

**Meeting Minutes**  
**SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
Via Teleconference  
December 16, 2022 1:00 p.m. CST

Chairman Kilmer called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Members Present Electronically:** Mike Kilmer, George Giovanis, Mark Johnston, and Verle Valentine

**Others Present Electronically:** Jennifer Stalley, executive secretary; Amber Mulder, Department of Labor, Legal Counsel, and Bob Mercer, KELO Land Media Group

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

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

Giovanis made a motion to approve the August 30, 2022 commission meeting minutes. Valentine seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Johnston made a motion to accept the November 30, 2022 financial report as presented. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley provided an update on previously approved events.

Giovanis made a motion to approve the 2023 exempt organization request from South Dakota USA Boxing on the condition matches between girls and boys (women and men) are not allowed. Johnston seconded.

Valentine made a substitute motion to approve the 2023 exempt organization request from South Dakota USA Boxing on the condition South Dakota USA Boxing inform the Commission of any sanctioned events in South Dakota before the event takes place and South Dakota USA Boxing report all event results and any contestant injuries to the Commission within 30 days of the event. Johnston seconded the motion. Johnson and Valentine voted aye. Giovanis voted no. **MOTION FAILED.** Kilmer was recused.

Johnston made a motion to approve the 2023 exempt organization request from South Dakota USA Boxing on the condition South Dakota USA Boxing without any conditions or exceptions. Valentine seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** Kilmer was recused.

Valentine made a motion to approve an event request by Legacy Fighting Alliance for an MMA event to be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on a date to be determined in 2023 on the condition the promoter is properly licensed for 2023 and the promoter complies with all the rules, regulations and deadlines of the Commission for the event. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley updated the Commission on the vacant position on the Committee and the timeline for the Commission considering revisions to administrative rules.

Johnston made a motion to adopt the 2023 Commission meeting schedule as proposed with meetings scheduled for February 10, 2023; May 19, 2023; September 8, 2023; and December 1, 2023. Giovanis seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Johnston made a motion to nominate Verle Valentine as Commission Chairman and Mike Kilmer as Commission Vice-Chairman for 2022-2023. Giovanis seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Valentine made a motion to nominate Mark Johnston as Commission Secretary for 2022-2023. Giovanis seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2023, at 12:30 pm (central)

Giovanis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 pm. Valentine seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mark Johnston, Secretary