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Minutes of the October 8, 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 Robert Schuerger, Commissioner Dr. Harry Stiggers, and Commissioner Jon Stainbrook. Commissioner Tim Ochsenhirt was absent and excused. Commissioner Schuerger acted as Chairman.
- II. The minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Stainbrook 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 Stainbrook seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- IV. Under unfinished business, Mr. Profato discussed an incident involving the Cincinnati Boxing event. A boxer scheduled on the show initially went to New York to fight and failed the blood test. The New York Commission had not licensed him yet so they did not suspend him. They said that they refused to give him a license due to medical reasons. Some people are trying to interpret that as a suspension. This is not a suspension. If a commission suspends a fighter, only that commission can unsuspend the fighter. Mr. Profato said he is now suspended by Ohio until he produces a negative HIV, Hepatitis B and C test. We are trying to get New York to change because it is confusing with this issue. Their contention is that you cannot suspend if you do not issue a license. Mr. Profato stated that it is an oral contract when you come to fight. The major concern here is that the fighter may have gone to a state that does not require a blood test. He wants to get some language included in the ABC and Fight Fax database because they did not have the word "suspend" on the fighter's records. This fighter will never fight in the United States until Ohio clears him. This is a serious issue because the fighter has the Hep B virus which stays alive longer than the other ones. A blood specialist stated that he must go to a liver specialist.
- V. Under new business, Mr. Profato passed around hand-wrapping tape and requested the

Commission to approve it. He stated that we are not endorsing this tape. This tape is acceptable in the State of Ohio as long as it maintains the same texture and finish that it has now. Dr. Stiggers moved to accept the WAR tape. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

VI. A Pro Am MMA event in Akron on October 12, promoted by Dannon Svab. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Dayton on October 12, promoted by Michael Patt. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the event. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

A Pro Am MMA event in Upper Sandusky on October 19, promoted by Gaymon Wright. Commissioner Stainbrook moved to approve the event. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers seconded it and it was unanimously approved.

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

VIII. There were no public comments.

IX. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to adjourn. Commissioner Stainbrook 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:

11-19-13

POSITION:

Chairman