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August 1-3, 2016
DRAFT ABC Minutes Las Vegas, Nevada
28th Annual Association of Boxing Commissions Conference
The conference is dedicated to Muhammad Ali.

Day 1 August 1, 2016, Welcome by President Mazzulli

Introduction of Members
President Mike Mazzulli
1st Vice President Brian Dunn
2nd Vice President Greg Alvarez
Treasurer Lydia Robertson
Secretary Joe Walsh
Introduced: Regional Directors

Welcome by Nevada State Athletic Commission Director Bob Bennett

- Financial Report: Treasurer Robertson provided a report which was summarized in writing. She went over each item in the report and took questions.
- Motion to Approve Tom K. (ID); Second by Frank Gentile (FL) The Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report Unanimously carried on voice vote.
- Approval of Minutes from 2015; No discussion. Motion to Approve the minutes by John English (NH), Seconded by Mark Langlais (CT) Unanimously carried on a voice vote.

Welcome from Mayor Oscar Goodman. Included showgirls and a Bombay Safire Gin & Tonic.

Presentation for boxing database. Presentations.

Presentation from Boxrec. Provided in writing. Mareena and John Sheppard.

Presentation from Fightfax. Anibel Miramontes.

BREAK

Presentation by Dr. Eddie Ayoub – Dehydration Presentation

- Dehydration from excessive weight cutting is a serious problem in combative sports. There was a lively and interesting discussion with insightful questions.

Presentation by Eric McGracken

- "I'm Going to Sue you." McGracken, a lawyer discussed various scenarios in which athletic commissions could be subject to successful lawsuits.

LUNCH

Presentation by Dr. Larry Lovelace – Facial Lacerations

- Dummies Guide to Cuts (Ringsidearp.org)

MMA Rules Committee Presentation – Presentation by MMA Rules Committee. Chairman Wheelock introduced Big John McCarthy.

1. Female Clothing (lower body clothes allowable same as men; sports bra OR no sleeve/short sleeve, tight fitting rashguard)
2. Grounded Opponent Rule. If you are on feet. Must be two hands. Palms or fists.
3. Heel Strikes to Kidney. Rule should be eliminated.
4. Grabbing the Clavicle. Rule should be eliminated.
5. Extended Finger, Eye Pokes. Proposed foul to point fingers toward opponent's face .
6. Judging Criteria. Original Criteria 1999. Clarification of criteria.

Boxing Rules Committee Presentation – **Presentation** by Greg Sirb. Presented on overhead.

Medical Committee Presentation – Dr. Larry Lovelace; presented regarding the Association of Ringside Physician's Development of various forms for uniformity and consistency.

Kickboxing and Muay Thai Presentation by California Commissioner Martha Shen-Urquidez. There will be an effort to develop unified rules. A committee shall be formed for the development of such rules. There was a discussion regarding Muhammad Ali Act Amendments. In May legislation has been proposed called Muhammad Ali Expansion Act. If passed, the Ali Act would be expanded to MMA. Regional Director Updates Regional Updates. Each Regional Director provided a detailed update.

Frank Gentile, FL
Jo Mason, CO
Brandon Wilson,, ND
Adam Roohrbach, WI

There is a desire to address issue of international Commissions to become full members. It is understood that the ABC is already an international organization. There are significant legal issues for the ABC to address. Saskatchewan made a brief impromptu presentation.

Day 2 August 2, 2016

Treasurer Lydia Robertson spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee has developed Accounting Rules Policy. Wording in 6 changed to "authorized." Moved by Tom K. (ID) and Second Trisha Blackstock (AR). Passed on voice vote.

Roll Call for All Voting Members of the ABC.

Presentation by Frank Gentile and Andy Foster. Inspector Training Program. The theme of the Inspector training is “emergency planning.” Excellent training was provided by Gentile and Foster and there was a discussion about the importance of highly qualified trainers. President Mazzulli announced desire/plan to have a curriculum for a standardized inspector’s training by 2017.

Presentation by WBC – Mauricio Sulaiman presented regarding international issues. Provided international perspective on the laws and rules in the United States which are quite different than other areas of the world.

Presentation by Dr. Margaret Goodman, VADA. Voluntary Anti Doping Association. Dr. Goodman presented on the issue of doping.

Presentation with Pat English, Esq. Presented to the body on following through on drug tests.

Presentation from some of our partners. Reyes did a raffle. Winner: Joe Leonard. Bellator presented. Rival presented.

LUNCH BREAK. After lunch. Adoption of MMA Rules.

Presentation by MMA Rules Committee, Kevin MacDonald. Listed off the committee. Dr. David Watson, John McCarthy, Kevin MacDonald, Robert Hinds, Randy Couture, Jeremy Horn, Matt Woodruff, Brian Dunn, Sean Wheelock. Dr. David Watson from the committee could not be present.

Proposal 1. Female fight clothing.

Proposal 2. Definition of grounded fighter. Demonstration. Discussion and questions answered.

Proposal 3. Heel strikes to the kidneys.

Proposal 4. Judging Criteria. The word “damage” is the primary issue. The word damage has been changed to “impact.”

Proposal 5. Fingers pointed at fighter’s face.

Proposal 6. Grabbing the clavicle.

Discussion and questions to Committee. Several commissions thanked the committee and asked questions. Some spoke in favor. Rhonda Uttley Herring (NJ) provided a presentation against. Secretary Walsh ran vote. Entertained motion. Andy Foster moved to accept all changes proposed by the committee. Seconded by Haskell Alexander (Chickasaw), Joe English (NH), Frank Gentile (FL), Adam Weers (DC).

