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**OHIO ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

Minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting of the Ohio Athletic Commission ("OAC") held at 10:00 A.M. at the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Executive Director Bernie Profato. Roll call was taken by Executive Director Bernie Profato. Present for roll call were: Chairman Gene Weiss, Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers, Commissioner Michael Chase, Commissioner Tom Jelepis and Executive Director Bernie Profato. Tom Jelepis moved to excuse Commissioner John Konstantinos and Commissioner Michael Chase seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- II. A. The minutes of the December 12, 2007 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Michael Chase seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.  
B. The Licensure list was next. Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the list, Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.
- III. There was no unfinished business.
- IV. Under new business, Executive Director Profato stated that he sent a letter out to the promoters stating that the Commission has taken a stand regarding contracts. It is the promoter's responsibility to get a contract to protect them in the event they do not have enough rounds or bouts. If a promoter cannot supply the contracts at the event and we give a waiver of rounds, someone is going to be suspended. First suspension will be 90 days and the second suspension will be 6 months. The third suspension will result in a revocation of the license and will require an appearance before the Commission. It will be up to the Commission to approve the license reinstatement. If a promoter doesn't get the contracts, then the Commission will suspend the promoter. If a promoter gets the contracts and the fighters don't show, then the Commission will suspend the fighters. Two promoters have been suspended. Joe Bridenbaugh, a promoter, has been suspended for 90 days for not having enough bouts scheduled on the card. Another promoter, Richard Conrad, had his license revoked for not canceling the card until the night of the event when only 6 fighters showed up for the event.

V. A Pro-Am MMA event in Euclid on January 19, promoted by Greg Kalikas; Commissioner Tom Jelepis moved to approve the event. Commissioner Michael Chase seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Dayton on January 19, promoted by Jeff Kolaczowski; Commissioner Michael Chase moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Columbus on January 26, promoted by Alice Speakman; Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event in Niles on February 9, promoted by Troy Mele; Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

V. The Executive Director's report was read by all of the Commissioners.

VI. There were no public comments.

VIII. Commissioner Michael Chase moved to adjourn. Commissioner Tom Jelepis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The minutes have been edited for clarity and punctuation only. Content remains unchanged and the original tape of the meeting is intact and available.

ATTESTED TO: Tom Jelepis DATE: February 12, 2008

POSITION: Acting Chairman