**MARYLAND STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION**

**MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, July 17, 2024**

On Wednesday, July 17, 2024, the Maryland State Athletic Commission meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman David Carl Wilson at 3:00 p.m. Present were the following: Chairman David Norman, Commissioner Carl Wilson (Acting Chair), Commissioner James “Binky” Jones, Commissioner Dr. Kristi Hall, Commissioner Brian Boles, John Dove, Commission for O&P, Sarah McDermott, Assistant Commissioner for O&P, Eric London, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel; Matthew McKinney, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Olga Escobar, Administrative Officer, Jason Curtis, Administrative Assistant, and Interim Executive Director Johnston Brown. This was a hybrid meeting with Commission members, Commission staff, and the public calling into Google Meets, as well as joining in person. Chairman Norman advised that he was participating remotely from outside the country and that Carl Wilson would serve as Acting Chair for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF COMMISSION MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 12, 2024 meeting were discussed. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by Commissioner Norman. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Chairman Dave Norman did not have anything to report to the Commission.

**INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Interim Executive Director Johnston Brown did not have anything to report to the Commission.

**REVIEW OF COMMISSION SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Interim Executive Director Johnston Brown advised the Commission about the Boxing and wrestling events in the previous month. Those events included the following:

MCW Wrestling, June 15th, Baltimore

MCW Wrestling, July 13th, Joppa

EWA Wrestling, June 15th, Dundalk

Ponytail Promotions Boxing, June 22nd, Baltimore

EWA Wrestling, June 22nd, Bel Air

F1ght Club Wrestling, June 23rd, Cheverly

ACW Wrestling, June 28th, Hagerstown

AWA Wrestling, June 29th, Waldorf

CZW Wrestling, July 6th, Baltimore

CZW Wrestling, July 7th, Havre de Grace

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Interim Executive Director Johnston Brown led the Commission in a discussion of upcoming events, which included the following:

EWA Wrestling, July 20th, Dundalk

EWA Wrestling, August 10th, Bel Air

EWA Wrestling, August 17th, Dundalk

ACW Wrestling, July 26th, Cambridge

ACW Wrestling, August 11th, Glen Burnie

AWA Wrestling, July 27th, Waldorf

AWA Wrestling, August 3rd, Waldorf

Flying V Fights, July 27th, Silver Spring

WWE Wrestling, August 5th, Baltimore

Jeter Promotions Boxing, July 20th, Hanover: Conditional approval for 64 rounds

A motion to approve the upcoming EWA Wrestling events on July 20, August 10, and August 17 was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming ACW Wrestling events on July 26 and August 11 was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming AWA Wrestling events on July 27 and August 3 was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming Flying V Fights Wrestling event on July 27 was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Boles. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to approve the upcoming WWE Wrestling event on August 5 was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Acting Chairman Carl Wilsom led a discussion about the renewal of Jimmy Morris’ professional wrestling promoters license advertising as Adrenaline Championship Wrestling. After discussion, a motion to approve the renewal of Jimmy Morris’ professional wrestling license advertising as Adrenaline Championship Wrestling was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to conditionally approve the professional wrestling promoters license for Event Services, LLC advertising as WWE was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

A motion to ratify the July 2, 2024 phone poll to sanction CZW for July 7 Wrestling event was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Interim Executive Director Johnston Brown led the Commission in a discussion about the status of Muay Thai regulations. Mr. Brown indicated that he hoped to present new regulations to the Commission at its next meeting. .

A motion to approve Jeter Promotions request for special permission to have a 66-round event on July 20 was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Boxing promoter Christen Jeter thanked the Commission for the terms on special permission for her show on Julu 20. Mrs. Jeter expressed her hope that these terms would be used as a template for future shows.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Chairman Carl Wilson called for adjournment at roughly 3:34pm that was made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Hall, the Commission unanimously approved the motion.

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