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Minutes of the July 13, 2011 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 Profato. Present for roll call were: Commissioner Gene Weiss, Commissioner John Konstantinos, Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers, and Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt.
- II. A. The minutes of the June 8, 2011 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
B. The Licensure list was presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the list. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- III. There was no unfinished business.
- IV. Under new business, Executive Director Profato discussed the new requirement effective in September whereby the promoters will be required to submit all of the necessary medical forms and blood work to the office before an event. The promoters will have until Wednesday at 5 pm or the fighter will be off of the card. The promoters will have until Thursday at 4pm to replace the fighter who did not get his medicals and/or blood work submitted. The promoter can rest assured that a fighter, more than likely, will show up for a fight if he has submitted the requisite medicals and blood work.

Also under new business, Executive Director Profato discussed felons and obtaining licenses in Ohio. There was much discussion of this matter at the Budget Hearing in Columbus this year. As a result, Assistant Attorney General John Patterson drafted a policy stating that the Executive Director of the Athletic Commission shall deny the application of any person for a license issued by the Ohio Athletic Commission if the Executive Director finds that the applicant has been convicted of a felony, except that this rule shall not apply if the conviction occurred prior to January 1, 2000. Assistant Attorney General John Patterson explained that nobody in the state of Ohio is entitled to any kind of license if they have a felony. However, there are a lot of people with felonies who have licenses in Ohio. They have to go through a Board or Commission to get it the first time. You can't single out a particular crime and say we're not going to give this to anybody in this group of licenses. You have to tie it back to the statute. The statute gives you two important authorities. The statute says "health and safety" and "to protect the integrity of the sport." Executive Director Profato stated that the fighter can only be suspended from Ohio. They can still get licensed in other states. We can also revoke a license for failure to include the felony information on the license application. Assistant Attorney General John Patterson stated that if whoever was convicted came before the Board at a meeting and explained he had a felony conviction like dog fighting, fixing a fight, or a pedophile. In these examples it could be proved in front of a judge on a case by case basis that the Commission decided this would affect the integrity of the sport because that is their statutory authority. For example, you cannot say that you are never going to license a pedophile. You have to listen to the guy's explanation and then you have to make a decision about the integrity of the sport. Mr. Profato stated that currently any fighter who doesn't pay child support is suspended in Ohio because it is a Federal law. Once the

fighter is up to date on his payments the Commission receives a letter from the Child Support Enforcement Office and the fighter is unsuspended. However, the fighter may still have a felony conviction even though he is up to date on his child support payments.

- V. A Pro-Am MMA event, promoted by Tammy MacLaren, is scheduled for Columbus on July 23. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner John Konstantinos seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event, promoted by Greg Kalikas, is scheduled for Geneva on July 23. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event, promoted by Lorenzo Gentile, is scheduled for North Olmsted on July 30. Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event, promoted by Jason Appleton, is scheduled for Cincinnati on July 30. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro-Am MMA event, promoted by M. Trukovich, is scheduled for Mansfield on August 6. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Boxing event, promoted by Jack Loew, is scheduled for Youngstown on August 6. Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to approve the event. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

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

- VII. There were no public comments.

- VIII. Commissioner John Konstantinos moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers 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: _____

DATE: _____

POSITION: _____

Lucy H. [Signature]
Chairman

August 10, 2011