



South Dakota Athletic Commission

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Regular Meeting

Kneip Building, Conference Room #3, Pierre

July 29, 2014

Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary, called the meeting to order at 11:02 am (central).

Present via telephone: Commissioners Michael Bergeron, Margaret Gillespie, Mike Kilmer, Richard Little and Lee Lohff, members of the public Michael Goodwin, Sven Bean and Bobby Wombacher, and Terry Vandrovec, Argus Leader.

Present in person: Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary and Amber Mulder, legal counsel.

Stalley asked for public testimony during the public forum. Wombacher addressed the Commission. He expressed appreciation for the rules and regulations established by the Commission, provided information on his background as an official and expressed his interest in officiating future approved events.

Stalley presented the June 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes for the Commission's review. The Commission agreed the Minutes accurately reflected the Commission's meeting.

Stalley provided a Financial Summary for the Commission's review. The Commission accepted the summary as informational.

Stalley provided an update in the administrative rules. She reported the adopted rules of the Commission were approved by the Interim Rules Commission on July 8, 2014, and took effect July 29, 2014. Stalley reported the office is in the process of establishing the necessary forms for registering and licensing officials and participants. The forms are being prioritized based on the needs of the most imminent events. All forms should be completed by the end of August.

Stalley also reported that the development of the necessary internal processes for overseeing events and the process for processing applications are being developed.

Stalley called for the election of Commission officers. Bergeron moved that Gillespie be elected Commission chair. Lohff seconded. Little moved that Kilmer be elected Commission chair. Lohff seconded. The Commission voted on the nomination of Gillespie by roll call. Bergeron voted Yes. Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted No.

The Commission voted on the nomination of Kilmer by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

Little moved that Lohff be elected Commission vice chair. Kilmer seconded. Gillespie moved that Bergeron be elected Commission vice chair. Lohff seconded. Gillespie withdrew the motion that Bergeron be elected Commission vice chair. Lohff withdrew the second to the motion. The Commission voted on the nomination of Lohff by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, and Little voted Yes. Lohff voted No. Motion carried.

Kilmer moved that Little be elected Commission secretary. Bergeron seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer and Lohff voted Yes. Little voted No. Motion carried.

Bergeron moved to adopt "The mission of the South Dakota Athletic Commission is to minimize injury risk and promote safety, to the extent possible, for all participants in boxing, kickboxing and mixed martial arts competitions through the enforcement of statutes and rules to regulate such events" as the Commission's mission statement. Gillespie seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

Bergeron moved to adopt a policy to provide preliminary approval of a competition registration, if all requirements for registration are met, pending a signed venue contract or written confirmation of an event venue within 14 business days of approval. Little seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

Lohff moved to adopt a policy to require proof of ambulance services exclusive to a competition at least 14 business days prior to the competition. Gillespie seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

Bergeron move to adopt a policy to approve no more than 3 competitions per month, subject to the availability of Commissioner and Commission designees to attend the competitions and that a multi-day competition may be treated as one competition for purposes of scheduling competitions, if staffing and resources allow. Lohff seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

Lohff moved to adopt a policy to require proof of health insurance and death benefit coverage for each contestant in a competition must be filed with the Notification of Contest at least 5 business days prior to the date of the competition. Little seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

Gillespie moved to authorize the executive secretary to register and license applicants who meet the qualifications for registration or licensure. Lohff seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

Gillespie moved that the Commission join the Association of Boxing Commissions and pay the necessary membership dues. Lohff seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.


Lohff moved to approve the application of Alliance Media Group, LLC for a mixed martial arts competition on August 22, 2014 in Sioux Falls, pending the successful licensure of Alliance Media Group, LLC as a promoter. Little seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Bergeron abstained. Motion carried.

Lohff moved to approve the application of Caged Aggression for a mixed martial arts competition on August 4, 2015 and August 5, 2015 in Sturgis, pending the successful licensure of Caged Aggression as a promoter. Little seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

Lohff moved to adopt meeting dates of September 2, 2014; October 24, 2014; January 30, 2015; April 17, 2015; and July 17, 2015. Little seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

There being no other business before the Commission, Gillespie moved to adjourn at 12: 27 pm. Lohff seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Bergeron, Gillespie, Kilmer, Little and Lohff voted Yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Stalley
Executive Secretary