

Minutes

South Carolina Athletic Commission

Monday, April 18, 2016 at 11:30 AM

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 202-13

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

Pamela Shealy, Chair, called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Shealy announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Board members present at this meeting:

Pamela Shealy - At-Large Member - Chair

Board members present via teleconference:

William McCullough - Vice-Chair - District 1

Edwin Estridge - District 2

Paul Kennemore - District 4

Dr. James Phillips - At-Large Physician

Derek Shoemake - District 5

Dr. James Vaught - District 7

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel; Roderick Atkinson, Real Estate Board Administrator; Natalye Jackson, Athletic Commission

Administrator; Ty'Yona Schofield, Real Estate Appraisers Administrative Assistant; Kyle Tennis, Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

In the matter of Andrew Stokes: Motion to vacate fines for late Gate Fee Verification Forms and permit application for April 30th event.

Ms. Shealy called the hearing to order to consider the request made by Andrew Stokes to vacate the assessment of a \$2000.00 fine for failure to pay required gate fees within the time required for an events on October 24, 2015 and November 7, 2015. Additionally, he requested an approval for his event on April 30, 2016. Mr. Stokes waived his right to a 30 day notice of a hearing.

Discussion and testimony ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to enter Executive Session to obtain legal advice. Mr. Estridge seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Shoemake made the motion to waive any fines for Mr. Stokes for the two events missing gate fees, to grant the event permit for the upcoming April 30, 2016 event and that Mr. Stokes have 30 days from the receipt of the board order to sit with staff and reconstruct ticket sales to pay the required gate fees. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Age-Waiver Hearing - MMA - Adrian Henderson

Pamela Shealy called the application hearing to order regarding whether Mr. Adrian Henderson should be granted an age restriction waiver to participate in mixed martial arts events for the remainder of the 2016 licensure period. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made the motion to grant the age restriction waiver for Mr. Henderson. Mr. Shoemake seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

Boxing Officials Recommendation - Nikki Messer

Nikki Messer presented to the Commission regarding the use of MMA officials in boxing events. She stated that the ABC would recognize the rulings of officials with MMA experience as long as they were qualified by the State. Ms. Messer recommended MMA officials Bradley Wade and Blake Grice to transition to professional boxing. Discussion ensued.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC)

Ms. Shealy presented to the Commission the names considered at the last board meeting regarding a professional member for the IRC. Mr. Bradley Wade, Mr. Abe Stem and Mr. Corey Goodwin were recommended to the Commission. No other recommendations were made. Mr. Atkinson also spoke to the Commission regarding the role of the professional member and the appearance of an unbiased group. The Commission decided to postpone this discussion to the next quarterly scheduled Commission meeting.

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made the motion to enter executive session to receive legal advice. Mr. Shoemake seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Estridge made the motion to come out of executive session. Mr. Shoemake seconded the motion which, carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made the motion to approve Bradley Wade and Blake Grice as boxing officials. Mr. Shoemake seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Corey Goodwin made public comments regarding the dispensation of Mr. Andrew Stokes and Mr. Justin Mitchell's disciplinary hearings.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Mr. Estridge made the motion to adjourn the Athletic Commission meeting. Dr. Vaught seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission is scheduled for August 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in room 204.