**MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025**

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman David Norman at 3:07 p.m. Present were the following: Chairman David Norman, Commissioner James “Binky” Jones, Commissioner Dr. Kristi Hall, Commissioner Brian Boles, Commissioner Carl Wilson, John Dove, Commissioner for O&P, Sarah McDermott, Assistant Commissioner for O&P, Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel, Matthew McKinney, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Olga Escobar, Administrative Officer, Jason Curtis, Administrative Assistant, and Executive Director Johnston Brown. This was a virtual meeting with Commission members, Commission staff, and the public using the Google Meets platform.

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Minutes were discussed from the December 18, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Boles. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL / CANCELLATION / RATIFICATION OF COMMISSION-**

**SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown advised the Commission that a professional wrestling event

for C3W Wrestling on January 18th, 2025, had been added to the schedule by the promoter.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Dave Norman opened his report by congratulating the Commission for their move to their new office located at 100 S Charles Street. Chairman Norman addressed the Commission on new ABC Boxing regulations that would allow for virtual medicals to be conducted for combatants. He advised the Commission to not accept virtual medicals in favor of traditional in-person medicals. A motion to approve the prohibition of virtual medicals was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Johnston Brown had no report.

**REVIEW OF COMMISSION SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown advised the Commission about the Wrestling events of the previous month. Those events included the following:

MCW Wrestling, December 27th, Joppa

WWE Wrestling, December 28th, Baltimore

ACW Wrestling, December 29th, Glen Burnie

FWA Wrestling, January 5th, Havre de Grace

Voltage Wrestling, January 10th, Boonsboro

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Executive Director Johnston Brown led the Commission in a discussion of upcoming events, which included the following:

MCW Wrestling, January 25th, Hollywood

MCW Wrestling, February 15th, Ridgley

MCW Wrestling, February 16th, Joppa

FWA Wrestling, February 2nd, Havre de Grace

EWA Wrestling, February 8th, Bel Air

A motion to approve the upcoming MCW Wrestling events on January 25th, February 15th and February 16th was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming FWA Wrestling event on February 2nd was made by Commissioner Boles and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming EWA Wrestling event on February 8th was made by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Muay Thai Promoter Matthew Van Valkenburgh stated that he has two amateur Muay Thai shows scheduled for May and November of 2025. He also stated his goal of having an amateur regional tournament. Mr. Van Valkenburgh ended by stating that he was in communication with a professional Muay Thai promotion, Major League Muay Thai, who would be interested in having events in Maryland once regulations for professional Muay Thai are approved.

Boxing referee Sharron Sands asked about training for referees and judges in 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dave Norman called for a motion for adjournment at roughly 3:41pm that was made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the Commission unanimously approved the motion.

/s/ Dave Norman

Chairman