

MINUTES

South Carolina Athletic Commission

Friday, July 15, 2011

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 105

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

1. Meeting Called to Order:

Jay Pitts, Administrator, called the regular scheduled meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 12:42p.m. Board members participating in this meeting included: Clyde Jones; Alan Wells; Pamela Shealy; William Boyte; James Phillips; Steven Dean; and Anthony Eubanks. William Lawson was not in attendance.

Staff members participating during the meeting included Jay Pitts, Administrator; Tracey McCarley, Education Coordinator; Dean Grigg, Advice Counsel; and Kristy Bell.

2. Public Notice:

Mr. Jones announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Board of Environmental Certification 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.

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Jones.

4. New Business:

a. Election of Officers – Mr. Jones opened the floor for nominations of officers.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to nominate Alan Wells for Chair. Mr. Boyte seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Dean made a motion to close nominations for the office of Chair. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

A vote was taken by the show of hands. Alan Wells was elected Chair of the Athletic Commission.

MOTION:

Mr. Alan made a motion to nominate Clyde Jones for Vice Chair. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Boyte made a motion to close nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

A vote was taken by the show of hands. Clyde Jones was elected Vice Chair of the Athletic Commission.

5. Administrator's Remarks:

Jay Pitts

Mr. Pitts welcomed and congratulated the new members of the Board

a. License Update

As of July 15, 2011 - Sanctioned Events

- 11 Mixed Martial Arts
- 4 Professional Boxing
- 5 OTSB (Off The Street Boxing)
- 106 Wrestling

As of July 15, 2011 - Number of Licensees

- 32 Announcers
- 44 Judges
- 11 Managers
- 8 Match Makers
- 39 Promoters
- 38 Referees
- 20 Time Keepers
- 599 Seconds
- 5 Trainers
- 422 Amateur Mixed Martial Arts
- 100 Mixed Martial Arts Boxers
- 773 OTSB (Off The Street Boxers)
- 158 Professional Boxers
- 579 Wrestlers
- 1 Mixed Martial Arts Boxing permit
- 1 Professional Boxing permit
- 20 Wrestling

b. Report of June 26, 2010 fight – documentation - information proposes only.

c. Financial Report – Mr. Pitts provided report for Board members. He requested the Board review report for discussions in future meetings.

d. Investigative Updates – Mr. Pitts provided a report of an event that took place in Columbia at the University Fight Club. He welcomed questions from the Board.

6. Legislative Report:

a. Muay Thai – Mr. Pitts explained that South Carolina does not regulate this type event at this time. The Board is to review this information for future discussions and decisions.

b. MMA Regulations – Mr. Pitts explained that South Carolina does not regulate this type event at this time. He suggested that a task force be formed to review current draft regulations begun by the former Athletic Commission and report to the Board for possible introduction to the legislation in January 2012. Mr. Wells opened the floor for task force volunteers. Ms. Shealy, Mr. Dean, and Mr. Boyte volunteered to meet and present recommendations at the October business meeting. Mr. Pitts will set a time for the task force meeting.

7. Application Appearances:

Deandre Robinson-Neal

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Mr. Robinson-Neal. Mr. Robinson-Neal appeared before the Commission to present testimony. Mr. Robinson-Neal's father, owner of gym, and promoter was in attendance to testify for Mr. Robinson-Neal.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Eubanks seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Dean made a motion to return to public session. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to deny Mr. Robinson-Neal's application. Mr. Dean seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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

8. Application Appearances:

Derek Vanderford

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Mr. Vanderford. Mr. Vanderford appeared before the Commission to present testimony.

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

9. Application Appearances:

Derrick Green

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Mr. Green. Mr. Green appeared before the Commission to present testimony.

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

10. Application Appearances:

Manny Fernandez

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Mr. Fernandez. Mr. Fernandez appeared before the Commission to present testimony.

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

MOTION:

Mr. Eubanks made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Boyte seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

MOTION:

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

Mr. Wells stated for the record that while in executive session, no votes were taken.

MOTION:

Mr. Dean made a motion to approve application for Mr. Vanderford. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Dean made a motion to approve application for Mr. Green. Mr. Boyte seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Dean made a motion to approve application for Mr. Fernandez. Mr. Boyte seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Athletic Commission meeting is October 5, 2011 at 10:00am.

12. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Mr. Boyte made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting of the Athletic Commission adjourned at 2:30pm.