

AGENDA
South Carolina Athletic Commission
9:30 A.M., September 23, 2010
Commission Meeting
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Michael Tyler, chairman, of Lexington called the regular meeting of the SC Athletic Commission to order at 9:37 a.m. Other Commission members attending the meeting included: Robert Williams, vice chairman, of Cayce; George Cox, of Myrtle Beach; *Paul Kennemore, of Greenwood; and Lynda Leventis-Wells, of Greenville.

Staff members participating in the meeting included: Kristy Bell, Administrative Assistant; Randy Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director; Beth Cumalander, Administrative Specialist; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Glenn Frick, Inspector; Larry Hall, Inspector; and Chuck Ross, Inspector.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Angela Gary, Shelby Gross, Gil Jacobs, Jamie Kilpatrick, and Andrew Stokes.

A video of this meeting can be viewed at www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Athletic. On the Commission's home page, click 'Board Information' and follow the link to the video.

Public Notice

Mr. Tyler 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Mr. Cox delivered the invocation.

Approval of the March 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Leventis-Wells made a motion the Commission approve the minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion which carried unanimously

Approval of Excused Absences

Clyde Jones, of Camden, was granted an excused absence.

Chairman's Remarks – Michael Tyler

Mr. Tyler stated events have been running smoothly. He noted there have been a couple of incidents.

Mrs. Leventis-Wells asked that the promoters look at college football schedules prior to scheduling events.

Commission Representative Remarks – Larry Hall

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel

Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office

There were no advisory opinions or legislative update given during this meeting.

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Hall regarding about payment of fees during a previous meeting.

Mr. Bryant stated Mr. Goodwin has entered into a consent agreement which states he would be allowed to participate in an event if he pay the \$400.00 outstanding debt. He further stated Mr. Goodwin had asked to appear before the Commission for approval as an over age boxer; however, staff has notified Mr. Goodwin that once he has been placed on a fight card by a licensed promoter for a permitted event the Commission would render a decision in regard to the statute addressing participants over the age of 35.

Unfinished Business

There was no old business for discussion during this meeting.

New Business

Approval of Lifting Joseph Rabbotte's Suspension – Larry Hall

This matter has been resolved between Mr. Rabbotte and the promoter and that the matter is no longer an issue for the Commission.

Approval of Pro Boxing License Application – Larry Hall

Tommy Morrison

Mr. Hall stated there is HIPPA information staff needs to share with the Commission which should be presented in executive session.

MOTION

Mr. Cox made a motion the Commission table Mr. Morrison's application to executive session so the Commission could explore personal matters. Mrs. Leventis-Wells seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Gil Jacobs

Mr. Hall stated Mr. Jacobs is present and has submitted a complete application. He noted Mr. Jacobs appeared before the Commission during the September 2009 meeting. He further stated Mr. Jacobs is 55 years old. He went on to say staff had a fight fax during his last appearance before the Commission. He had fought four fights and won one or two and lost approximately three fights.

Gil Jacobs appeared before the Commission and explained why he feels he should be issued a licensed as a boxer. He stated the Commission had previously denied licensure as a result of his fight record and lack of proof of South Carolina residency.

Angela Gary and Andrew Stokes spoke on Mr. Jacobs' behalf.

Mr. Kennemore arrived at 9:55 a.m.

Mr. Cox stated under favorable circumstances he would be willing to allow him to fight.

Mr. Tyler stated once Mr. Jacobs has been placed on a fight card by a licensed promoter for a permitted event the Commission would hold a conference call meeting in this matter.

Full Medical Exams for Amateur MMA Participants – Larry Hall

Mr. Hall stated during the annual ABC conference several commissions have noted they require full medical exams for amateur MMA participants. Staff is asking that the Commission require the full medical exams for amateur MMA participants. He noted the medical exam would be good for one year and would not be required for every event.

Mr. Stokes stated the cost would be approximately \$200.00 for the exam.

Discussion ensued during which time licensed promoter spoke in favor of the full medical exam concept but noted they would have to pass the expense to the participant.

MOTION

Mrs. Leventis-Wells made a motion that full examinations for amateur MMA participants be received and follows the guidelines of the pros. Mr. Cox seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ISCF (International Sport Combat Federation) Steve Fossum – Randy Bryant

Mr. Bryant presented the members with media reports regarding a fatal incident that happened in a kickboxing event in Florida. He noted the media reports indicated there was no ambulance at the venue and that it took one hour for the participant to be taken to the hospital. He has spoken to Mr. Fossum. He reiterated to Mr. Fossum his responsibility as a sanctioning body in South Carolina. He noted Mr. Fossum is available for conference call if the Commission wishes to speak with him. He noted Mr. Fossum does not agree with the media reports. He considers the case closed.

Mr. Bryant stated in South Carolina there will be an ambulance and a physician at the venue prior to the bell ring for the first bout. He does not know or understand why a Florida Athletic Commission representative was not present for the event to ensure the appropriate medical personnel were at the event.

Recap on ABC Annual Conference – Michael Tyler

Mr. Tyler made remarks regarding the ABC annual conference. He noted scans and full medical exams for MMA participants were discussed. He further stated the Commission would be reviewing the possibility of requiring baseline brain scans in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding the costs of the baseline full brain scans.

Approval of Proposed 2011 Commission Meeting Dates

The Commission reviewed the following proposed meeting dates.

January 27, 2011 March 24, 2011 June 21, 2011 September 29, 2011

Public Comments

Shelby Gross asked the Commission if any of the issues discussed during this meeting would affect the October 23rd event. Discussion ensued and the Commission determined it would review the matter in January 2011.

Executive Session

MOTION

Msr. Leventis-Wells made a motion the Commission enter executive session to discuss private and personnel matters. Mr. Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

The Commission returned to public session.

Timely Review of Pro Boxing Application - Tommy Morrison

MOTION

Mrs. Leventis-Wells made a motion that if and when a licensed promoter or a permitted event proposes any over aged fighter to compete in South Carolina the Commission at that time will review all pertinent documents related to the bout and render a decision. Mr. Kennemore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION

There being no further business to be discussed at this time Mrs. Leventis-Wells made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The September 23, 2010 meeting of the SC Athletic Commission adjourned at 11:57 a.m.