is properly licensed; the promoter follows the Commission's COVID-19 testing policy; the promoter follows the Centers for Disease Control's guidance with regard to athlete recovery in the event of a positive COVID-19 test for the event; COVID-19 testing for Commission officials and representatives is provided to the Commission at the promoter's expense for the event; and the promoter complies with all the rules, regulations and deadlines of the Commission for the event. Valentine seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Kilmer noted the next Commission meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. via teleconference. The meeting may be held in person in Sioux Falls, but remote access will remain available.

Giovanis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 pm. Valentine seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Richard Little, Secretary