

MINUTES

South Carolina Athletic Commission

Tuesday, February 26, 2013 10:00 a.m Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building,
Conference Room 115

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

Alan Wells, Chair, called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wells 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:

Ed Lawson – 1st Congressional District
William Boyte – 2nd Congressional District
Alan Wells, Chair – 4th Congressional District
Clyde Jones – 5th Congressional District
Steven Dean – 6th Congressional District
Pamela Shealy – At-Large Member

Staff members participating during the meeting included Glenn Frick, Larry Hall, Diana Williams, Wanda Cooke, Tracey McCarley, Rod Atkinson, Charles Ido, Yolanda Rodgers, Andrew Rogers and Sara McCartha.

Approval/Disapproval of Commission Member Absences

Anthony “Tony” Eubanks – 3rd Congressional District
James Phillips – At-Large Physician

MOTION:

Mr. Boyte made a motion to approve the absences of Mr. Eubanks and Dr. Phillips. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Wells recommended reversing the order of items 7 and 8. There were no objections.

Approval of Minutes of the October 4, 2012 meeting

MOTION:

Dr. Dean made a motion to approve the October 4, 2012, minutes. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Wells and Tracey McCarley, introduced two new employees; Administrator, Roderick Atkinson and Inspector, Diana Williams.

New Business

- A. The staff of the Office of General Counsel, Office of Advice Counsel, and Office of Investigations and Enforcement, gave an overview of the investigative process and the procedures that each office follows when processing complaints.
- B. Ringside Physicians-Requirements/Consideration of Approved List 40-81-490. Mr. Frick suggested this agenda item be tabled until criteria can be established and further research is available.

MOTION:

Mr. Boyte made a motion to table this discussion until further information is compiled. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, was carried unanimously.

- C. 2012 Budget and License Fees – Glenn Frick present the Commission with the Event listing and Revenues collected, and a report of Permits and Licenses issued. Discussion ensued.
- D. Boxing and MMA Regulations Proposed Changes -

Chairman Wells and Ms. Shealy presented the Commission with an overview of the changes being proposed to the MMA Regulations, as a result of the task force efforts. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Ms. Shealy made a motion to accept the revised MMA Regulations. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Boyte seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Dr. Dean made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Boyte seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Wells and Ms. Shealy presented the Commission with an overview of the changes being proposed to the Boxing Regulations, as a result of the task force efforts. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the revised Boxing Regulations. Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Commission took a short lunch recess.

MOTION:

Mr. Boyte made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Chairman Wells and Mr. Frick asked the Commission's opinion on deleting annual physicals with the exception of blood work and eye exams, in an effort to reduce costs for the public.

MOTION:

Ms. Shealy made a motion to amend both the Boxing and MMA Regulations to delete the requirement for annual physicals, with the exception of blood work and eye exams. Mr. Boyte seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Administrator's Remarks:

- a. Introduction of new staff members was handled under Chairman's Remarks.
- b. Permits and Licenses issued. This information was covered under 2012 Budget and License Fees under New Business. Chairman Wells asked that Mr. Atkinson request an itemized budget with expenses and revenues listed, from the Department of LLR's finance division.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to create a task force to assemble all budget information and present to the Commission for review. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Mr. Boyce and Ms. Shealy agreed to steer this committee.

- c. Gate Fee Verification Forms – Mr. Frick presented the Commission with reports from October through December 2012. There was discussion regarding the inability for LLR to accept gate fees via credit card payments onsite. Mr. Frick will ask a representative from the Finance department to explain the reasons for this to the Commission. Chairman Wells asked that the Commission defer on this item until further information is available.
- d. Administrator, Roderick Atkinson addressed the Commission concerning the Governor's Regulatory Review Executive Order. Mr. Atkinson explained that the Governor asked that each Board and Commission review their statutes, rules and regulations, to determine if there are any areas that could be amended, that currently have a negative impact on individuals, businesses or the economy. Ms. McCartha explained that even though the Commission has just reviewed their statutes, rules and regulations, they may still need to call a special meeting to give the public the opportunity to comment if they so desire.

MOTION:

Mr. Lawson made a motion to enter Executive Session. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Dr. Dean made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously,

OTHER COMMENTS:

Mr. Jones requested that the Commission staff send all meeting materials to him in the mail, rather than electronic format, since he does have the resources to print large quantities at home.

Mr. Lawson commended Chairman Wells and Ms. Shealy on their time and energy spent on the task force to review the regulations.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

Date of next scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Mr. Boyte made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.