

Meeting Minutes
SOUTH DAKOTA ATHLETIC COMMISSION
Via Teleconference
April 12, 2024, 12:30 p.m. CDT

Vice Chairman Johnston called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present Electronically: Mike Kilmer, Mark Johnston, George Giovanis, and Kaleb Paulsen

Members Absent: Verle Valentine

Others Present Electronically: Jennifer Stalley, executive secretary, Jerry McCabe, Department of Labor, Commission legal counsel, and Bob Mercer, KELOLAND Media Group

Giovanis made a motion to approve the agenda. Paulsen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Johnston asked for any public comments. No comments were offered.

Johnston ask McCabe to introduce himself the Commission. McCabe is the Commission's legal counsel, replacing Amber Mulder.

Paulsen made a motion to approve the January 26, 2024, commission meeting minutes. Giovanis seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Giovanis made a motion to accept the March 31, 2024, financial report as presented. Paulsen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Stalley provided an update on previously approved events. Stalley notified the Commission the previously approved boxing event scheduled for April 19, 2024, was cancelled at the request of the promoter. The previously approved boxing event schedule for July 20, 2024, was moved to July 19, 2024 at the request of the promoter. Stalley notified the Commission the previously approved event for Legacy Fighting Alliance is scheduled for April 26, 2024.

Stalley discussed the status of the administrative rule review project. A number of areas for clarification and discussion by the Commission have been identified for further input. The Commission discussed possible meeting dates for an in-person meeting to make final recommendations on proposed rule changes. Stalley will send out possible date options for the Chair to set a future meeting date for this purpose.

Paulsen made a motion to approve an event application by Professional Fighters League for a mixed martial arts event to be held on June 28, 2024, in Sioux Falls on the conditions the promoter is properly licensed for 2024; the promoter submits the required \$1,000 event fee deposit; the promoter agrees the event card locks seven days before the approved event date and no additional bouts or fighters will be approved after that deadline; the promoter provides the Commission with a copy of the signed contract for all fighters on the approved card at least seven days before the approved event date; the promoter submits a plan for the locker room and ring set up at the venue at least 30 days prior to the approved event date; and the promoter complies with all other deadlines and requirements for a mixed martial arts event as

set forth in state statute and administrative rule. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Paulsen made a motion to approve an event application by Colin Becker and Wayne Becker for a mixed martial arts event to be held on July 26, 2024, in Jefferson, on the conditions the promoter is properly licensed for 2024; the promoter submits the required \$1,000 event fee deposit; the promoter provides proof of a \$20,000 surety bond or irrevocable line of credit; the promoter agrees the event card locks seven days before the approved event date and no additional bouts or fighters will be approved after that deadline; the promoter provides the Commission with a copy of the signed contract for all boxers on the approved card at least seven days before the approved event date; the promoter submits a plan for the locker room and ring set up at the venue at least 30 days prior to the approved event date; and the promoter complies with all other deadlines and requirements for a mixed martial arts event as set forth in state statute and administrative rule. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Giovanis made a motion to approve an event application by Holden Promotions for a boxing event to be held on November 8, 2024, in Deadwood, on the conditions the promoter is properly licensed for 2024; the promoter submits the required \$1,000 event fee deposit; the promoter agrees the event card locks seven days before the approved event date and no additional bouts or fighters will be approved after that deadline; the promoter provides the Commission with a copy of the signed contract for all boxers on the approved card at least seven days before the approved event date; the promoter submits a plan for the locker room and ring set up at the venue at least 30 days prior to the approved event date; and the promoter complies with all other deadlines and requirements for a boxing event as set forth in state statute and administrative rule. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Johnston noted the meeting is the last meeting of Kilmer's as a member of the Commission. Kilmer's term ends on June 30, and he is ineligible for reappointment due to term limitations. Johnston thanked Kilmer for his time and effort to establish the Commission and his leadership of the Commission from its inception to today. The Commission joined in recognizing Kilmer's leadership and contributions to the Commission during his tenure.

The next Commission meeting will be set after consultation with the Commissioners' schedule.

Paulsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:16 p.m. Kilmer seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Johnston, Secretary