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Minutes of the September 10, 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, and Commissioner Jon Stainbrook. Commissioner Robert Schuerger was absent and excused.
- II. The minutes of the August 13, 2013 meeting were first on the agenda. Commissioner Stainbrook moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers 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, Assistant Attorney General Walter McNamara stated that there were some questions at last month's meeting about the requirements of a contract between a promoter and a fighter prior to matches. The Ohio Administrative Code 3773-405 requires a contestant and promoter enter into an agreement prior to the fight. Therefore, contracts are required under the law. Contracts are presented at the weigh-ins and if there is no contract there is no fight.
- V. Under new business, Mr. Profato stated that at the last outdoor MMA event the fighters were slipping and sliding on the vinyl cage floor due to the atmosphere in the evenings. A canvas, similar to what is used for boxing shows, needs to be put on the floor in the cage. He requested that the Board pass a policy requiring the promoters to use canvas for outdoor shows. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to approve the policy. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- VI. Also under new business Mr. Profato stated that he received a call on Friday afternoon, September 6th from Cincinnati Children's Services wanting the Commission to suspend Brandon Bennett's boxing license because of nonpayment of child support. Mr. Bennett was scheduled to fight on the September 7th boxing show. In the past we have suspended a

Boxer's Federal I.D. which prevents them from boxing in other states. The Promoter, Andrew Williams, paid the amount due for Children's Services but Mr. Bennett's bout was eventually cancelled due to his opponent, Emmanuel Addo, not passing his medicals. There needs to be consistency in the criteria issued by Children's Services in order to suspend a license. We should not be a collection agency for Children's Services. Assistant Attorney General Walter McNamara will check on this matter and report at next month's meeting.

- VII. A Pro Am MMA event in Columbus on September 14, promoted by Tammy MacLaren; Mr. Profato informed the Commission that no event insurance has been received for this event. Commissioner Dr. Stiggers moved to give Mr. Profato the authority to cancel the show if the event insurance is not received by 3 PM on Wednesday, September 11. Commissioner Stainbrook seconded it and it was unanimously approved.
- VIII. The Executive Director's report was read by all of the Commissioners.
- IX. There were no public comments.
- X. 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.

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DATE:

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POSITION:

Chairman