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Minutes of the August 13, 2013 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 Tim Ochsenhirt, Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers, Commissioner Robert Schuerger, and Commissioner Jon Stainbrook.
- II. The minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Schuerger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- III. The Licensure list was presented for Commission approval. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the list. Commissioner Schuerger seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- IV. Under unfinished business, Assistant Attorney General Walter McNamara mentioned that a couple of months ago there was a hearing with Bryan Gonzalez, an MMA fighter. Mr. Gonzalez has not appealed that matter to a court of Common Pleas and his time for appealing has run out. The next time the Commission could see him would be a year from now. Assistant Attorney General McNamara also commented about the positive newspaper article that appeared in the Columbus Dispatch about the Commission. He stated that it was one of the best articles he has ever read about any client he has ever worked with.
- V. Under new business, Mr. Profato stated that at the last show Shaun North had five fights at the fairgrounds. Mr. North was down to five fights and the fair board begged him to keep the show on. It was just part of the fair and with no guaranteed number of bouts. Mr. Profato recommended to the Commission that they impose a \$250 fine and a minimum of three months suspension for not meeting the requirements for the minimum number of bouts. Had it not been this situation at the fairgrounds we would have cancelled the event as we have never had a show with only five bouts. Mr. North also did not have any signed contracts prior to the event. Assistant Attorney General McNamara stated that it is the promoter's responsibility to make sure an event takes place. Mr. North did not manage the event properly to make sure the public was getting what he advertised. He recommended that the Commission issue a

\$250 fine along with a stern letter from Mr. Profato. Commissioner Ochsenhirt moved to issue Promoter Shaun North a \$250 fine and a letter from Executive Director Bernie Profato. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

- I. A Pro Am MMA event in Troy on August 15, promoted by Scott Sheeley; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Cleveland on August 24, promoted by Greg Kalikas; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Schuerger seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Findlay on August 24, promoted by Scott Sheeley; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Schuerger seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Mansfield on August 31, promoted by Melissa Trukovich; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Schuerger seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Boxing event in Cincinnati on September 7, promoted by Andrew Williams; Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

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

- III. There were no public comments.

- X. Commissioner Stainbrook moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

TESTED TO:

DATE: September 10, 2013

POSITION: Chairman