

MINUTES

FLORIDA STATE BOXING COMMISSION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Telephone Conference Call

Conference Call Number 888.808.6959

October 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lacasa called the meeting to order October 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Eduardo Lacasa, Chair
Ramiro Ortiz
Dr. Donald Perry

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Donald E. Bowen, Vice Chair
Barbara Auger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Molloy, Executive Director
Christa Patterson, Assistant Executive Director
Lina Hurtado, Administrative Assistant
Charles Tunnicliff, General Counsel
Elizabeth Duffy
Michael David Landis
Keith Jackson

Mr. Lacasa asked the court reporter to swear in the applicants. Mr. Landis and Mr. Jackson were sworn in by the court reporter.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 17, 2007 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The commission reviewed the minutes and after discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dr. Perry made a motion to approve the July 17, 2007 minutes.
SECOND: Mr. Ortiz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF KEITH JACKSON'S AMATEUR BOXING SANCTIONING APPLICATION

Keith Jackson participated by phone and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Lacasa reviewed with the Commission Mr. Jackson's application to be an amateur boxing sanctioning organization. Mr. Jackson advised the Commission that his intent was to create a boxing team to compete in tournaments. Mr. Ortiz advised Mr. Johnson that

USA Boxing was available to him and that Robert Daniels runs the program and would be happy to assist him. Mr. Ortiz stated Mr. Jackson did not need to re-create a program that already existed and Mr. Ortiz provided Mr. Jackson with the number to reach Mr. Daniels. Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Ortiz.

Mr. Lacasa stated that Mr. Jackson did not need to make application since a sanctioning body could not sanction their own events. Mr. Lacasa asked Mr. Jackson if he would like to withdraw his application.

Mr. Jackson stated for the record that he would like to withdraw his application. The Commission approved Mr. Jackson's request to withdraw his application.

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MICHAEL DAVID LANDIS' AMATEUR BOXING SANCTIONING APPLICATION

Michael Landis was present at the meeting and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Lacasa advised Mr. Landis that he did not have any information regarding his background or past experiences. Mr. Landis advised Mr. Lacasa that he did not provide any information regarding his background or past experiences. Mr. Lacasa asked Mr. Landis to state for the record his background, training and or experiences in sanctioning or supervising matches. Mr. Landis stated that he has been working in the amateur rankings for eight years and has been supervising for at least a year and half. Mr. Lacasa asked Mr. Landis who was his supervisor. Mr. Landis stated David Williams was his supervisor. Mr. Ortiz asked Mr. Landis why his establishment was not using the sanctioning group USA Boxing. Mr. Landis stated that he was unsure. Mr. Ortiz suggested that Mr. Landis' establishment contact USA Boxing. Mr. Landis advised the Commission that the establishment wanted to sanction their own events. Mr. Ortiz stated that sanctioning your own events was a conflict. Mr. Tunnickliff stated that he agreed with Mr. Ortiz.

Mr. Lacasa asked Mr. Landis if he would like to withdraw his application. Mr. Landis answered yes and that he would contact USA Boxing. The Commission approved Mr. Landis' request to withdraw his application.

CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION OF INCREASING FEES

Mr. Lacasa asked Ms. Duffy to review with the Commission the proposed changes to Rule 61K1-1.003 (1) (c), Florida Administrative Code. Ms. Duffy reviewed the proposed changes with the Commission and asked that the Commission approve and adopt the proposed changes to increase some of the fees. Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that the fee increases were in line with other State Commission fees. After discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION: Mr. Ortiz made a motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 61K1-1.003 (1) (c), Florida Administrative Code.

SECOND: Dr. Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF TESTING TRAINERS

Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that he felt trainers should be tested. Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that included in their materials was a draft copy of the trainers test. Mr. Molloy stated that he would like to administer the test at the end of the training

seminars offered by the Commission. Mr. Lacasa asked how long the test scores would be good for. Mr. Molloy stated the test scores would be good for one year and that the trainers would have two opportunities per year to take the test. Mr. Molloy stated that there were still questions on how to proceed but the testing would be a good start. Mr. Ortiz stated that he was concerned that some trainers would not have the opportunity to take the test prior to the events. Mr. Tunncliff suggested creating a video tape for trainers. Mr. Lacasa asked if the video could be linked on the Commission's web page. Mr. Tunncliff stated that would be a technology question. Mr. Lacasa asked if the test could be given at the weigh-in. Mr. Molloy stated that would be a problem considering the Coordinator's heavy workload.

Mr. Ortiz stated that he was in support of testing the trainers and stated that the staff and counsel should figure out the details and advise the Commission when implemented. Mr. Lacasa asked if the testing would be mandatory. Mr. Ortiz stated he felt it should be mandatory. Mr. Lacasa stated there were a lot of details that would have to be worked out to implement the testing procedures. Mr. Molloy stated that testing trainers would be a step in the right direction.

MOTION: Mr. Ortiz made a motion to approve the proposed draft of the trainer's test and to implement the testing procedures as soon as possible.

SECOND: Dr. Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Operation Account Financial Report – June 30, 2007

Ms. Patterson advised the Commission that the Department was in support of requesting two additional staff. Ms. Patterson stated that if the positions were approved during the 2008 legislative session the positions would become available for hire July 2008.

Ms. Patterson reported that the operation account funds were looking good and were a lot better since the last report. The Commission agreed.

Judges Scoring Tracking System Update – Tom Molloy

Mr. Molloy reviewed the tracking form with the Commission. Mr. Lacasa asked the Commission if they would be in favor of using WBC's open scoring system. Mr. Molloy stated that he was not in favor of using open scoring. Mr. Ortiz stated for the record that he was not in favor either. Dr. Perry stated it did not matter to him.

Mr. Lacasa asked Mr. Molly to contact WBC and ask how the open scoring was working and provide a report at the next meeting. Mr. Lacasa asked that open scoring be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mr. Lacasa asked the Commission their thoughts on instant replay. Mr. Molloy stated that he was not in favor of using instant replay. After discussion no action was taken by the Commission.

Mr. Ortiz stated that he felt that the Commission should adopt, by rule, USA Boxing as an amateur sanctioning body.

MOTION: Mr. Ortiz made a motion to approve USA Boxing as an amateur sanctioning body by rule.
SECOND: Dr. Perry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Lacasa asked the Commission if they would like to move forward with the elections even though Mr. Bowen, Vice Chair, was not present at the meeting. After discussion it was the consensus of the Commission to table elections of officers to the next meeting when Mr. Bowen could participate.

Executive Directors Report – Tom Molloy

Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that he has been inviting the new promoters to attend a scheduled weigh-in and event prior to their event. The Commission advised Mr. Molloy that they thought that was a great idea for the new promoters.

Mr. Molloy reported that the first Florida State Championship would be held December 7, 2007 in Pensacola. Mr. Molloy stated that he felt that this would be a great opportunity for promoters and participants. The Commission agreed.

Ms. Lacasa asked when the Seminole contract was going to expire. Mr. Molloy advised the Commission that he did not know but would check.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S STATUS REPORT

Ms. Duffy advised the Commission that the report was part of their addendum materials. Ms. Duffy reviewed the report with the Commission. The Commission thanked Ms. Duffy for providing the report.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.