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South Dakota Athletic Commission Regular Meeting October 21, 2016 Via Teleconference

Commissioner Mike Kilmer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:03 am (central).

Present via telephone: Commissioners Kilmer, Lee Lohff, Richard Little, Margaret Gillespie and Verle Valentine, Tom Hart, Deputy Secretary, Department of Labor and Regulation, and Jennifer Stalley, Executive Secretary.

After roll call, Chairman Kilmer declared a quorum.

Lohff moved to approve the agenda. Little Seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Commissioners Kilmer, Lohff, Little, and Valentine voted Yea. Commissioner Gillespie was absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Kilmer asked for comments from the public. No comments were offered.

Lohff moved to approve the May 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Little seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Commissioners Kilmer, Lohff, Little, and Valentine voted Yea. Commissioner Gillespie was absent. Motion carried.

Little moved to approve the July 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Lohff seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Commissioners Kilmer, Lohff, Little, and Valentine voted Yea. Commissioner Gillespie was absent. Motion carried.

Lohff moved to approve the financial report as of September 30, 2106. Little seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Commissioners Kilmer, Lohff, Little, and Valentine voted Yea. Commissioner Gillespie was absent. Motion carried.

Stalley provided an office update. Stalley indicated she will begin work on a records retention policy for the Board. The Board now has multiple years of records for events and meetings and a policy for archiving is needed. Stalley will work with Department of Labor staff to draft a policy for Commission review at a future meeting.

The Commission heard updates on previously approved events. Stalley reported that MMA 2016-003, an event promoted by Knockout Events in Huron on June 10, 2016, was cancelled by the Commission due to noncompliance with the Commission's minimum rounds rule. The Commission issued a Cease and Desist Order at the conclusion of the event's weigh-in when too few fighters had met the requirements to participate in the event. Stalley noted the promoters were supportive of the resolution.

Stalley reported that MMA 2016-004, an event promoted by Ultimate Fighting Championships in Sioux Falls on July 13, 2016, was very successful. The promoter's complied with all requirements and has paid the final event fee.

Stalley reported that MMA 2016-005, an event promoted by Alliance Media Group, LLC, in Sturgis, was withdrawn. The Commission granted provisional approval of the event to allow the promoter the opportunity to explore the possibility of an event in conjunction with the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Logistics were not confirmed in time for the event to take place and Alliance Medial Group withdrew its request for the event.

Stalley reported that MMA 2016-006, an event promoted by Fury Fights in Watertown on October 22, 2016, is on schedule. The event is the final event taking place under the \$1,000 event fee minimum.

Chairman Kilmer recused himself from action and discussion on the application of South Dakota USA Boxing's amateur organization exemption. Vice Chairman Lohff assumed chairing the meeting.

Little moved to approve the application of South Dakota USA Boxing to be recognized as an exempt amateur organization for 2017 pursuant to ARSD 20:81:08 with a standing request that South Dakota USA Boxing report all results and injuries to the Commission after each event within 60 days. Gillespie seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Commissioners Lohff, Little, Gillespie and Valentine voted Yea. Commissioner Kilmer was recused. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kilmer resumed chairing the meeting.

Stalley provided the Commission with an update on the Association of Boxing Commission's annual meeting. The ABC Board recently adopted changes to the unified rules for mixed martial arts. The Commission discussed the need to review the state rules for any possible updates needed to address safety or address changes made by the ABC Board. The Commission also discussed having a Commission representative attend the ABC annual meeting in 2017.

Lohff moved to adopt a 2017 meeting schedule for the Commission of January 27, 2017, April 7, 2017, July 14, 2017 and October 20, 2017. Little seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Commissioners Kilmer, Lohff, Little, Gillespie and Valentine voted Yea. Motion carried.

Little moved to elect Kilmer as Commission Chair and Lohff as Commission Vice Chair for the upcoming year. Seconded by Gillespie. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Commissioners Kilmer, Lohff, Little, Gillespie and Valentine voted Yea. Kilmer abstained from voting on the Chair nomination. Lohff abstained from voting on the Vice Chair nomination. Motion carried.

Lohff moved to elect Little as the Commission Secretary for the upcoming year. Valentine seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Commissioners Kilmer, Lohff, Gillespie and Valentine voted Yea. Commissioner Little abstained. Motion carried.

There being no other business before the Commission, Lohff moved to adjourn the meeting. Little seconded. The Commission voted on the motion by roll call. Commissioners Kilmer, Lohff, Little, Gillespie and Valentine voted Yea. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Richard Little
Secretary

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