Roll Call Vote

1. Alabama Aye
2. Arizona Aye
3. Arkansas Aye
4. Chickasaw Aye
5. Comanche Aye
6. Colorado Aye
7. Connecticut Aye
8. DC Aye
9. Florida Aye
10. Fond du Lac Aye
11. Georgia Aye

12. Hawaii	Aye	
13. Idaho	Aye	
14. Kansas	Aye	
15. Kentucky	Aye	
16. Maine	Aye	
17. Michigan	Aye	
18. Mille Lacs	Aye	
19. Minnesota	Aye	
20. Mississippi		DNR
21. Mohegan	Aye	
22. Moscogee	Aye	
23. Nebraska	Aye	
24. Nevada	Aye	
25. New Hampshire	Aye	
26. New Jersey		Nay
27. New York	Aye	
28. North Dak	Aye	
29. Oklahoma	Aye	
30. Oneida	Aye	
31. Oregon	Aye	
32. Oregon	Aye	
33. Pascua Yaqui	Aye	
34. Pennsylvania	Aye	
35. PS Utah	Aye	
36. Pueblo	Aye	
37. Red Lake Nation	Aye	
38. Rhode Island	Aye	
39. Silietz	Aye	
40. South Carolina	Aye	
41. St. Regis	Aye	
42. Tennessee		Abstain
43. Texas	Aye	
44. Wisconsin	Aye	
45. Iowa	Aye	

42 Ayes

1 Nay

2 Abstain

Presentation by Duane Ford and John McCarthy on the standardization or referee and judge training.

Presentation by Greg Sirb on boxing gloves.

Presentation Mike Martino on World Series of Boxing Pro vs. Amateur Issues. Attorney for Josh Temple. Andy Foster made impromptu presentation. Motion – Foster of CA Moved to separate WSB records on Fight Fax. MOVED. The boxing registry shall place an indication by the WSB fights on

Fight Fax such that it does not have to be announced as part of the fighter's professional record. Seconded by Gentile (FL). MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE WITH MINIMAL NAYS.

Day 3 August 3, 2016

Announcement regarding 2017 Convention. Convention location is Mohegan Sun in CT. Treasurer Robertson provided a detailed explanation of circumstances.

Discussion about implementation of the new MMA rules passed yesterday. Guidance was provided that the new rules should be implemented within 90 to 120 days, however, the body wished to have all of the rules entered uniformly. Motion by Adam Roohrbach (KS). Seconded by Andy Foster (CA). MOVED: All member commissions shall implement the new unified rules to take effect on January 1, 2017. There was discussion about the importance of having unified rules. Every commission should attempt to become unified by January 1, 2017.

PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Presentation by Jeff Novitzky, UFC Vice President on doping issues.

Presentation on USADA Drug Testing and Legality. Current issues regarding drug testing in boxing and MMA were discussed in great detail. There was a lively discussion.

Presentation on matchmaking. Bruce Trampler, matchmaker for Top Rank. Trampler presented on the issues of matchmaking from the perspective of a matchmaker.

Presentation on matchmaking. Greg Sirb and Andy Foster presented on matchmaking issues from a regulator's perspective.

LUNCH

Presentation. Pat Reid discussed Canadian and international commissions.

Motion to organize committee to consider Canadian and other international jurisdictions to become a full member. Moved by President Mazzulli; Sean Wheelock, second. Pat Reid/Joe Walsh, chairs of committee. PASSED ON VOICE VOTE.

Boxing Rules Committee Vote. Opened for discussion. MOTION by Sirb. Seconded. PASSED boxing rule changes on VOICE VOTE.

Proposed By-Laws Changes. Four By-Law changes are up for discussion. These proposals are simply up for discussion. Input from the membership is desired.

1. Defining a "member in good standing." The proposed language for discussion is attached. This motion was brought to the floor for consideration and then it was ultimately tabled and withdrawn.
2. Improving financial accountability. The proposed language for discussion is attached. Similar issues had been voted on the previous day. Adds the following language to section 4.9. "The Treasurer shall have a supervisory body of no fewer than seven members that shall serve as an oversight committee. The Treasurer can invite no more than three members to the Finance Committee with the remainder of the Board of Directors appointing at least the other four. The

Financial Guidelines attached as Exhibit A shall be utilized.” This language was moved by Blackstock (AR) and seconded by Roberson.

3. Expanding ABC Membership. This matter was withdrawn with the creation of the committee to examine international membership.
4. Name change. Proposed to add section 1.1 language; “Section 1.1 Name The name of this association is the International Association of Boxing Commissions and Combat Sports. The name change is meant to encompass Section 1.3 Missions (A) and does not alter the authority nor responsibilities set forth in the Professional Boxing Safety Act.” Moved by Colbert (UT), seconded by English (NH). Amendment proposed by Blackstock (AR), seconded by Van Kirby (SC) to strike the word International. Approved unanimously on voice vote. Amendment 2, moved by Pahrn (TX), seconded by Mazzulli (Mohegan). Approved unanimously on voice vote. Motion now reads: “Section 1.1 Name The name of this association is the Association of Boxing Commissions and Combative Sports. The name change is meant to encompass Section 1.3 Missions (A) and does not alter the authority nor responsibilities set forth in the Professional Boxing Safety Act.” Approved on voice vote. There were two nays.

A final vote was taken by voice to suspend the rule requiring the motion be provided in writing 12 hours in advance. This was done to comply with Article VIII. Motion by McCormick (AL), second by Blackstock (AR). The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

The issue of the official boxing registry was discussed. President Mazzulli announced that both registries shall be considered official registries.

Motion was to give authority to the Boxing Registry Committee to resolve all outstanding issues with the Boxing Registries, including all of the contractual information read into the record by Foster. Motion by Sirb (PA) seconded by English (NH).

Motion by Gentile (FL) to adjourn, seconded and approved.