

MINUTES

South Carolina Athletic Commission

Friday, August 22, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 105

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

Pam Shealy, Chair, called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 10:00 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.

Introduction of Board Members:

Commission members present in this meeting included:

Pamela Shealy – Chair - At-Large Member

Anthony “Tony” Eubanks – Vice-Chair - 3rd Congressional District

William McCullough – 1st Congressional District

Staff members participating during the meeting included Rod Atkinson, Wanda Cooke, Diana Williams and Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by all present.

INVOCATION was offered by Commissioner Eubanks.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Commission Member Absences

James Phillips – At-Large Physician

Hamp Kennemore – 4th Congressional District

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve these absences. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the June 13, 2014 meeting

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Rod Atkinson

Ms. Shealy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Administrator's Remarks:

- a. The budget report for June 2014 was reviewed. Discussion ensued.
- b. Report from the Office of Investigations and Enforcement was distributed for review.
- c. Report from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel was distributed for review.
- d. Annual Report for the 13/14 fiscal year was distributed for review.
- e. The new Athletic Commission fee schedule was distributed for review.
- f. Staff Updates - 1 new staff person will be hired to replace Larry Hall, who retired recently.

Michelle Phillips, from the Office of Operational Management, has been working to update all Athletic Commission forms and prepare for making applications available online.

Medical/Death bond form has been drafted with the assistance of Wick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Casey Oxendine, CEO of HipShow, parent company of Arena Combat, gave a presentation and showed a brief video, regarding Arena Combat. Arena Combat is America's first two on two fighting event. Mr. Oxendine took questions from the Commission regarding the procedures and safety precautions that are being followed in other states.
- b. Brad Benik, fitness professional and licensed massage therapist, gave a presentation and showed a short video entitled "To Train a Fighter".
- c. Ms. Shealy and Mr. Eubanks gave an update on their attendance at the recent 2014 ABC Convention in Clearwater, Florida. The 2015 ABC Conference will be held in San Diego, CA, July 25 – 29, 2015.
- d. The Community Task Force met in June and July, and will meet again today at 2:00 p.m. A report was distributed for review. The goal is to have a finished packet ready to present to the Senate by January, 2015.

- e. It was noted that Athletic Commission meetings have had to be rescheduled on several occasions in recent months, due to the absence of a quorum. As a result, there have been complaints made to the Governor's office. Ms. Shealy has drafted proposed Excused Absences Guidelines that will be discussed further in Executive Session. Ms. Shealy reiterated that all members need to be in attendance at the October 7th meeting to discuss pending matters.

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to enter Executive Session to obtain legal advice. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to enter Open Session. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Bradley Wade, licensed judge and score keeper addressed the Commission to express his views and experiences with Arena Combat.

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to accept the Community Task Force report, as presented for information. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. McCullough made a motion to accept and enforce, effective immediately, the Excused Absences Guidelines, as presented. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission is scheduled for October 7, 2014.